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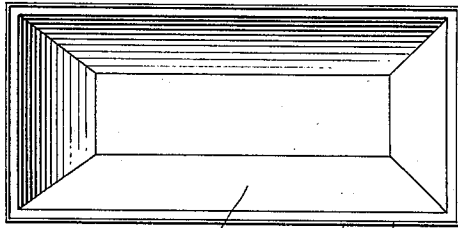


Fig. 1

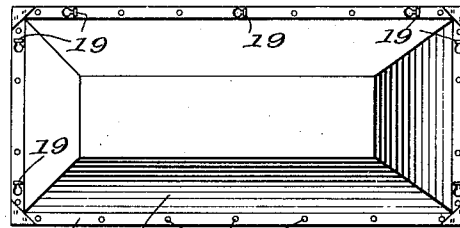


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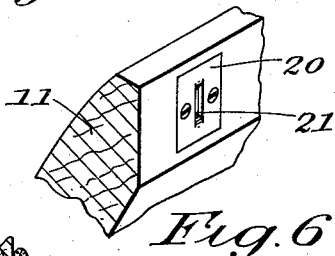


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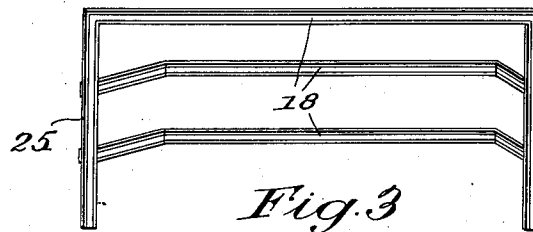


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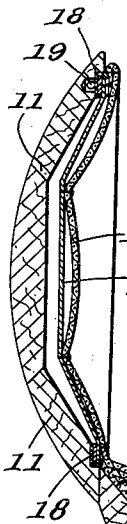


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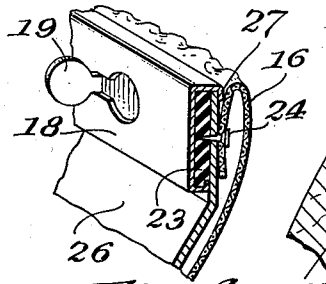


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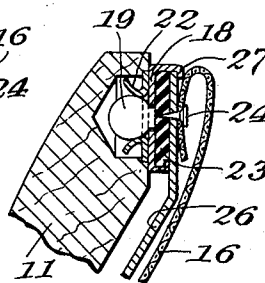


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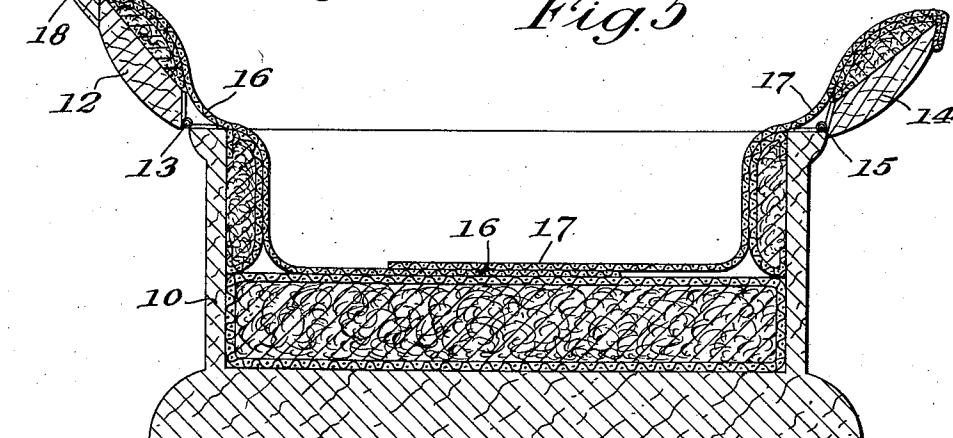
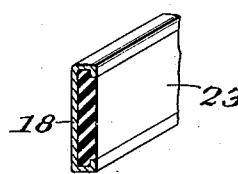


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This invention relates to removable interiors for burial cases and is an improvement on the burial case of my prior patent, No. 2,044,967, granted June 23, 1936.

In my prior patent aforesaid I disclosed a removable interior or lining unit comprising framing strips provided with marginal prongs with which the lining or interior fabric for the burial case was adapted to be detachably engaged, said framing strips being equipped with fastening means adapted for quick detachable connection with complementary fastening means on the burial case so that the framing strips and the attached lining or interior fabric could be quickly and conveniently attached to and detached from the burial case as a unit.

While entirely satisfactory, the structure of my prior patent aforesaid required that the lining or interior fabric be penetrated by the prongs of the framing strips in attaching and detaching, and where these operations were carelessly or hurriedly performed there was danger of tearing or otherwise injuring the delicate material of the lining or interior fabric.

In certain instances also it was found that because the use of my patented lining unit involved engaging the fabric with prongs on a framing element rather than tacking the fabric directly in place within the burial case, the workmen objected to learning a new procedure.

Accordingly, the general object of my present invention is to provide a lining unit which will overcome these objections, real or fancied, to the use of my patented lining unit. I achieve this object by the use of a framing element which avoids the use of any prongs, barbs or teeth for penetrating and retaining the lining or interior fabric in place on the framing element, the framing element being constructed to afford an attaching surface into which the usual lining attaching tacks may be driven and held or to which the lining or interior fabric may be otherwise secured, as by gluing, pasting, cementing, etc.

A further improvement over my prior patent aforesaid resides in the provision of a backing element in the nature of a light, but relatively flexible or conformable sheet of any suitable material as composition board, ply-wood, fibre board, cardboard, or the like, with which the frame strip or strips of my lining unit may be permanently assembled for the dual purpose of providing both a border reinforcement or edging for the backing element, the framing strip or strips, and the lining or interior fabric tacked

or otherwise attached to said strip or strips are detachably mounted as a unit within the burial case or shell. Such a backing element is particularly useful where the part of the burial case or shell to be lined is a concaved part, such as the hinged lid or cover.

My improved lining unit, however, may be applied to any part of the burial case or shell to be lined, as for example, the hinged rails, or the foot portions of the burial case, in which event, the lining unit is usually comprised by a single framing strip and a lining or interior fabric of appropriate size detachably assembled therewith.

In the accompanying drawing I have illustrated in vertical cross section a burial case or shell of conventional type equipped with lining means in accordance with my present invention. The type of burial case or shell selected as illustrative is a casket of half couch type having a hinged cover, a hinged front rail, and a hinged head rail. My novel lining means, however, may be applied to any of the several types of burial cases now in use, and accordingly the illustrations of the burial case and the lining means are intended only as suggestive of the many possibilities of my invention.

Fig. 1 is a front view of a lining unit particularly intended for placement within the concave lid or cover of a conventional burial case of the half couch type, such lining unit comprising a relatively light backing element substantially conforming in size and shape to the interior of the hinged lid or cover, and framing strips applied as a border reinforcement to said backing element and themselves constituting both the means for detachably assembling the lining unit within the lid or cover and the carrier for the detachable lining or interior fabric, such fabric, however, being omitted in Fig. 1.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 illustrates a lining unit optionally usable in a hinged lid or cover in place of that shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and comprising a plurality of interconnected frame strips shaped and dimensioned to substantially conform to the interior of the hinged lid or cover.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective section through the lining unit of Figs. 1 and 2 and particularly illustrating the tacking or otherwise attaching of the lining or interior fabric thereto.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4, but showing the device of Fig. 4 detachably engaged with a

complemental fastener in the hinged lid or cover of the burial case shown in Fig. 8.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary detail showing one of the many forms of complemental fastener with which the hinged lid or cover may be equipped.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary perspective section of a framing strip such as may be used with the lining units of Figs. 1 and 2, or that of Fig. 3, or which may be used alone as a framing element for detachably mounting a lining or interior fabric to some selected part of a burial case, as for example, along a hinged rail or foot portion thereof, and

Fig. 8 is a vertical section through a conventional burial case of the half-couch type equipped with the lining unit of Figs. 1 and 2 in its hinged lid or cover and with the lining unit of Fig. 7 along its hinged front rail.

I have indicated generally at 10 a burial case or shell of conventional type comprising a hinged lid or cover 11, and a hinged back rail 12 carrying the hinged lid or cover. The rail 12 is hinged at 13 to the upper edge of the rear wall of the burial case, and the burial case may have a hinged front rail 14 hinged at 15 to the upper edge of its front wall.

Disposed across the front face of the hinged lid or cover and preferably, although not necessarily, extending over the rear wall and downwardly into the burial case is a removable lining or interior fabric 16.

Disposed over the hinged front rail 14 of the casket and extending downwardly and inwardly into the burial case preferably for a distance to overlap the inner edge of the fabric 16 as is customary is another section or piece of lining or interior fabric 17.

Both lining or interior fabrics, if both the cover 11 and front rail 14 are lined, are detachably fastened to and carried by framing elements 18 which are equipped with fastenings 19 adapted for quick detachable connection with complemental fastenings 20 on the part or parts of the burial case over which the lining or interior fabrics are intended to be draped.

In its simplest form such framing element is a relatively narrow strip of any desired length and bent where necessary to conform approximately to the configuration of the burial case part to which it is intended to be detachably fastened.

In order to provide the desired stiffness and rigidity and at the same time to enable the male fastenings 19 to be integrally formed therewith, I prefer to construct such strip or strips of sheet metal, although my invention is not limited to such material. The sheet metal, however, constitutes an ideal material in that it permits the male fastenings 19 to be struck as simple tongues from the rear face of the strip for ready insertion into any suitable complemental female fastening elements 20 carried by the appropriate part of the burial case.

As detailed in Figs. 5 and 6, such female fastening elements 20 may be socketed plates flush with the burial case part and having appropriately shaped slots 21 to receive the male fastenings 19, there being resilient gripping means as at 22 adjacent said slots to prevent accidental disengagement of the parts.

In order to enable the lining or interior fabric to be detachably fastened to the framing element without the necessity of hooking such fabric over prongs, barbs or teeth on the framing element, I construct the framing element as a channel strip and fill the open face of the channel with some

substance or composition 23 to which the fabric may be attached, as by tacking, gluing, or the like. Where the lining is tacked, the filler 23 is of a material which will receive and hold the usual tacks 24 conventionally used for tacking the fabric directly to the wooden parts of the burial case where no framing element is employed. Obviously, such filler material 23 may be of any desired composition consistent with its use either as a tacking or gluing surface.

As previously suggested, the framing strips may be assembled to form an open frame-like member 25, as illustrated in Fig. 3, such member being especially useful for positioning a lining or interior fabric within the hinged cover of the burial case, or such framing strips 18 may be assembled as a border reinforcement with a backing element 26 for a similar purpose as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2.

The backing element 26 may be of any suitable material, as fibre-board or the like, and as best shown in Figs. 4 and 5 one edge of each channel strip constituting the border reinforcement for the backing element 26 is extended across and turned down upon the corresponding edge of the backing element 26, as at 27, to thereby receive and retain said backing element. If desired, the backing element may be additionally fastened to the framing strips as by rivets or equivalent fastenings 28.

Where lighting effects are desired these may be obtained by placing any suitable illuminating means, as a neon tube or tubes, in the space between the front face of the hinged lid or cover of the burial case and the attached lining element, the translucent lining or interior fabric diffusing the light rays therethrough as a subdued glow of unusual warmth and beauty.

Various other modifications in the construction of a lining unit may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention if within the limits of the appended claims.

What I therefore claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a burial case having a part provided with fastening elements, a detachable lining unit for said part comprising a lining element and a framing strip, said strip having a channel in its outer face and having a filler in said channel constituting an attaching surface to which the lining element is adapted to be attached, the inner face of said strip having fastening means for cooperation with the complemental fastening elements on the burial case part for detachably fastening the framing strip and its attached lining element as a unit to the burial case part.

2. In a burial case having a hinged cover provided with fastening elements, a detachable lining unit for said cover comprising a backing member substantially conforming to the inner face of the cover, a framing element comprising strips assembled with said backing element as a border reinforcement, and a lining element carried by said framing elements, said framing strips having channels in their outer faces and having fillers in said channels constituting attaching surfaces to which the lining element is adapted to be attached, and the inner faces of said strips having fastening means for cooperation with the complemental fastening elements on the burial case cover for detachably fastening the backing member, the framing element and the attached lining element as a unit to said cover.

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