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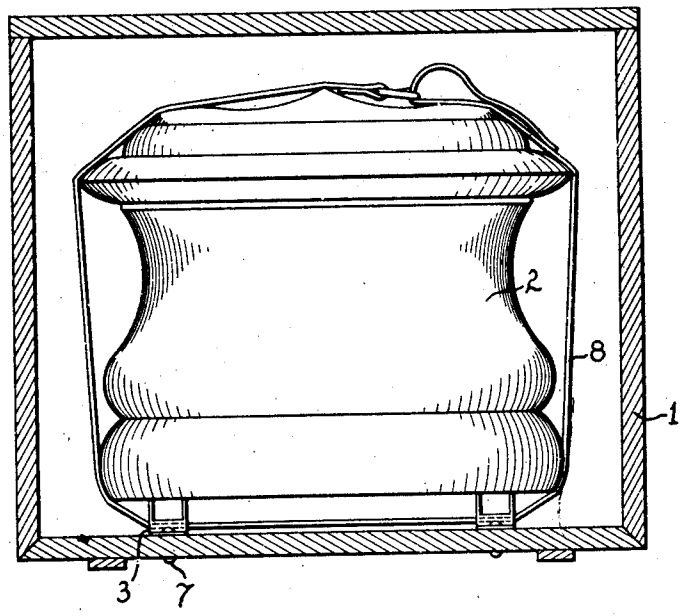


Fig-1

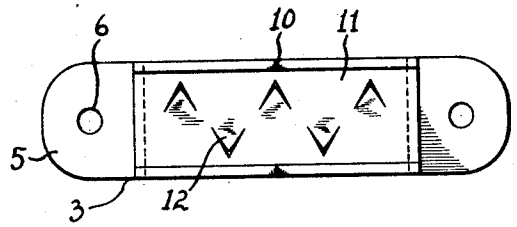


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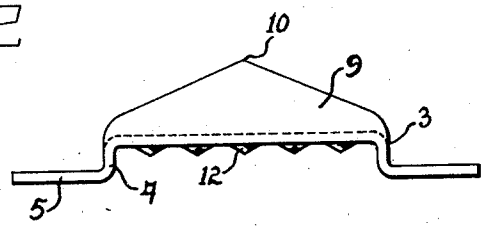


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COMBINED CASKET REST AND STRAP SLIDE.

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This invention relates to caskets, but more particularly to casket rests or supports to enable caskets to be secured in position within a valut or suitable container for transportation, shipment, or other purposes; and an object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient supporting member having the new and improved features of construction and arrangement hereinafter described.

The invention is shown by way of illustration in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a sectional view of a vault with a casket therein showing the casket rest, and manner of securing the casket in place;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view on an enlarged scale of one of the casket rests; and

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a casket rest.

The illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises a vault or container 1 within which a casket 2 is positioned. It is often desirable to transport or ship from place to place, the casket and vault together, and for this purpose it is necessary to secure the casket in place within the vault to prevent shifting, or otherwise displacing the casket within the vault.

For holding the casket in place, supporting members or rests 3 are provided, preferably in pairs. A pair of rests 3 may be positioned at each end of the casket and may be an integral part of the vault or detachably secured thereto.

As shown, each rest 3 includes an arched member 4 having wings 5 provided with holes 6 to receive rivets 7 for holding the rest securely in position. The member 4 is arched sufficiently to receive a strap 8, which may be wrapped around the casket for securely holding the same in place. It is to be understood that the rests 3 are so positioned that the strap 8 may extend through the arched portion of the member 4 above the bottom of the vault 1. Formed on the upper portion of the arched member 4 and projecting vertically upwardly therefrom at each side are supporting flanges 9, which taper from opposite ends of each member toward the center to provide a point 10 on which the bottom of the casket 2 may rest. It is apparent that with the pair of supporting points 10 a rigid and efficient support is provided. In the case of wooden or metal caskets the blunt points 10 bite into the bottom of the casket to secure the casket efficiently in position.

The top 11 of the arched member 4 extends longitudinally of the member and is formed with downwardly projecting extruded teeth 12, one row of which extends in one direction and the other row in the opposite direction. The teeth 12 project into the space formed by the arched member 4 with the bottom of the vault 1. It is obvious that the strap 8 is prevented from slipping relatively to the rests 3 by the teeth 12, which are adapted to bite into the leather material and provide sufficient friction to hold the strap against movement.

From the above description it is manifest that I have provided a simple and efficient rest for a casket or the like, which not only serves to space the bottom of the casket from the floor of the vault, but also provides means for receiving a strap or other suitable fastening device, and is so constructed as to prevent slipping of the strap relatively to the casket rest. As above mentioned, the rests 3 may be made an integral part of the vault or may be a separate unit for attachment to the vault.

Although I have shown and described a construction which is the best form known to me at the present time, it is to be understood that numerous changes in details of construction and arrangement may be effected without departing from the spirit of the invention, especially as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A support for caskets or the like, comprising an arched member adapted to be fixed to the bottom of a vault to receive a strap therethrough, a supporting flange on the upper portion of said member on which a casket is adapted to rest, and teeth on the underside of said arched member for preventing slipping of the strap.

2. A support for caskets or the like, comprising an arched member adapted to be fixed to the bottom of a vault to receive a strap therethrough, a pointed supporting flange on the upper portion of said member on which a casket is adapted to rest, and teeth on the

underside of said arched member for preventing slipping of the strap.

3. A support for caskets or the like, comprising an arched member adapted to be fixed to the bottom of a vault to receive a strap therethrough, a pair of transversely spaced pointed upwardly projecting supporting flanges on the top of said member on which a casket is adapted to rest, and extruded teeth in the underside of said arched member for preventing slipping of the strap.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name to this specification.

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