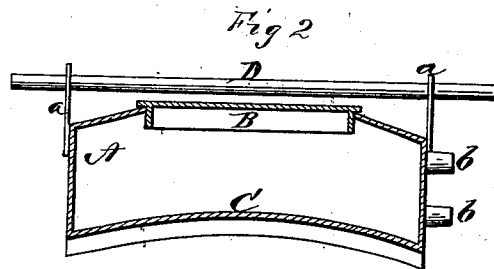
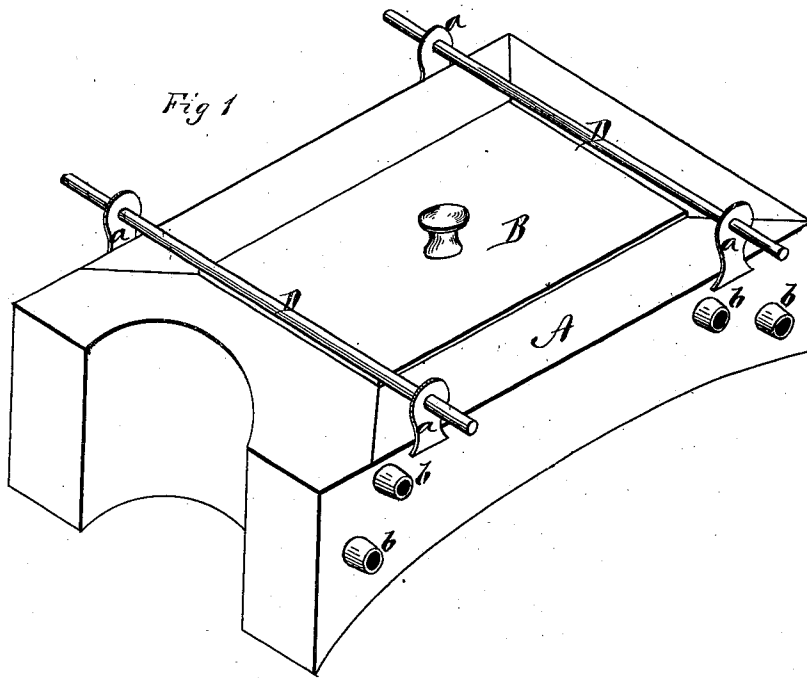


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IMPROVEMENT IN CORPSE-PRESERVERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HEINRY KERSTEN, of Wheeling, in the county of Ohio and in the State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corpse-Preservers; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an ice-box to be placed in the coffin above the corpse for the purpose of preserving the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and Fig. 2 a transverse vertical section, of my invention.

A represents the box, made of tin or other suitable metal, and provided with a tight-fitting lid, B. The bottom C of this box is made concave on the under side, both crosswise and longitudinally, and at the front end the bottom extends farther down than at the rear end. In the front end of the box is made a semicircular depression or recess, as shown in

figure, making the box at the sides extend beyond or in front of the main part or center of the box.

This peculiar shape of the box makes it fit the chin and neck of the corpse, and the chest downward below the abdomen. On each side of the box are perforated ears *a a*, through which rods D D are passed, as shown in the drawing, for the purpose of suspending the preserver upon the sides of the coffin, thus obviating the necessity of putting the corpse in another box to freeze it. On the side of the preserver are spouts *b b*, for the purpose of attaching suitable hose or pipes to carry off the water accumulating in the box. Such pipe may pass out of the bottom of the coffin.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The box or corpse-preserver A, provided with lid B, ears *a a*, spouts *b b*, and concave bottom C, said bottom and upper end of box being constructed as shown and described, and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of August, 1873.

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