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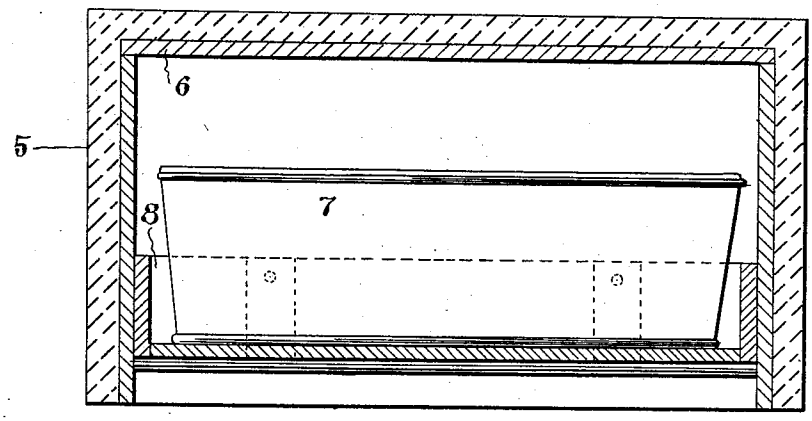


Fig. 1.

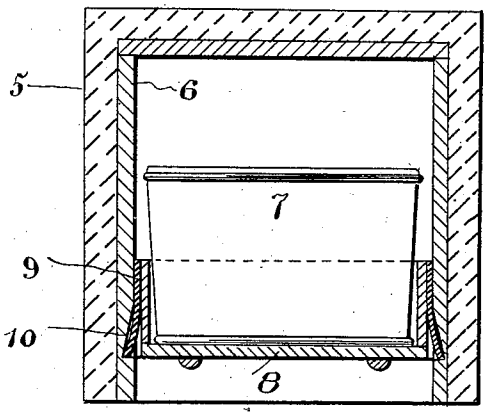


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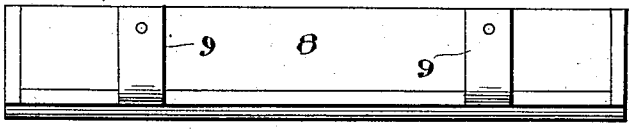


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WILLIAM FREEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manchester, in the county of Adams and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Grave-Vaults; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to grave-vaults, and has for its object a vault which shall be simple and durable in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and which will afford complete protection to the casket against moisture and molestation.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the platform for supporting the coffin.

Referring specifically to the drawings, the vault is indicated at 5. It is constructed of a suitable plastic material, which is molded over a wooden box 6. This box may be the usual rough box, which thus forms a convenient core for shaping the vault. The box is not removed, but forms a part of the vault, and is provided with means for supporting a casket-platform, to be hereinafter described. The vault is open at the bottom to receive the casket 7, which is supported on a platform 8. This platform is supported in the vault above the bottom thereof, so that the casket will be fully protected against moisture. Spring-arms 9 are secured to the sides of the platform and enter notches 10 in the walls of the vault, on the inside thereof, to support the platform therein. The notches are located a suitable distance above the bottom of the vault for the purpose above set forth. The arms 9 project normally outwardly from the sides of the platform, so that when it is placed in the vault they spring into the notches, and as the sides of the platform fit closely against the adjacent walls of the vault the arms cannot be manipulated to disturb the platform and the casket thereon.

The vault is a portable structure and will be made in various sizes and sold complete and ready for use. By using the rough box as a part of the vault it can be cheaply made and sold.

In use the vault, coffin, and platform will be transported to the cemetery. The coffin is placed on the platform, which will be elevated far enough so that when the vault is placed over it the spring-arms will slip into the notches. The vault, with the coffin inside thereof, is then lowered into the grave and covered, as usual.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A portable grave-vault comprising a box having a coating of plastic material on the outside and an opening in the bottom, and a casket-supporting platform in the vault above the bottom thereof.

2. A portable grave-vault having an opening in the bottom and notches on the inside, in combination with a casket-supporting platform therein having spring-arms extending into said notches to support the platform.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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