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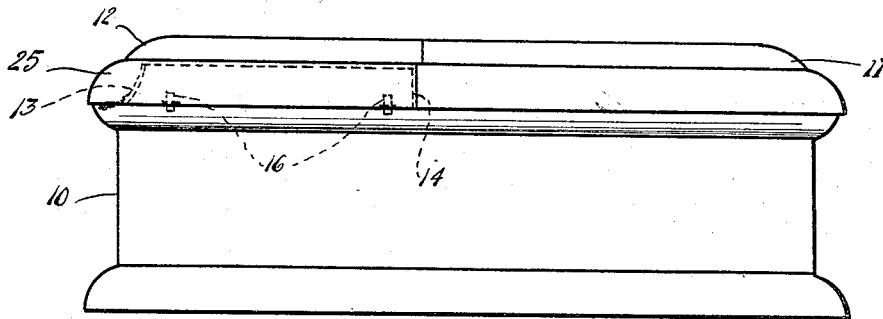


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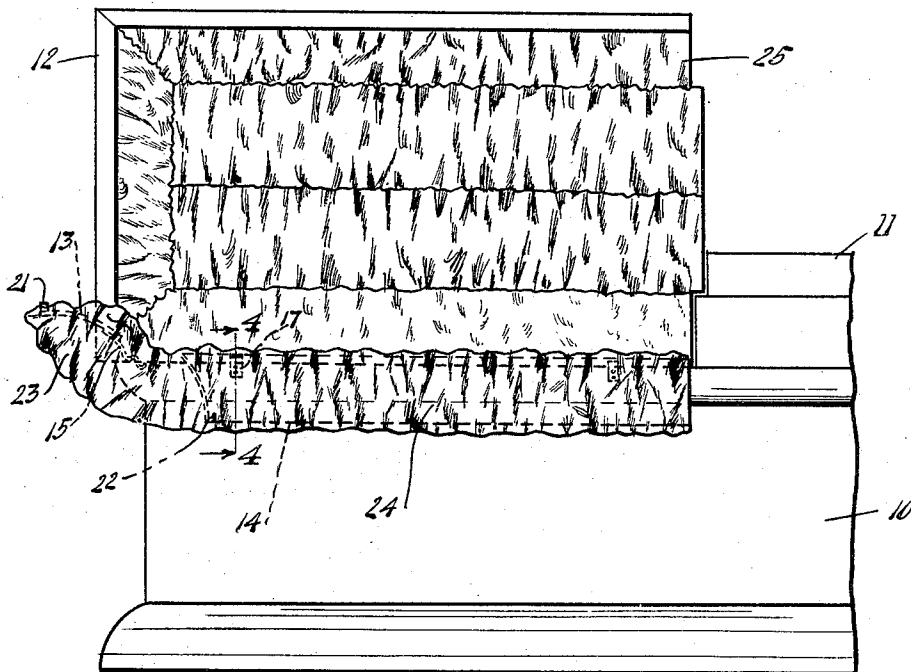


Fig. 2

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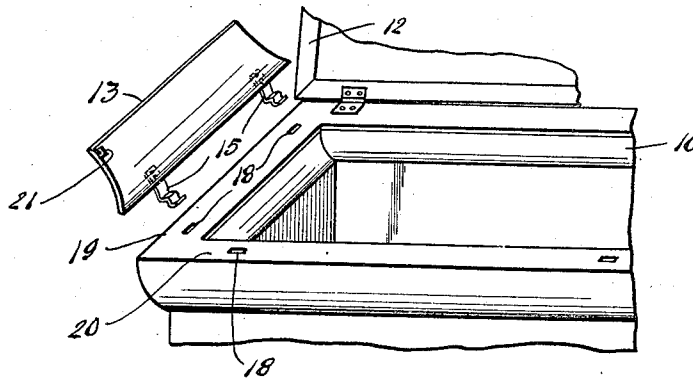


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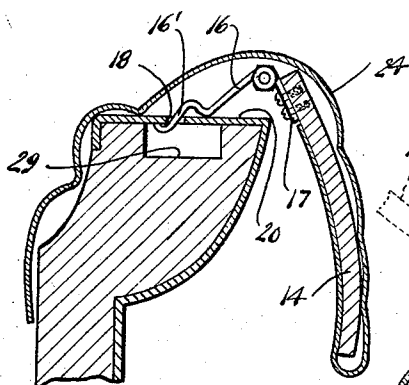


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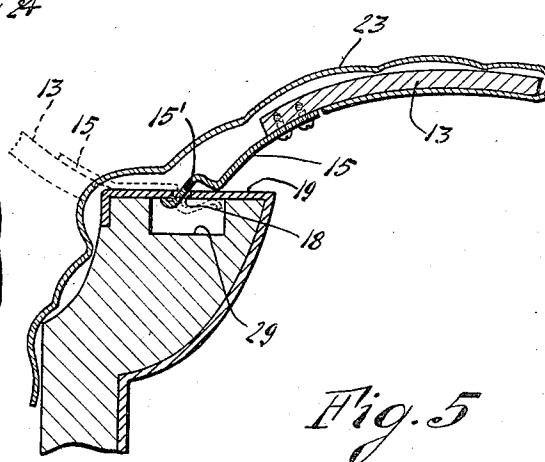


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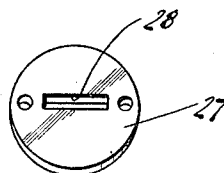


Fig. 6

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK LUNDBERG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to burial-caskets and has for an object to provide such a casket with wing means which may be quickly attached to any style or form of casket, for producing a couch effect. Another object is to arrange such wing means and also the cover of the casket so that the cover will completely conceal said wing means when in closed position, and without making use of or displaying any split covers, split mouldings, mitred joints, or protruding hinge ends, or the like. And another object is to provide a casket with wing means having mounting means thereon for extending said means outwardly to produce a couch effect, and to support the same extended inwardly in a concealed position under the casket cover, and also to readily attach and detach said wing means from said casket.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a closed casket embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a partial side elevation with the cover and the wing means in extended or opened position to produce a couch effect;

Fig. 3 is a partial perspective view illustrating how the wing means may be readily attached or detached from the casket body;

Figs. 4 and 5 are enlarged vertical sections showing the connections of the front and the end wings respectively with the top portions of the casket body; and

Fig. 6 shows a slotted hinge plate used on the top of wooden casket bodies.

The preferred form of my invention illustrated comprises a casket body or shell 10 of any suitable size, form and material, and provided with a cover 11 which preferably has an upper part 12 suitably hinged or

mounted to the body 10 so as to be extended upwardly therefrom, as shown in Fig. 2.

My particular wing means which is readily attachable to the casket preferably comprises an end member or wing 13 and a front member or wing 14, the member 13 having curved tongues 15 secured thereto and the member 14 having similar curved tongues 16 fastened thereto with hinged portions 17. Suitable slots 18 are provided in the top portions or plates 19 and 20 at the upper end and the front end of the casket body to receive the curved ends 15' and 16' of tongues 15 and 16, respectively. The ends 15' of tongues 15 are so curved and arranged that the end member 13 may be held outwardly extended thereby, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, and may be held inwardly extended, as shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 5; likewise the tongues 16 with their curved ends and hinged portions are so arranged in conjunction with member 14 as to support said member when extended forwardly over the front of the casket, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, and also to support said member 14 when extended inwardly, as shown in Fig. 1. Connecting means in the form of a socket 21 and button 22 may also be provided on members 13 and 14 to secure said members together when placed inwardly of the casket. Suitable drapery 23 and 24 is placed over the wing members 13 and 14, substantially covering same when in an outwardly extended position, and therewith producing a couch effect, as shown in the drawings.

When these wings are folded or extended inwardly they will fit beneath the usual concaved or curved outer portions 25 of the cover part 12, and the cover thus entirely closing and concealing the wing members from view, thereby entirely avoiding the customary use and the consequent unsightly display of many hinge ends and numerous slits caused by split parts or joints and mouldings, contained in the ordinary construction.

These wings with the attached form of mounting means may be quickly applied to any style or make of casket by simply providing slots 18 in the metal plate or part at the top edge of the casket at its front and upper end, as is best indicated in Fig. 3, and said wing means may be also readily detached when no longer wanted. If desired the front wing 14 may also extend

along the entire front of the casket; and if the casket is a wooden one, without metal top plates, then fastening discs or plates 27 are provided, as shown in Fig. 6, which are
 5 fastened in suitable positions on the upper edge of the body 10, said plates having a slot 28 for receiving the curved ends of the tongues 15 and 16. Suitable spaces or notches 29 are formed in the edge members
 10 under the metallic top plates 19 and 20 as well as under the discs or plates 27, to permit proper movement of the curved ends of said tongues.

While I have illustrated and described
 15 the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the
 20 precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention, what I
 25 claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In combination with a casket having cover means connected to its body, rigid wing means with drapery mountable on said
 30 casket body to produce a couch effect, and tongues on said wing means adapted to engage slots in said casket body for permitting ready attachment or removal of said wing means from said body and for support-
 35 ing said wing means concealed under the cover.

2. A casket comprising a body and rigid wing means provided with drapery, slot and tongue means arranged to removably mount
 40 said wing means on said body and to extend the same outwardly therefrom to produce

a couch effect or to support the same inwardly in said body, and a cover swingably mounted on said body and arranged to conceal said wing means thereunder when
 45 in closed position.

3. A casket having means detachably hinged thereon to be extended outwardly therefrom for producing a couch effect, said
 50 means being arranged to be extended inwardly of said casket, and a cover having a curved portion adapted to enclose and conceal said wing means when both are in closed position.

4. A casket comprising wing means detachably and swingably mounted thereon with slot and tongue means, and a swingable cover, said wing means being extendable
 55 outwardly, when said cover is open, to produce a couch effect, and said cover being formed to entirely conceal said wing means when both are moved to closed position.
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5. A casket comprising a body with a cover and with slotted means at the top of its front and upper end, a wing member
 65 with curved tongues engaging in said front slots, and a wing member with curved tongues engaging in slots at the upper end, said wing members and tongues being arranged to extend outwardly from said body
 70 for producing a couch effect and to be supported in an inwardly extending position, and said cover being curved to enclose and conceal said wing members when in closed position.
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In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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