

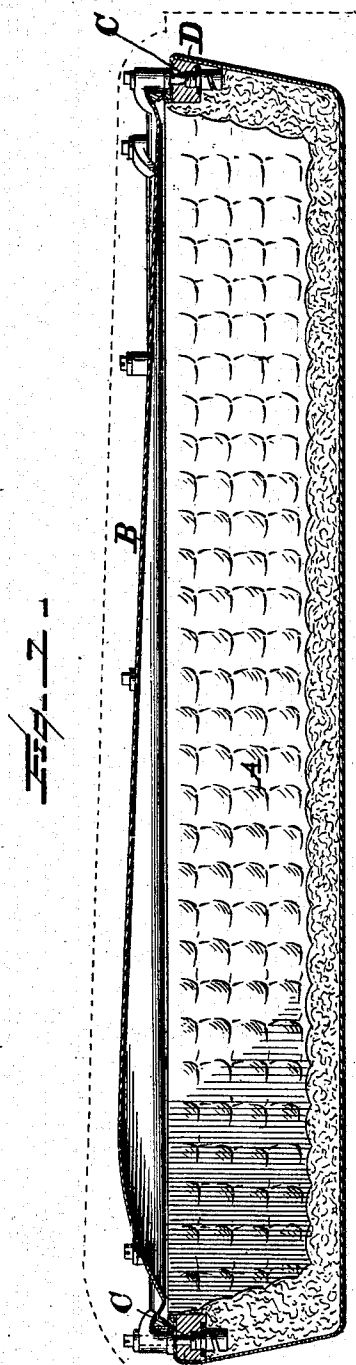
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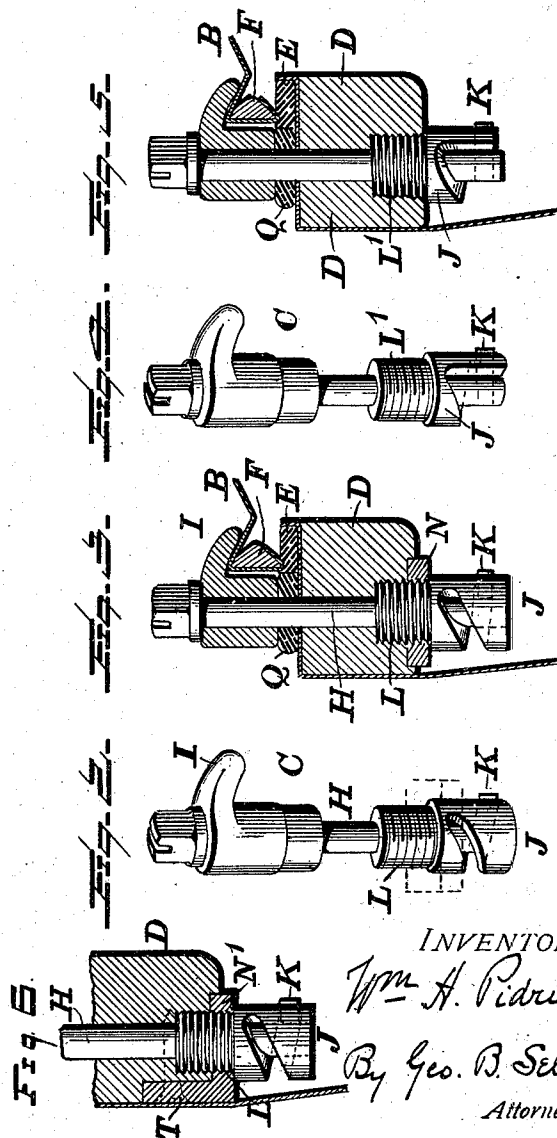
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. PIDRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rochester, New York, have invented an Improved Fastener for Casket-Covers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an improved fastener for closing metallic-top caskets, which improvements are fully described and illustrated in the following specification and the accompanying drawings; the novel features thereof being specified in the claims annexed to the said specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a casket provided with my improved fastener. Fig. 2 is a perspective view. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation. Figs. 4 and 5 are respectively a perspective view and a sectional elevation of the modification. Fig. 6 shows the nut attached to the side of the frame.

A represents the body of the casket, B the top or cover, and C my improved fastener.

D is a wooden frame surrounding the upper edge of the body and serving to support a suitable packing E and to receive the end of my improved fastener. The margin of the cover B is bent over and stiffened in any usual or preferred way, such as by the rod F, Fig. 3, the lower edge being beveled to secure a tight joint with the packing E.

My improved fastener consists of the stem H and the cam J, which engages with the pin K, inserted in the stem. In Figs. 2 and 3 the cam J is represented as provided with the threaded portion L, which engages with the nut N, attached to the lower side of the frame D. In Figs. 4 and 5 the cam J is provided with a threaded portion L', which engages with a threaded opening in the bar D. The

stem H is provided at its upper end with an enlargement which bears on the upper surface of the catch I and which is squared or otherwise adapted for a suitable wrench or screw-driver in closing the casket. The catch I being engaged over the margin of the top, the turning of the stem causes the pin K to slide along over the surface of the cam, this movement drawing the catch I firmly down on the top and effectively closing the casket. When the pin K arrives at the end of the inclined portion or the slot of the cam, it causes the cam to revolve, and the threaded portion L or L' thereof will turn, and in case the cam has failed to draw the catch down sufficiently this result will be accomplished by the further revolution of the cam. In Fig. 6 the nut N' is shown as provided with the lip T, which is secured to the frame by one or more screws.

My improved fastener is simple, cheap, and effective, and one of its principal advantages is that it enables the undertaker to close the casket quickly and by a single turning movement of the instrument employed to screw down the fastener.

I claim—

1. The combination of the frame D, the stem provided with the hook and pin, and the movable cam-piece having a spiral cam-surface provided with a limiting-shoulder and with a threaded extension.

2. The combination of the frame D, the stem provided with the hook and pin, the movable cam-piece having a spiral cam-surface provided with a limiting-shoulder and with a threaded extension, and the fixed nut.

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