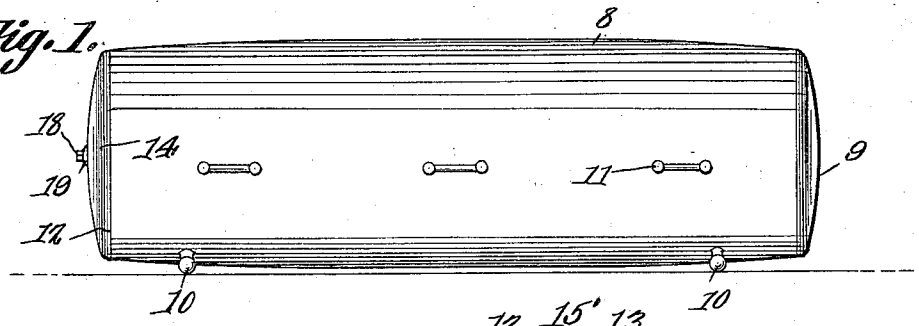
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Fig. 1.



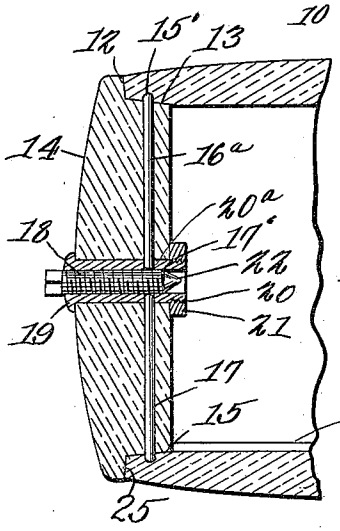


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. BOCKOVEN, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Whitehall, in the county of Jefferson and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to burial caskets and particularly to caskets formed of glass and having novel means for hermetically sealing the same.

An object of this invention is to produce a casket having an opening at the end thereof through which a slab supporting the body may be inserted, novel means being provided for attaching a cap or closure to the open end and for retaining the same in position whereby a hermetically sealed joint is effected between the said cap and the body of the casket.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a fragment showing a closure applied thereto.

In these drawings 8 denotes the casket which preferably has a curved or rounded end 9 and a series of knobs 10 which constitute the legs for supporting the casket.

Handles 11 are attached to or made integral with the body but as the manner of attaching or applying the handles may be modified, I do not wish to be limited in this regard and therefore the details of construction of the handle are omitted and the conventional showing of the handle is provided for the purpose of enabling one skilled in the art to practise the invention.

The open end of the casket has a shoulder 12 and the inner surface of the casket at the said open end is tapered as shown at 13 so that the said shoulder and tapered portion constitute seats or engaging surfaces for the closure or cap 14 which cap has an inwardly tapered flange 15 fitted to the tapered surface of the body of the casket and it also has a shoulder 25 which engages the end of the casket, so that there are surfaces at angles to each other which engage the body of the casket and thus the joint is made air-tight.

The inner wall of the casket has seats 15′ for the reception of securing pins, being applied to channels 17 extending edgewise of the cap and adapted to project into the said seats.

Approximately centrally of the cap, there is a hollow bushing 17′ internally threaded to engage the screw 18. The bushing has a flanged head 19 which abuts the outer surface of the cap and the inner end of said bushing extends beyond the inner surface of the cap and the said bushing is externally threaded as at 20 on its inner end for engaging a nut 21 which nut binds against the inner surface of the cap and holds the bushing in place.

The screw 18 has a conical end 22 which constitutes or acts as a cam for forcing the rods or bolts 16 outwardly as the screw is threaded into the bushing, and these bolts are forced outwardly by the screw and their outer ends are held in the recesses so that the cap or closure cannot be removed without removing the screw.

The invention described is comparatively inexpensive in construction and will prove efficient and satisfactory in use, it being understood that if desired, suitable sealing or packing material may be interposed between the contacting surface of the cap and the casket, but as this is an obvious arrangement, it will not be illustrated or further described.

The outer surface of the closure is preferably convexed so that both ends of the casket will have a rounded appearance.

The bushing has apertures 20ª through which the bolts 17 extend so that they may be engaged by the screw.

The wall of the casket is tapered in width from the center toward the end, thus making it stronger intermediate the ends, where most of the strain and weight is encountered.

I claim—

A burial casket having an inwardly tapering shoulder and inner wall at its end, a cap having a tapering flange and shoulder contacting with the end of the casket, the said cap having openings extending transversely and laterally therethrough, an internally threaded bushing mounted within the transverse opening and having one of its

ends externally threaded, a flange on the outer end of the bushing engaging the outer surface of the cap, a nut secured to the said screw threaded end and contacting with the inner surface of the cap to prevent dislodgment of the bushing, the said bushing having openings therein registering with the lateral openings in the cap, securing pins slidable within the lateral openings extending through the openings in the bushing, seats in the ends of the casket to receive the said securing pins, and means engaging the internal threads of the bushing for forcing the securing pins into said seats, thereby locking the cover in place.

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