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BURIAL CASKET.
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Fig. 1.

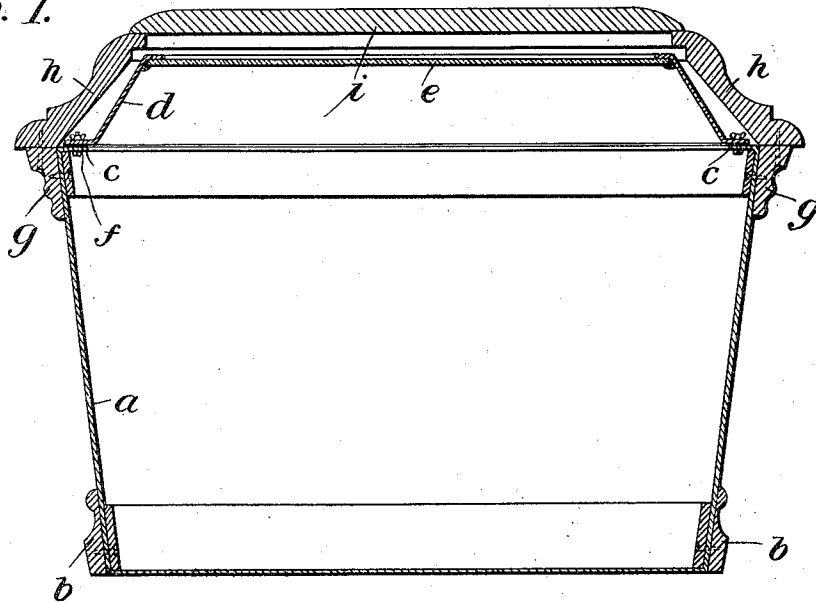


Fig. 2.

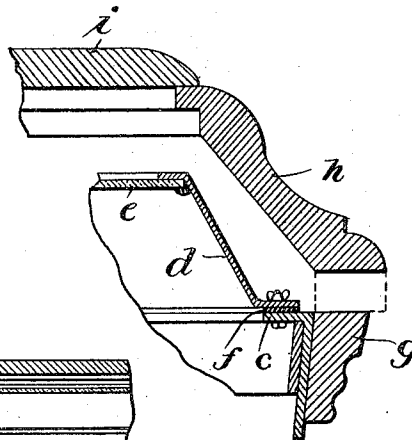
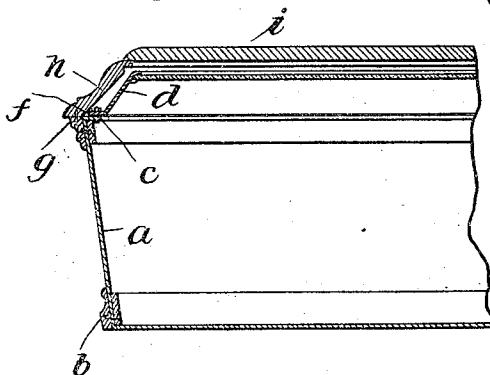


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. ARNOLD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Freeport, county of Stephenson, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a full and clear specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a vertical transverse section of a burial casket constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view through one corner of the casket. Fig. 3 is a view partly 15 in longitudinal section and partly in side elevation of the casket.

The object of this invention is to so construct a hermetically sealed metal casket that it shall have the appearance of the 20 more expensive wooden caskets and shall be capable of as great a variation as to design and style as the well known wooden casket, a great saving in expense of manufacture being thereby gained.

25 In the drawing *a* designates a metal casket of any suitable shape and which is provided along its lower edge with wooden moldings *b* and along its upper edge with inward turned flanges *c*. Removably 30 clamped to the flanges *c* is a metal cove plate *d*, which inclines upwardly and inwardly and which carries the glass plate *e*, this glass plate being leaded to the cove and a suitable packing or gasket *f* being placed between 35 the cove *d* and the flange *c*. In this way a hermetically sealed metallic casket is provided. The moldings *b* serve to stiffen the lower edges of the casket walls and to assist in giving the casket the appearance of an 40 ordinary wooden casket of more costly construction. To give the casket still further the appearance of a wooden casket, I fasten to the upper edges of the body walls wooden moldings *g* the upper edges of which become

substantially flush with the upper faces of 45 the flanges *c*. To these moldings are removably secured the cove pieces *h* of the top of the casket, these pieces inclining inwardly and upwardly to a point above the metal coves *d*. Upon the upper edges of 50 the cove pieces *h* is removably mounted the panel or top board *i*, which may be made slidable or removable if desired.

It will be observed that the top of the casket will resemble exactly the top of the 55 usual wooden casket, while at the same time the casket is hermetically sealed. In this way, I can employ a metallic casket (the desirability of which lies in the fact that it is inexpensively constructed and is hermeti- 60 cally sealed) while at the same time I give to the casket the highly ornamental and elegant appearance of the usual all-wood casket.

With my construction it will be observed 65 that I can vary the style and design of the casket to the same extent that can be accomplished with an all-wood casket.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Let- 70 ters Patent, is—

In a burial casket comprising a metal body hermetically sealed, wooden moldings attached to the exterior of its upper edge, wooden cove pieces fastened to said mold- 75 ings and extending upwardly above the top of the metal casket, and a panel board supported on said cove pieces, whereby the entire upper hermetically-sealed portion of the metal casket is inclosed in a wooden 80 frame.

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

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