

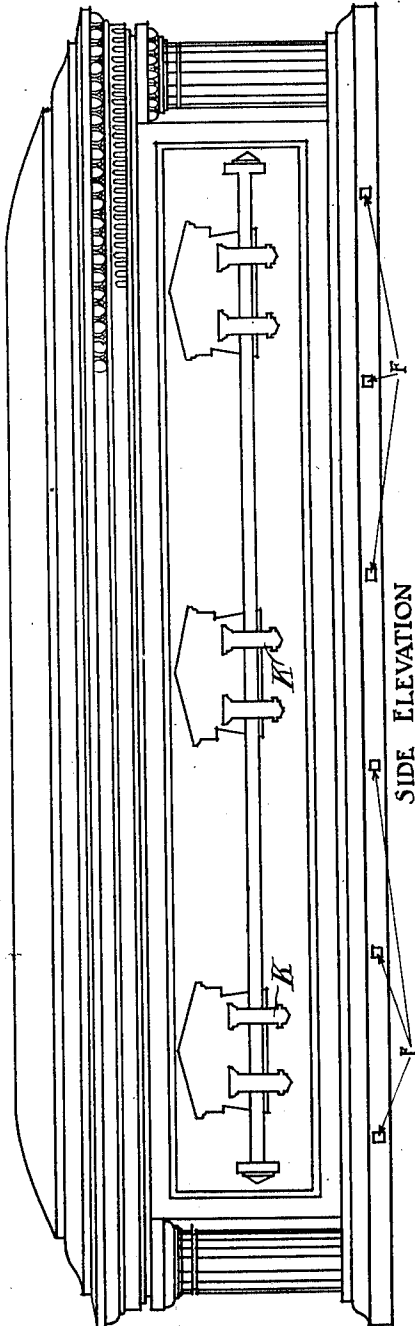
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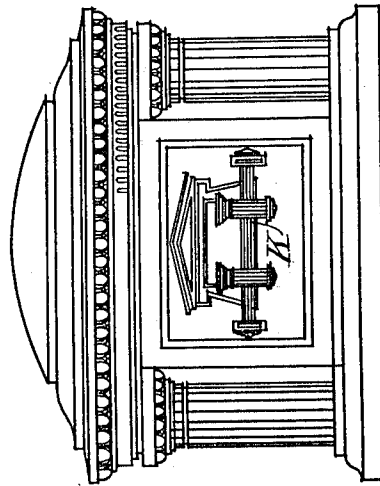
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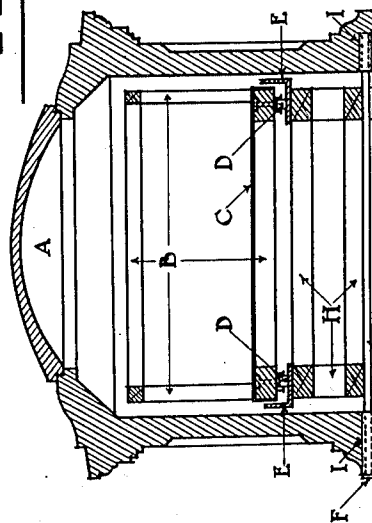
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SIDE ELEVATION
Fig. 1.



END ELEVATION
Fig. 2.



CROSS SECTION
Fig. 3.

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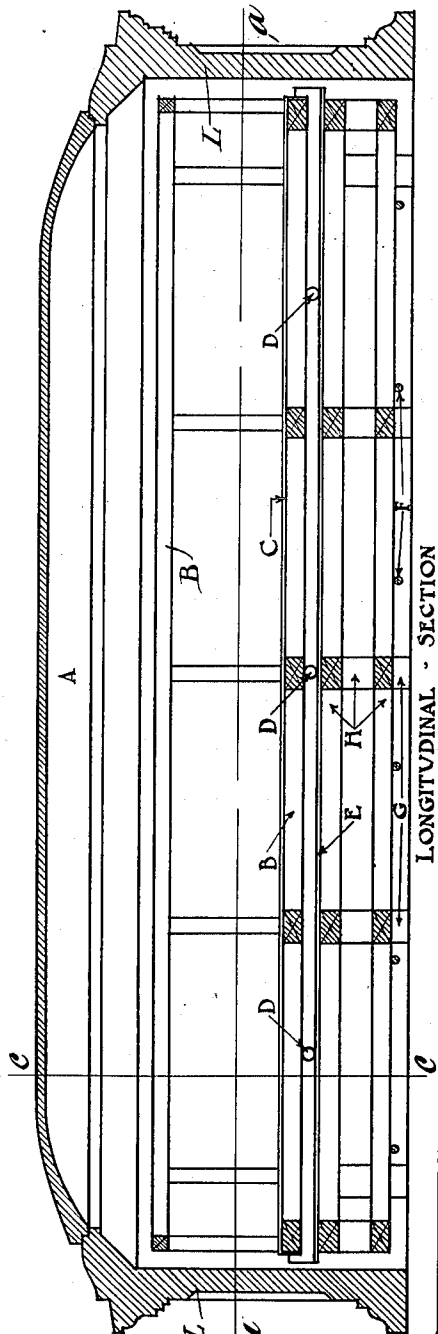


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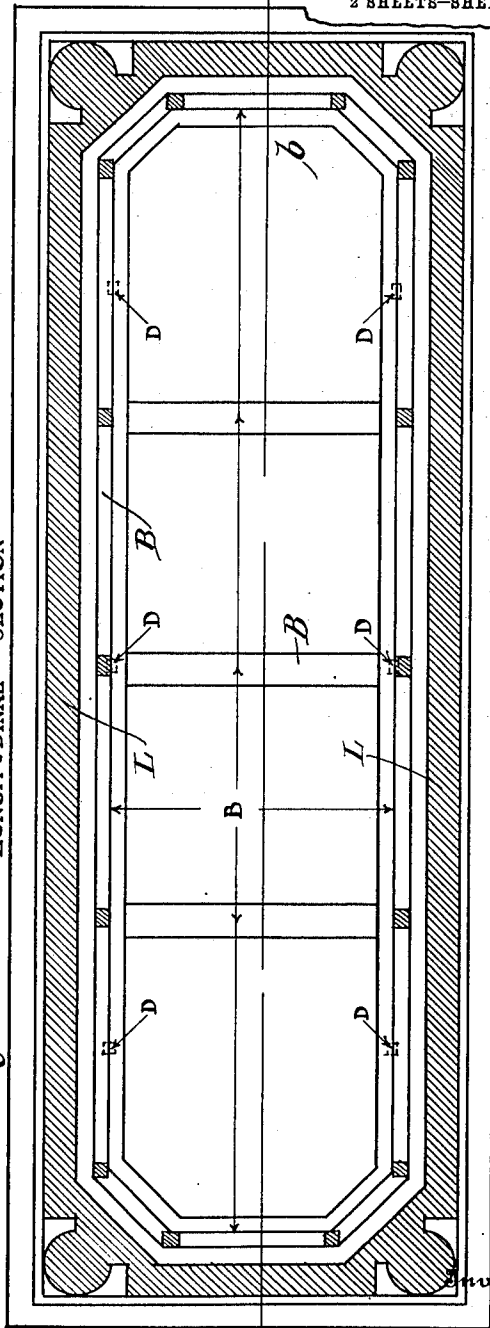


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To all whom it may concern

Be it known that I, PHILIP W. SIEVERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Maumee, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets; and I do 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 letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in burial caskets for use in transporting bodies to the crypts in mausoleums such as are shown and described in my pending application, Serial No. 708,249, filed July 8, 1912.

The object of the invention is to provide a convenient form of transporting casket for delivering bodies to the crypts. A portion of structure is permanently separated from the casket and remains in the crypt to support the body while other parts are used alone for transporting the body to the particular crypt in which it is to be deposited.

Another object of the invention is to provide a form of casket for the burial of bodies in mausoleums, which enables the observance of the time honored customs and ceremony attending the burial of the bodies of deceased persons but at the same time avoids the depositing of the casket in the vault or crypt to remain there and be destroyed by the ravages of time. It will be understood that with each mausoleum there is provided one of my improved transporting caskets which is available for all interments.

Preceding a detail description of my invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings of which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved burial casket. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section on the line *b-b* of Fig. 4. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal horizontal section on the line *a-a* of Fig. 3. And Fig. 5 is a lateral section on the line *c-c* of Fig. 3.

In the specification and drawings, similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts.

Referring more particularly to said drawings, H designates a rectangular base frame

constructed of lateral, longitudinal and vertical members. Mounted on the top of said frame and running lengthwise thereof are tracks E. Supported upon this base frame is a cradle or frame B of substantially similar dimensions, said cradle being provided with a suitable number of rollers D which engage the tracks E and provide for the easy removal of said cradle into the particular crypt into which it is to be deposited with the remains. The said cradle B is adapted to support the body. There is provided within the lower portion thereof a suitable fabric C properly secured to the frame work of said cradle and it is upon this that the body is deposited after being prepared for interment. It is to be understood that the cradle is suitably draped. The drapery of the cradle I have not undertaken to illustrate in the accompanying drawings, and it is sufficient to say that it is to be in harmony with the occasion. The cradle B and the base frame H are concealed by an outer casing or casket L having a cover A which may be removed to permit the body to be viewed. The casing A is of a construction and ornamentation similar to the most expensive types of burial caskets and is provided with the usual handles K. It is different from the usual burial caskets in having no bottom in order that it may be conveniently removed after the cradle with the body has been deposited in a crypt. The base frame H, as is shown in Figs. 3 and 5, occupies the lower space in the casing L and is maintained in such position therein by a suitable number of rods F upon which said frame rests. The ends of said rods F are inserted in openings in the lower sides of the casing L and the exposed ends of said rods are provided with heads to facilitate the removal of said rods to permit the said casing to be removed in order that the cradle containing the body may be in turn removed from the base frame H into the crypt.

The use of my improved burial casket is briefly as follows: The remains or body is placed upon the cradle B which is supported on the base frame H. The casket or casing L is then placed over the whole and the rods F inserted. The casket is then carried in the usual manner into the mausoleum to the point where it is elevated by a suitable means which may be any of the well known hoisting apparatus. The casket is thus elevated

to a position to bring the tracks D on a plane with the floor of the crypt into which the cradle and body are to be deposited. The inclosing case or casket is then removed 5 and the cradle is rolled into the crypt and the door thereof sealed. The cradle being in the form of an open frame work, the air is permitted to circulate freely around the body, and the process of desiccation de- 10 scribed in my former application hereinbefore referred to is enabled to take place.

Having described my invention, I claim,

An apparatus for transporting and depositing bodies in the crypts of mausoleums, 15 comprising a transporting frame, and a superposed cradle supported on said frame and adapted to support the body to be de-

posited therewith within the crypt, and a casket forming a covering for said transporting frame and superposed cradle, said 20 casket being bottomless to admit of its being placed over said frame and cradle for transportation therewith to the crypt and its removal therefrom, and means forming a detachable connection between said casket and 25 said frame, whereby the casket may be removed from said frame and said cradle, substantially as specified.

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

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