

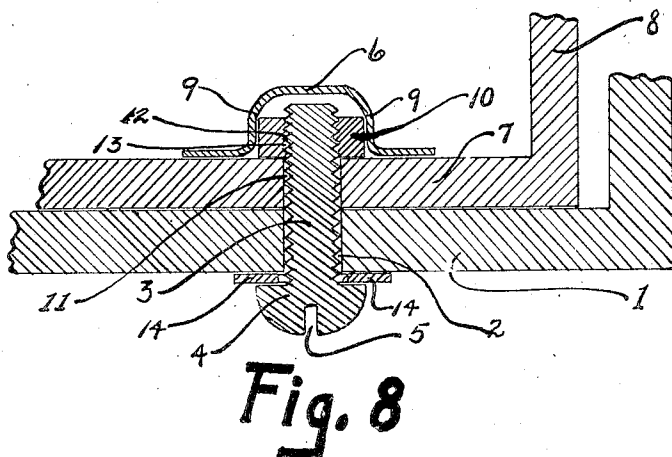
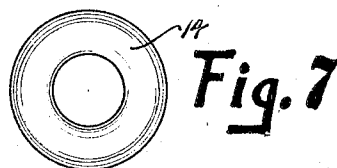
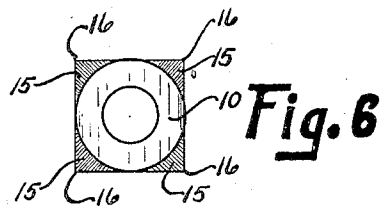
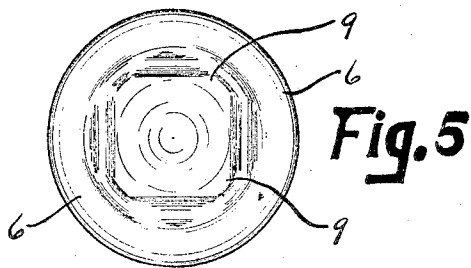
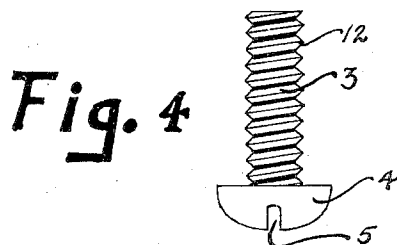
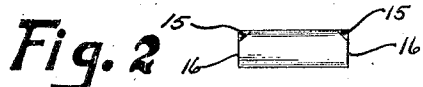
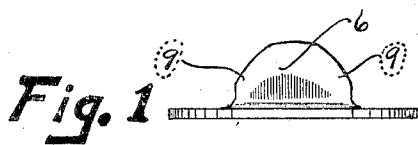
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MEANS FOR HOLDING BURIAL CASKETS OR THE LIKE IN SHIPPING RECEPTACLES

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MEANS FOR HOLDING BURIAL CASKETS OR THE LIKE IN SHIPPING RECEPTACLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT F. PADEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glendale, in the county of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Means for Holding Burial Caskets or the like in Shipping Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to secure a burial casket within the customary outside box or shipping receptacle in such manner that it will be firmly but detachably fastened thereto and without marring its exterior appearance.

Heretofore, in order to prevent caskets from moving around in their boxes and thus scraping or scuffing their outside trimming, it has been customary to drive wedges between them and the sides of their boxes; but this has injured their appearance to a certain extent, as it has mashed flat the nap of the cloth trimming and has left its trace.

The present invention can be used with a coffin made of any material, but is especially useful in connection with all-steel caskets. It can be used, also, with other articles besides coffins.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts wherever they occur,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a retaining cap;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of a nut adapted to fit therein;

Figure 3 is a side elevation of a washer;

Figure 4 is a side elevation of a bolt adapted to cooperate with the said washer and nut;

Figure 5 is a bottom plan view of the nut and cap, with the nut located within the cap;

Figure 6 is a top plan view of the said nut;

Figure 7 is a plan view of the said washer; and

Figure 8 is a sectional view (broken away) through parts of a casket and shipping receptacle and through the retaining device.

Through the floor 1 of the outer box is bored a plurality of holes 2 for the passage of a plurality of bolts 3, having heads 4 and a groove 5 for screwing purposes in each.

A retaining cap 6 opposite each bolt 3

is sweated or otherwise welded upon the interior of the floor 7 of casket 8 and is interiorly shaped with corners 9 or angles adapted to hold nut 10 from turning, which nut 10 is placed with cap 6 to be retained thereby before cap 6 is attached to floor 7. As many holes 2 are provided in floor 1 as will match the number of holes 11 in the floor 7 of casket 8. One cap 6 covers each hole 11. In an all-steel casket, caps 6 are attached as metal to metal; but if the casket 8 be of wood caps 6 can be attached by screws or the like.

The threads 12 on bolts 3 co-operate with the threads 13 within nuts 10, and by means of a screwdriver or the like in groove 5 the head 4 of bolt 3 can be drawn against washer 14 and washer 14 against the bottom of floor 1, and thus casket 8 will be tightly attached to floor 1 and kept from jostling around in the shipping receptacle.

The number of sets of holes and devices will be varied according to the size and weight of the casket 8 and other circumstances.

The cap 6 is dished and curved interiorly, and the curved corners 15 fit against the said curve, but the corners 16 of nut 10 fit into corners 9; so that nut 10 can not turn, although it is loosely held by cap 6.

Having thus described this invention, I hereby reserve the benefit of all changes in form, arrangement, order, or use of parts, as it is evident that many minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of this invention or the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In combination with an article to be shipped, a shipping receptacle, means passing through a wall of the article and a wall of the receptacle for maintaining the article within the receptacle within proper predetermined bounds, additional means located within the article for holding said first-mentioned means in the position above mentioned, and a protective and retaining cap secured to the inner surface of a wall of the article to maintain said additional means in proper operative position.

2. In combination with an article to be shipped, a shipping receptacle, one wall of the article and a corresponding wall of the receptacle being formed with registering holes, a screw-threaded bolt passing through

said holes, a nut located within the article, and a retaining and protective cap secured to the inner wall of the article so as to maintain the nut in a given position while the
5 bolt is being turned into the nut.

3. A casket, a shipping box adapted to enclose said casket, the bottom of the casket and the bottom of the shipping box being formed with a plurality of holes which are
10 so arranged that they may be placed in registration, means for maintaining the side walls and top wall of the casket spaced from the corresponding walls of the shipping box, said means including an inwardly project-

ing cap secured to the inner side of the bot- 15
tom of the casket over each hole in the casket, a nut enclosed between the cap and the bottom of the casket, said cap being formed so as to maintain the nut in a certain position and prevent it from turning, and a bolt ex- 20
tending through the registering holes in the casket and the shipping box and adapted to be turned into the nut so as to firmly secure the casket with relation to the shipping box.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my 25
signature.

ROBERT F. PADEN.