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Burial Casket Handles.

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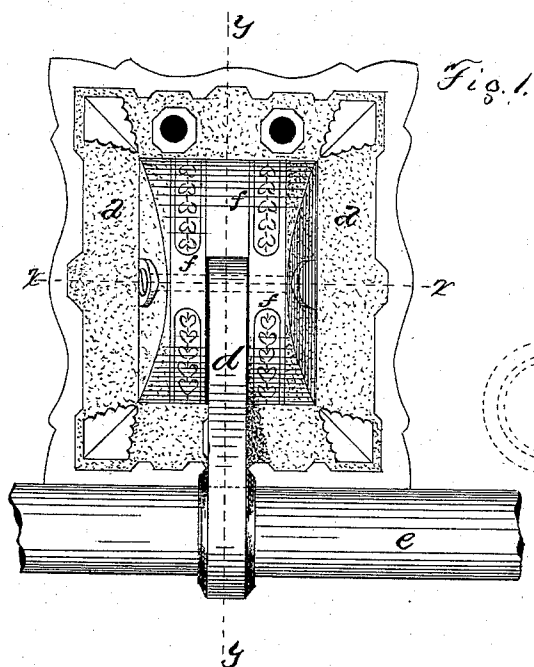


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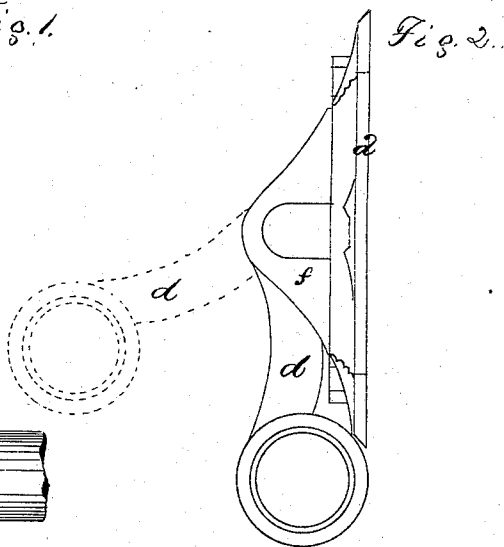


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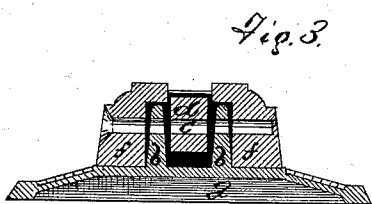


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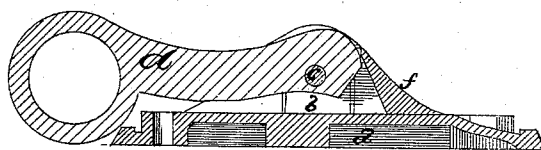


Fig. 4.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BURIAL-CASKET HANDLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED G. CHAPMAN, of East Hampton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Casket-Handles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved handle. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the same, in section, through the dotted line *x x*. Fig. 4 is a view of the same, in section, through the dotted line *y y*.

The device is, as its name indicates, a handle for burial-caskets. The parts are all metallic.

The invention consists in providing a knuckle which sits upon the ear and covers up the teats in which the lifting-arm is pivoted. It further consists in making a single pin to serve as a fastening for attaching the knuckle to the teats and as a pivot or hinge for the lifting-arm.

The letter *a* indicates a plate fitting against, and designed to be fastened to, the side of the casket, commonly called the "ear." From it rise two teats, *b b*, in which is pivoted, by means of the screw-pin *c*, the arm *d*, to the other extremity of which the rail *e*, or other suitable device for the hand of the bearer, is fastened. The pivoted end of the arm *d* is so shaped that when the arm is swung upward

to about the position indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2, this inner end of the arm strikes against the ear *a* and prevents the arm from further rise, this being the position of the arm when the casket is being carried by the bearers. A plate, *f*, made separate from the ear *a*, commonly called a "knuckle," fits upon the ear and rises so as to cover and hide from sight the teats *b b* and the pivoted end of the arm. It is secured in place by the screw-pin *c*, this pin being thus made to perform two offices, to wit, serving as a pivot for the arm *d* and also securing the knuckle in place.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the knuckle *f* with the ear *a*, the knuckle being so shaped as to cover and conceal the teats *b b*, all constructed and arranged substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the screw-pin *c* with the knuckle *f*, teats *b b*, arm *d*, and ear *a*, in such shape that the pin performs the double office of a pivot for the arm *d* and of securing the knuckle in place, the whole constructed and arranged substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

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