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KNOWCDOWN BURIAL CASKET

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This invention relates to burial caskets including separably connected members, adapted to be compactly stored for shipment, and conveniently set up or assembled, to form an operative casket.

The invention is embodied in the improvements hereinbefore described and claimed, on caskets of this character, and particularly that disclosed by my Patent No. 1,973,790, dated April 2, 1921.

The chief object of the present invention is to provide a simplified construction including members adapted to be assembled more quickly and conveniently than heretofore, to be packed in a relatively small space for shipment, and to constitute, when assembled, a casket including obliquely arranged corner members imparting to the end portions of the casket a polygonal form, so that the casket is, in effect, an elongated octagon.

Of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification,—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a casket embodying the invention, without a cover.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 shows in perspective, a portion of the bottom member.

Figure 5 is an enlargement of a portion of Figure 2.

Figure 6 is a view similar to Figure 5, omitting the corner member.

Figure 7 shows separately the corner members as shown by Figure 5.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the corner member, looking toward its inner side.

Figure 9 is a fragmentary section on line 9—9 of Figure 5.

Figure 10 is a view similar to Figure 5, showing a modification.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the figures.

The bottom member 12 of my improved casket, a portion of which is shown separately by Figure 4, is oblong, and has longitudinal edge faces 13, transverse edge faces 14, and oblique edge faces 15, at the four corners of the member.

The casket includes longitudinal side members 16, which are shorter than the length of the bottom member, and transverse end members 17, which are shorter than the width of the bottom member. Said side and end members are provided with bevelled end faces 18 (Figure 6) which are flush with the oblique faces 15, and constitute therewith oblique seats for the corner members 19 hereinafter described.

The bottom member 12 and the side and end members 16 and 17 are provided with complemental coupling parts, as in the casket disclosed by my above-mentioned patent. The coupling parts on the bottom member are disks 20, secured by screws 21 (Figure 9) to the bottom member. The coupling parts on the side and end members are channelled reinforcing strips 22, attached by screws 23 to said members and located in recesses therein, the arrangement being such that the strips 22 are engageable with the disks 20 by longitudinal sliding movements of the side and end members, as more fully described in said patent. When said coupling parts are interengaged, the side and end members project upward from the bottom member, and the end faces 18 of the side members are spaced by the oblique edge faces 15 from the end faces 18 of the end members, as indicated by Figure 6, said faces 15 and 18 forming oblique seats for the corner members, as above stated.

The corner members 19 are formed to bear on said seats and cover the spaces between the side and end members, as shown by Figures 2 and 5, the corner members being oblique to the side and end members.

The corner members 19 are provided with metal ears 25, formed to overlap the inner sides of the side and end members, said ears being preferably the outwardly bent ends of metal strips 26, attached by screws 27 to the corner members. The arrangement of the ears 26 is such that when the side and end members are connected by the described coupling parts with the bottom member, the corner members are movable endwise to position, causing the ears to overlap the inner sides of the side and end members. The ears are perforated to receive screws 28, whereby the ears are attached to the side and end members, as shown by Figure 5.

Each corner member 19 may be made from a single piece of wood having a flat inner side. The outer side of the corner member may also be flat, but is preferably molded to impart an ornamental form, as indicated by Figures 1 and 8.

The corner members are adapted to be more quickly and conveniently engaged with the side and end members, and are more com-
pact than would be the case if the corner members were angular, as heretofore. The compactness of the corner members enables the parts of the casket to be packed in a relatively small space for shipment.

The corner members 19 may be held against the seats and secured to the side and end members, by other means, as indicated by Figure 10, which shows metal strips 30, attached by screws 31 to the side and end members, and provided with oblique ears 32, overlapping the inner sides of the corner members and attached to the latter by screws 33.

I claim:

1. A knock-down burial casket comprising an oblong bottom member having longitudinal edge faces, transverse edge faces, and oblique edge faces at the corners of the member, said longitudinal and transverse faces being provided with coupling parts; longitudinal side members and transverse end members, each having complemental coupling parts slidable into engagement with the coupling parts on the bottom member, bevelled end faces which are flush with the oblique edge faces of the bottom member and are spaced apart thereby when the members are assembled, the oblique edge faces of the bottom member and the bevelled end faces of the side and end members forming oblique corner seats; and corner members formed to bear on said seats and cover the spaces between the side and end members, and provided with ears formed to overlap the inner sides of the side and end members, and adapted to be secured thereto, the corner members being oblique to the side and end members, the arrangement being such that the corner members are movable endwise to position, causing said ears to overlap the side and end members.

2. A knock-down burial casket comprising an oblong bottom member having longitudinal edge faces, transverse edge faces, and oblique edge faces at the corners of the member, said longitudinal and transverse faces being provided with coupling parts; longitudinal side members and transverse end members, each having complemental coupling parts slidable into engagement with the coupling parts on the bottom member, bevelled end faces which are flush with the oblique edge faces of the bottom member and are spaced apart thereby when the members are assembled, the oblique edge faces of the bottom member and the bevelled end faces of the side and end members forming oblique corner seats; corner members formed to bear on said seats and cover the spaces between the side and end members, and adapted to hold the corner members against said seats. In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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