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Fig. 1.

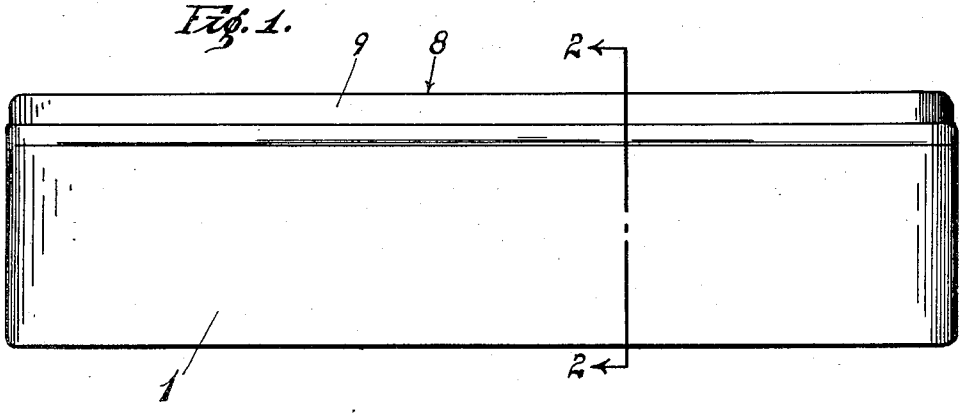


Fig. 2.

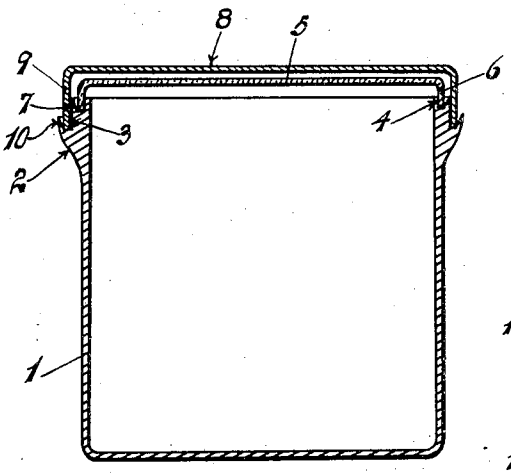


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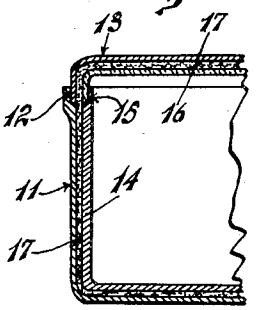
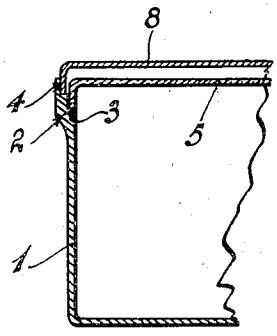


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that GIACOMO CARTASSO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffins, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in coffins, the prime object of which is to provide an efficient and simple means of hermetically sealing the same prior to the disposition thereof.

In the annexed drawing in which my invention is illustrated:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my coffin.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view of a slightly modified form of coffin.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary sectional view of another modified form.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a metal box of the usual shape, and which is preferably formed of a thin light metal, such as aluminum or copper alloy. A rim 2 is formed on the upper edge of the box 1, and a pair of grooves 3 and 4 is formed therein.

An inner transparent cover 5 has depending edges 6 formed thereon, which fit into the groove 4, and a lip 7 is formed on the outer edge of said groove, and a cement is poured between said lip and said edge, thus sealing the box 1.

An outer metallic cover 8 has depending edges 9 formed thereon, which extend into the groove 3. A lip 10 is formed on the outer edge of the groove 3, and a suitable welding material is placed between said lip and the edge 9, thus hermetically sealing the box, or if desired the lip 10 may be melted against the edge 9 to seal the box.

The second cover 8 is not inserted until shortly before the disposition of the coffin, but the remains may be viewed through the transparent cover 5. In the modified form shown in Figure 3 the grooves 3 and 4 are formed inside of the box 1.

In the modified form shown in Figure 4, the outer metal box 11 has a groove 12 formed in the top thereof, into which a metal cover 13 is adapted to fit. A second box 14, preferably of transparent material, such as glass, is positioned within the box 11, and has a groove 15 formed in the top thereof into which a transparent cover 16 is adapted to fit. Suitable packing 17 is placed between the two boxes and covers to prevent possible breakage of the inner glass box.

Having described by invention, I claim:

A coffin, comprising a metallic box, a rim secured to the upper edge of said box, said rim having a pair of grooves formed therein, a transparent cover adapted to fit in one of said grooves, a packing in said groove, a second cover adapted to extend into the second of said grooves, and a packing in said second groove.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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