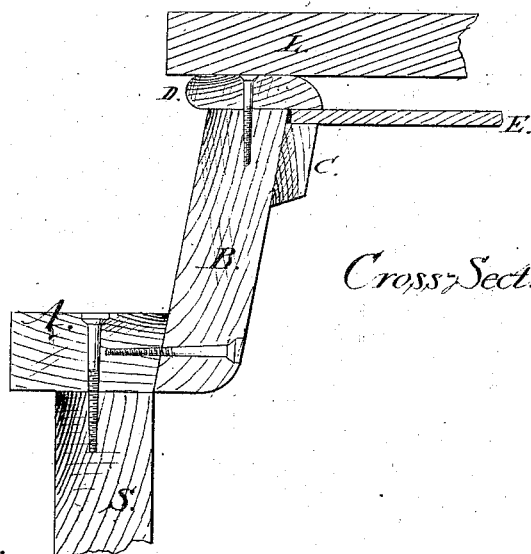
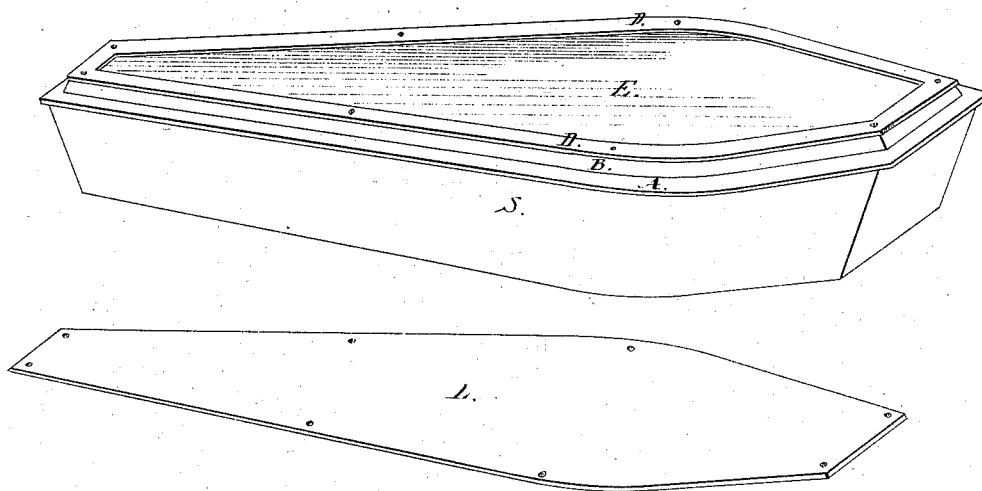


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IMPROVEMENT IN BURIAL-CASES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IVORY LORDE, of the town of Moline, in the county of Rock Island and State of Illinois, have invented a new and improved Method of Constructing Burial-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in a "deck-top for burial-case," constructed of different parts or pieces, so formed and shaped that they can be put together in a durable, beautiful, and simple form, at moderate cost, so as to hold a glass face or covering, without danger of breaking or cracking the same from the contraction or expansion of the materials used, and adapted to the body of a coffin or burial-case made in any ordinary form for the same.

To enable others skilled in the art to use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction.

I construct the body S of the burial-case or coffin in any ordinary form for the same, with the upper or top edges of the sides of the same (as it stands when erect) level.

Upon the level upper edge of this body S I place a strip, (composed of as many different pieces as may be desirable to adapt it to its position,) shown in the accompanying drawing in A, extending around said body on its top or upper edge, projecting all around from the outer edge of the sides of said body more or less, as may be desired; said strip to be screwed or fastened to the body of said case, and to be of the same or different material as the body of the case.

To the inner edge of the strip, shown in A, which may be beveled or chamfered to suit the inclination desired for the top of said case, I fasten the lower edge of another strip or piece, shown in B, (composed, like A, of as many different parts as may be desired,) extending around the inner edge of A, and rising above the upper side thereof, and fastened thereunto. This strip B inclines inward at such an

angle as the taste of the maker may dictate, and will usually be from two to three inches in width, varying with the size of the case. The upper edge of this second strip B is to be made of such a bevel that, when it is fastened to the strip A, above described, in the manner above described, it will be level, forming a level or plane edge.

A little below the upper or top edge of said strip B, on the inside thereof as it stands after being fitted to A, (A being fitted to the body of the case S, as above described,) I fasten thereunto a third strip, made narrow and thin, extending around on the inner side of the strip B, (and composed of as many parts as may be desirable.) This is shown in C, and is designed to support the glass face or covering E in said burial-case, which may run the length of the case, or any part thereof that may be desired.

Upon the upper and level edge of the second above-described strip B I fasten a fourth strip, D, with molded or ornamented edges, if desired, but with flat and parallel top and bottom, said strip D extending around the top of the case or coffin, and lying upon the upper or top edge of B, being composed of as many different pieces as may be deemed desirable.

The outer edge of D, with the lid L, forms a finish, if desirable; and its inner edge, projecting beyond the inside of B, forms, with C, a groove, to hold the above-mentioned glass face E and keep it in place.

Upon the top or upper edge of D, which, when fastened in place, is level, is fastened the lid L, which may be plain or ornamented.

I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The deck-top for burial-case, which is produced by the combination of A, B, C, D, E, and L, in the manner above described.

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