

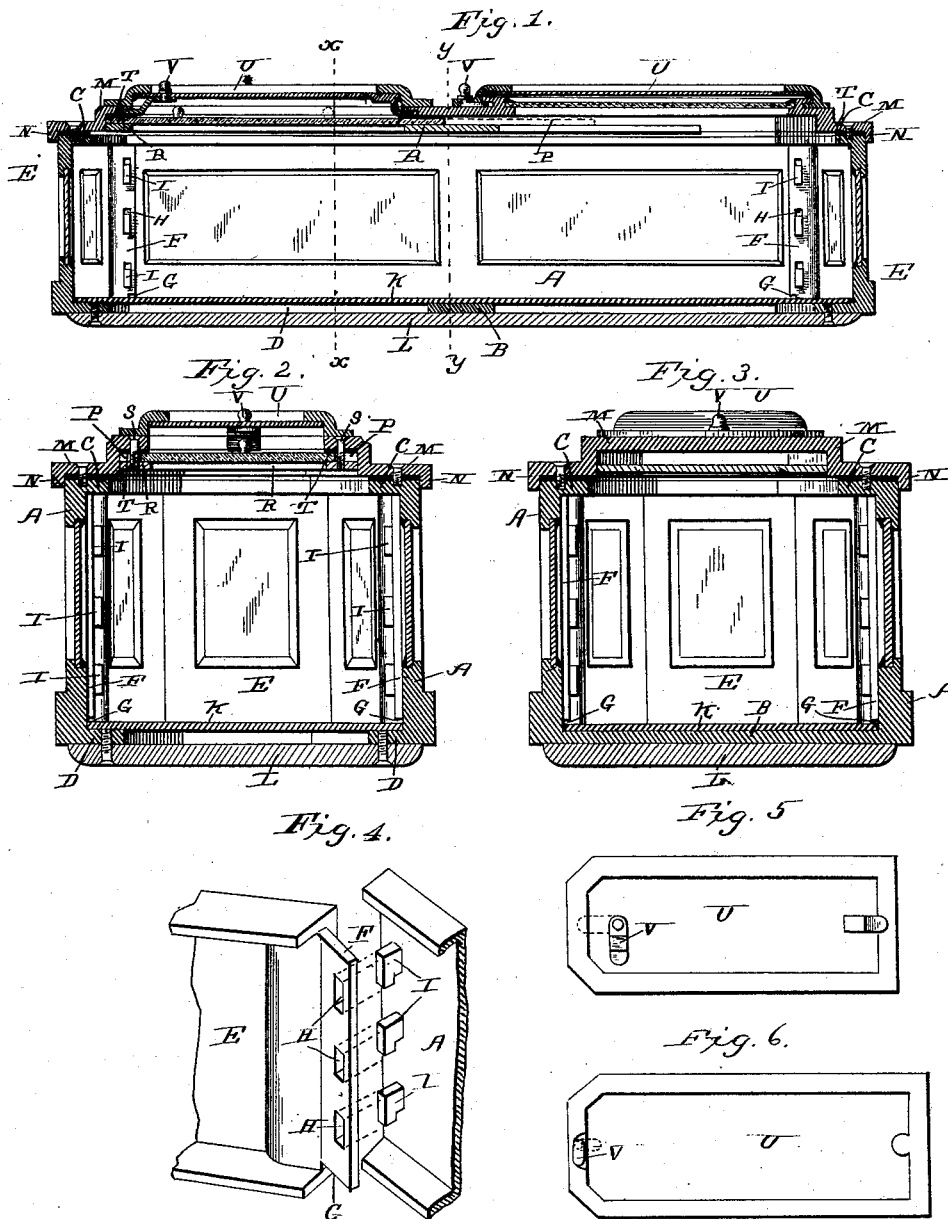
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DEMON R. GOULD and PHILANDER BALDWIN, citizens of the United States, residing at Chestertown, in the county of Warren and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffins, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain improvements in coffins or burial-caskets; and it has for its objects to provide a coffin or casket that may be constructed in sections which may be securely and conveniently fastened together
15 without screws or bolts, and to provide certain other improvements in the details of the construction, as will more fully hereinafter appear.

20 The above-mentioned objects we attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal vertical sectional view of a coffin or casket embodying our invention; Fig. 2, a transverse vertical
25 sectional view taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a similar view taken on the line *yy* of Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a detached view in perspective, showing the means of connecting and fastening the sides and ends of the coffin or casket together; Fig. 5, a view of one of the coffin-lids detached, and Fig. 6 a similar view of the other lid of the coffin or casket.

30 The letter A indicates the sides of the coffin, which are cast in one piece, with a central connecting cross-bar, B, at the bottom, and with flanges CD at the upper and lower edges, respectively.

E indicates the ends of the coffin, which may be polygonal or rounded, and which are likewise cast with flanges at the upper and lower edges corresponding to those of the sides before mentioned. The vertical edges of the ends are formed with oblique flanges F, which are cut away slightly at their lower ends, as indicated by the letter G. The said flanges, at suitable intervals, are provided with slots H, and the adjacent portions of the ends of the sides with interlocking keys or projections I, which may be passed through the slots, and by
40 a slight downward movement of the ends of the coffin or casket caused to lock the said sides
45 and ends securely together. It is obvious that these parts may be reversed—that is, the flanges may be formed on the sides and the keys on the ends of the casket or coffin—without changing the character of our invention.

55 The letter K indicates a metallic plate of the general contour of the interior of the coffin or casket, which rests, when in place, upon the lower flanges of the sides and ends, and upon the central cross-bar, being supported thereby. The said plate is soldered or otherwise securely fastened to the flanges, and forms an inner air-tight bottom to the coffin or casket. To the lower sides of the lower flanges is secured, by means of screws or otherwise, a bottom of wood or other material, as indicated by the letter L.

The letter M indicates the top or cover of the casket or coffin, which is cast with dependent flanges N, which overset the upper edges of said casket or coffin. The said top or cover is secured by means of screws, in the usual manner.

75 The sides, ends, and top of the coffin or casket are composed of open recessed frames, which are paneled with glass, metal, or other material, to give the same an ornamental appearance, the panels in the top in all cases being preferably made of glass, in order that the corpse may be viewed after the coffin or casket has been hermetically closed. The panel over the head or upper end of the coffin or casket is arranged to slide in ways P, which are formed by recessing the under side of the top or cover, and securing below the panel a wooden frame, R, by means of screws S, a packing of rubber, T, being interposed. This packing permits the panel to be clamped hermetically in position, when closed, by tightening up the screws S.

85 The letter U indicates two paneled frames, which are flanged and recessed on their lower sides, so as to fit over the paneled openings in the top or cover, in order to finally close up the coffin or casket, the said frames U being provided with locking-buttons V, by means of which they may be locked and confined to their seats.

90 The permanent panels are all cemented to their seats from the inside, so as to render the coffin or casket air-tight, and the joints at the

connections of the sides and ends are likewise cemented for the same purpose.

As constructed, it will be seen that a coffin or casket constructed in sections and perfectly
5 air-tight is secured, which can be conveniently made at comparatively small cost.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

10 1. The combination, in a coffin or casket, of the side and end sections and the slotted flanges and interlocking keys or projections, whereby they are secured to each other, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the side sections connected by a transverse bar, the end sections and interlocking flanges and keys, and the inner bottom, mutually held together, as described, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures 20 in presence of two witnesses.

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