

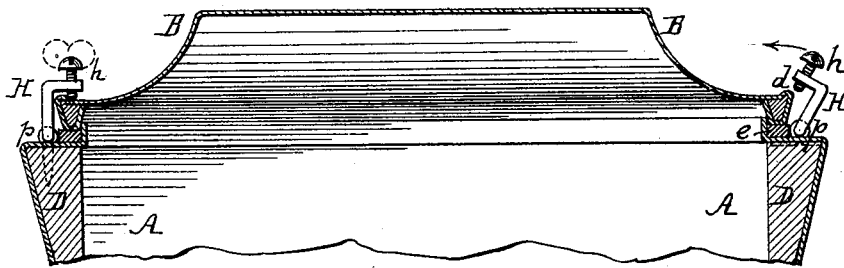
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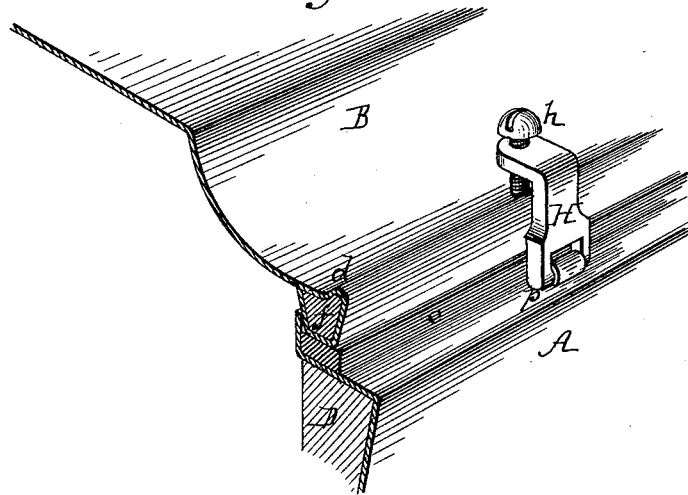
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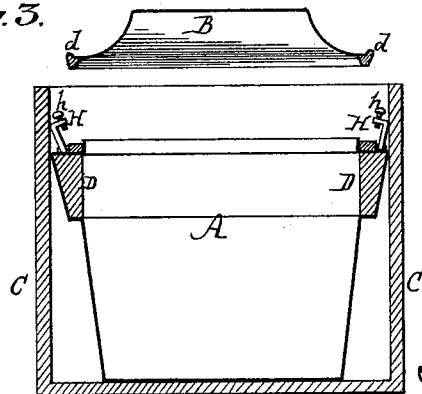
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## COFFIN-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN P. LEIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Fasteners for Burial-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a burial-case with a simple and economical fastening device, which can be easily and quickly manipulated to firmly secure the lid to the case, and which, while it is permanently secured to the case, will not take up an undue amount of space or necessitate any enlargement of the inclosing-box.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a transverse section of the upper part of a burial-case and lid provided with my improvements. Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the application of the fastening device to the case; and Fig. 3 is a transverse section, drawn to a smaller scale, of a burial-case in an inclosing-box, the lid of the case being shown as lifted off.

A is the body of the burial-case, provided with the lid B, the edges of which, when it is in place, bear upon a rubber packing or gasket, *e*, on the upper edge of the case body. In the present instance I have shown the case, with its lid, as made of sheet metal; but my improvements may be applied to other constructions of burial-cases, where desired.

Around the upper part of the body of the case I have shown an interior filling piece or frame, D, of wood, and around the margin of the lid is a pendent flange, *b*, formed by bending the edge of the metal closely around a filling-piece, *f*, Fig. 2, preferably of metal; but these features do not form essential parts of my present invention, which relates to the devices for the easy but secure fastening of the lid down onto the body of the case. For this purpose I provide a number of hooks, H, which I hinge at *p* to the upper edge of the body A just outside the line of the packing strip or gasket *e* and within the outline of the case. The upper or free end of each hook carries a screw, *h*, which is adapted to bear upon the top of the rim of the lid when the latter has been placed in position and the hook has been thrown upward from the position shown in Fig. 3 and at the right of Fig. 1 to that shown at the left of Fig. 1 and in Fig. 2. I form along the upper edge of the rim of the lid a

bead or rib, *d*, and the hooks H are hinged to the body of the case in such relation to this rib that when the hooks are thrown up into position to secure the lid the bearing-points of the screws will slip over this rib *d*, and a single turn or so of each screw will then serve to bind the lid firmly down onto the body of the case with an air-tight closure.

In the drawings I have shown the screws *h* in the hooks as plain set-screws; but they may be made in the form of ornamental thumb-screws, if preferred, as indicated by dotted lines at the left of Fig. 1.

The hinging of the hooks H to the case may be accomplished in various ways. At the left of Fig. 1 I have shown the hooks as hinged to a screw-eye screwed into the wooden frame D and soldered where it passes through the metal lining. At the right of Fig. 1 I have shown the hook as hinged by means of a metal strap, the ends of which lie underneath the metal lining, and solder is applied where the loop passes through.

It will be seen on reference to Fig. 3 that my improved fastening devices, being within the outline of the burial-case, do not require any enlargement of the inclosing-box C for the burial-case, as the hinged hooks can be thrown back for the free removal and replacing of the lid while the case is in the box.

The above-described fastening device, being permanently secured to the case, is never liable to get lost, as are separate screws or nuts, and yet it is as simple and economical in construction. On the other hand, it is almost as easily manipulated as a spring-catch, and has the advantages over the latter that it is simpler and not liable to get out of order, and that it insures a more firm retention of the lid and tighter closure than can be obtained by spring-catches.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the body and lid of a burial-case, with hooks hinged to the upper edge of the body within the outline of the case and each carrying a retaining-screw adapted to bear on the top of the rim of the lid.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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