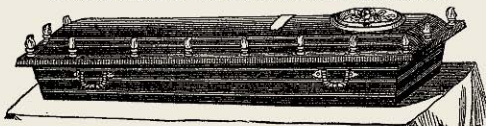


## IMPROVED METALLO-PERCHA



# BURIAL CASKET.

PATENTED OCT. 4TH, 1859, BY H. MARSHALL, CINCINNATI, O.

Permit me to call your attention to a new and invaluable invention of Corrugated Sheet *Metallic* Burial Cases, which for Beauty, Lightness and Durability, stand unrivalled by any improvement of the age. One of the most important features in our Caskets, never before presented to the world, is, that they are lined throughout with Gutta Percha or India Rubber Cases, with a gasket of the same material around the flange, so as to make them Air and Water Tight.

The unprecedented demand for these Caskets is doubtless owing to the fact that they surpass all others in the following particulars:

1st. Being made of Galvanized Sheet Metal, they do not require from ten to twelve strong men to handle them, but can be handled as easily as a wooden coffin, and are deposited in the grave without danger or peril, and will not crack or break by hard usage or accidents.

2d. Being lined with Gutta Percha or India Rubber, and a gasket of the same material to make them air tight, we avoid the very tedious and unpleasant process of using cement or wax for that purpose.

3d. They can be opened and closed by any person without the aid of tools, or mechanical skill, and when once closed, and it becomes necessary to open them to correct any misplacing of the body after being moved a distance, or to correct any unsightly appearance, they can be opened again and closed as at first.

4th. The material is capable of unknown durability. It never corrodes, and has maintained its substance and color under water for many years. Besides the Caskets are so made, with cross stays, double and treble layers of archings and braces, as to give them a strength and ability of endurance scarcely known to any other substance used for kindred purposes.

5th. It may be suggested that the most tasteful and becoming way of burying infants and young persons is to use white Caskets, either covered with white material, white glazing, or elegant white marbling.

A custom now coming into use and which is very commendable, is not to dig graves over about four feet in depth, and build a brick vault to receive the casket, which is then covered with an arch of brick. This is readily done by a skillful mason, and gives a permanence and safety to the last resting place of the dead for ages.

From a multitude of notices from the press, we submit the following from the *Scientific Artisan*, one of the most influential and able Journals of the West:

H. MARSHALL & Co's BURIAL CASKET.—The degree of respect that is paid to the dead, is probably a very good mark of the progress of civilization. The remains even of the departed friend, are usually held sacred by every one, "be he heathen or Christian," and hence next to living, we find, generally, extensive preparations for those who can not live always. Many plans have been proposed, but among them all, so far as we have seen, there is none that we would think superior if equal to the caskets now manufactured by H. Marshall & Co., of this city. They are made of sheet metal, either iron or copper, as may be preferred, and so formed as to be very strong, but without much lighter than any other metallic casket we have ever seen. They are then lined throughout with casings of Gutta Percha, which will exclude the air, and when the external drapery and silver handles and plates are all arranged, we think that there is a neatness and fitness about these caskets that must render them exceedingly popular with the undertakers. These gentlemen have recently commenced this branch of manufacture in this city, and they seem to have spared neither time nor money in designing the most fitting and appropriate ornaments and drapery for their caskets, and as their orders are already far beyond the resources of supply, we believe they require only to be known to be adopted.