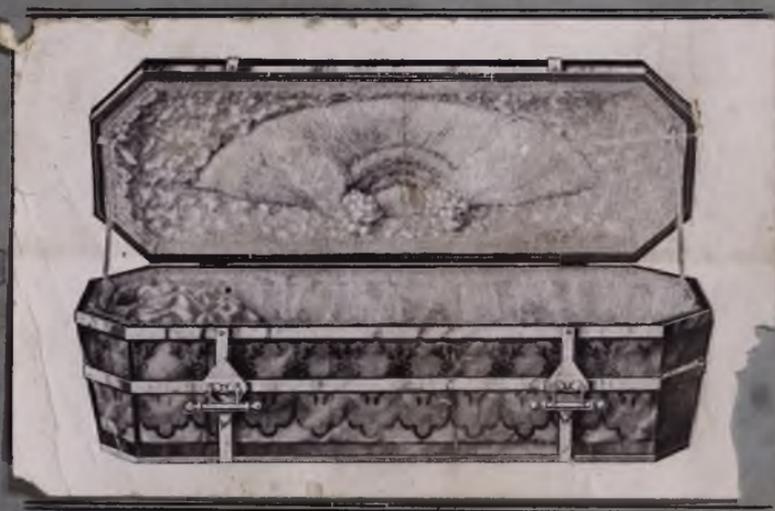


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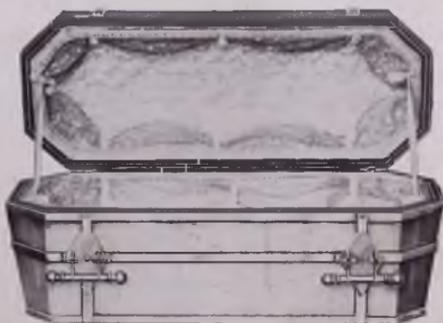
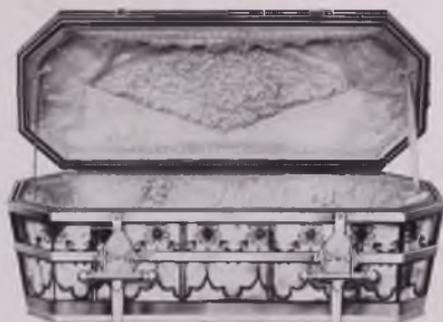


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The Home Office and Plant of the American Glass Casket Co., Ada, Oklahoma

# American Glass Casket Company

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF OKLAHOMA

CAPITAL STOCK \$500,000

ADA, OKLAHOMA

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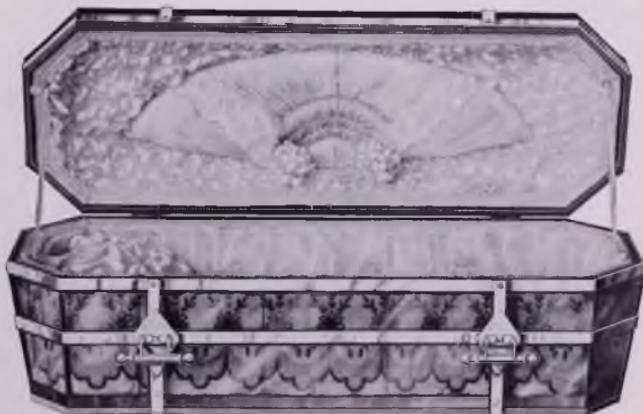
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All the officers are well known and refer you to any Bank or Commercial Organization in their respective cities.

## THE PRODUCT



A combined Casket and Vault, made of two solid pieces of glass hermetically sealed. Impervious to air or moisture, and will for all time resist the action of every destroying element to which burial caskets are exposed.

The beautiful effect of interior and exterior trimmings, together with the universally acknowledged merits of the Glass Casket, places it beyond comparison with any burial case ever produced.

NOTE: Special attention is invited to statement on Page Eight.

A wonderful industry with a new product—every indication pointing to a successful operation and remarkable future.

The information, facts and illustrations herewith given, will be gratifying to present stockholders and extremely convincing to those not affiliated with this fast growing institution.



Mr. J. W. DeCamp, of Blackwell, Okla., the Inventor and Patentee of the Glass Casket, and the first DeCamp Glass Caskets ever produced. Manufactured by the American Glass Casket Co., at Ada, Okla.



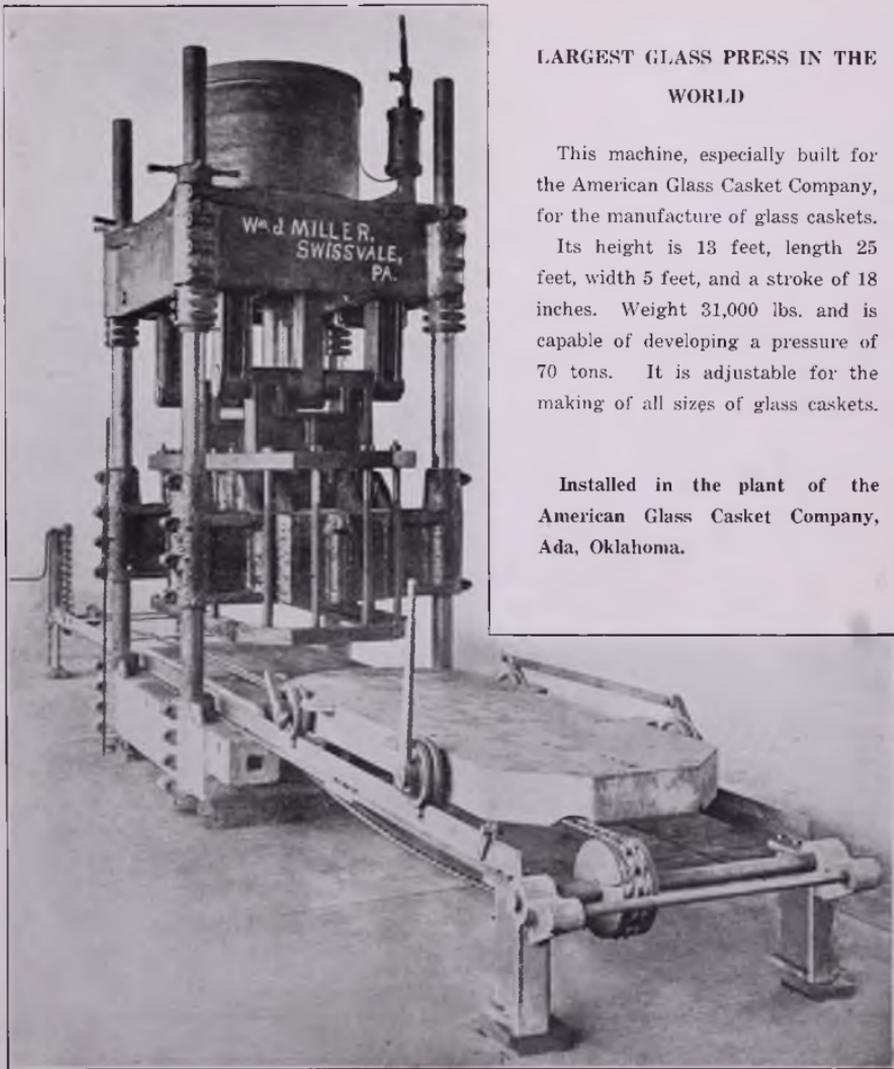
Reproduced from unretouched photograph showing Glass Caskets up to 52 inch in size.

## LARGEST GLASS PRESS IN THE WORLD

This machine, especially built for the American Glass Casket Company, for the manufacture of glass caskets.

Its height is 13 feet, length 25 feet, width 5 feet, and a stroke of 18 inches. Weight 31,000 lbs. and is capable of developing a pressure of 70 tons. It is adjustable for the making of all sizes of glass caskets.

Installed in the plant of the American Glass Casket Company, Ada, Oklahoma.



## **Our Plant and Products**

Our plant and its operations are not of the theoretical class, but a reality; placing upon the market high grade products. In addition to the development of the glass casket, other profitable lines are being manufactured, the illustrations of which you will find on other pages of this book.

The market for our Glass Caskets will, in our opinion, not be affected by the many conditions confronting most any other industrial commodity. The demand for burial caskets is not created, but exists and will continue to exist.



## **Location, Fuel and Material**

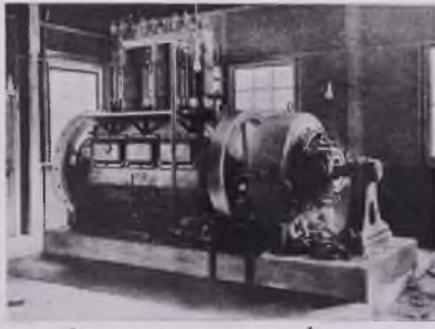
Our plant is most advantageously located. Our factory site consists of approximately eighteen acres near the city of Ada, Oklahoma, using natural gas (of which this field has an abundance) for fuel, heat and generating our own power and light. Our gas contract extends over a period of ten years or the life of the field, and is a most valuable asset for our corporation.

We control an abundant supply of the highest quality of glass sand. This deposit mined by well equipped plant, is served by a private railway siding, within twenty miles of our Ada factory, assures us always of a dependable source at low cost. Our Water supply and service is acknowledged to be the very best, at low rate.

Our shipping facilities are extremely good, having service direct with the factory siding of the "Frisco," "Santa Fe" and M. K. & T." railway systems.



Large Glass Producing Tanks



Glass Melting Tank Feed End 200ton Capacity

Operating Large Gas Jet Press

150 Horse Power Gas Engine - Three of this size and two smaller Gas Engines required in our power House

Process of Annealing Glass Caskets





THE GLASS CASKET, not only a burial case, but a combined casket and vault, is in every practical sense indestructible. Two solid pieces of glass, the lid and body, so made with a tongue and groove, that they hermetically seal, by applying a composition for this purpose. In this manner the two pieces are so firmly united that in effect they become one continuous piece of glass rendering it air-tight, water-proof and absolutely sanitary, thus assuring a perfect burial receptacle.

Practically all other materials used in the building of the caskets today, will, in a comparatively short time deteriorate and crumble away. These same destroying elements, do not in any degree effect glass.

On the exterior metal trimming is carried the handles and hinges which are entirely independent from the casket proper. This eliminates any drilling of holes through the glass which might otherwise be necessary. This metal is underlaid with a cushion of felt, preventing the metal from coming in contact with the glass, and being in harmonious colors adds to the artistic appearance.

Each casket is supported by a base of wood and held securely by the metal frame, which answers not only as a secure carrier when lifted by the handles, and is a protection to the bottom, from the hearse rollers and casket cars, but for receiving screws to hold the casket immovable in the outside box for shipping.

Conceding that in time this metallic exterior trimming will rust away, this does not in any sense effect the glass casket proper.

The price will be governed by the size, design and trimming. Both exterior and interior, a glass casket is adaptable for most extensive as well as moderate decorations, and can be furnished in special exterior designs in cut glass. We believe the least expensive of our product will surpass in appearance and merit any wood or metallic casket.

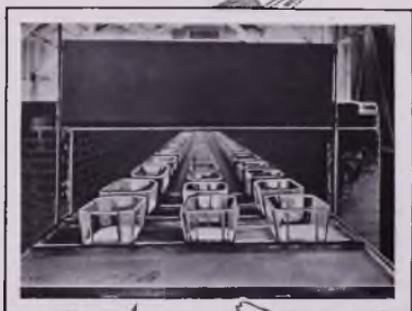
It must be acknowledged that the glass casket is beyond all meritorious comparison and is in every manner the last word in the manufacture of burial cases.

THE AMERICAN GLASS CASKET COMPANY is organized under the laws of Oklahoma. Capitalization is \$500,000; divided into 50,000 shares, par value \$10.00 each—all common stock. No one assumes any liability in the purchase of this stock, when paid for in full: it being fully paid and non-assessable. We have made several advances in the price of our stock since our organization. The building and progress of our entire business has developed from the prospective form to the reality of a wonderfully built and well equipped plant now in actual operation. A limited amount of Capital Stock is to be sold at \$25.00 a share. However this is subject to change without notice.

THE TERMS ON WHICH AMERICAN GLASS CASKET STOCK IS SOLD if full cash payment is not made on date of purchase, are one-half cash, balance in equal installments secured by three notes, due respectively 30, 60 and 90 days from date thereof, and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum. Stock certificates to be delivered to purchaser when all deferred payments are made. No capital stock has ever been sold by the American Glass Casket Company for less than par.



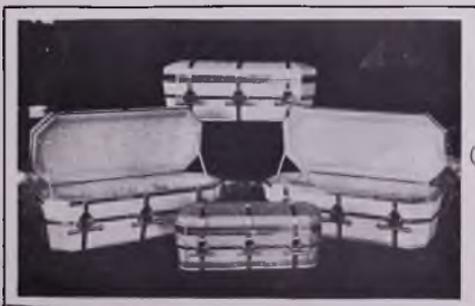
Partial View of Power House and  
Machine Shop



Annealed Casters from the  
Oven Ready for Trimming



A section of  
our  
Trimming Room



Finished Product

# The American Glass Casket Company

Ada, Oklahoma

Dec. 10, 1920.

## TO PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GLASS CASKET:

Please be informed that our development of the Glass Casket started with the two foot size. From this experimental work we produced the 40 inch and recently the casket of 52 inch size.

We make no claim to have produced up to this date, a glass casket of adult size. Numerous conditions and delays beyond our control, have interfered with the making and delivery of the larger size moulds and equipment. These moulds have just been received by us, and although the installation of this equipment is very extensive, we are exercising every effort to continue promptly with the development of the glass casket of adult size.

Our opinion, based on the development of glass caskets in the sizes heretofore mentioned, our years of experience in the glass industry and affirmed by the belief of many practical men connected with the glass trade, is: That the very near future will find the actual development of the adult size glass casket equally as well accomplished as has been the making of the smaller sizes.

Please be reminded that all of the greater inventions which have become a complete success, have met, before their perfection, with the criticism of those who said it could not be done, but we desire to add that the development of practically all of the greater and more successful inventions have required much time, and we state without fear of meritorious contradiction that the Glass Casket and the equipment necessary for its manufacture has been, and it is our opinion, will be developed to a greater degree of perfection in less time than is usual with achievements of this magnitude.

No selling campaign has been made, nor do we deem it advisable for it to be made on our glass casket line until this is complete in all sizes. We have placed in use numbers of various sizes, but our effort is devoted to the perfection of all sizes first, and not to the producing in large quantities. At the completion of this development period we expect to place this department of our plant on a production basis.

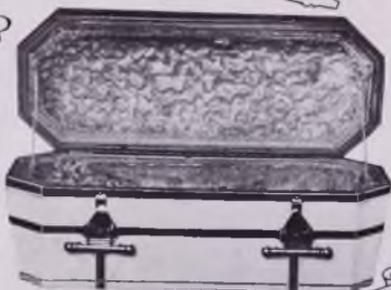
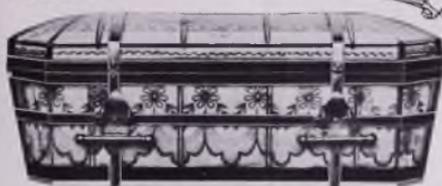
With regard to the weight of glass caskets; the following paragraph is a simple and convincing statement: A six-foot wooden casket contains about forty-eight feet of lumber. A cubic foot of glass weighs approximately 150 lbs. Allowing a uniform thickness of glass, one-half inch, for our casket, it would require two cubic feet cut into one-half inch slabs to equal the required forty-eight feet of surface measurement. Each of the two cubic feet of glass at 150 lbs. means approximately 300 lbs. of glass required for a six-foot size glass casket.

Our accomplishments thus far justify us in believing in the successful development of the glass casket. In conclusion, and for your consideration, permit us to make this inquiry: Has any invention or accomplishment been presented to you that would in your opinion, be as near an absolute universal necessity and more in demand, as would the glass casket?

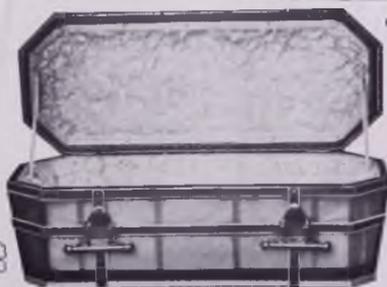
Respectfully submitted,

AMERICAN GLASS CASKET COMPANY.

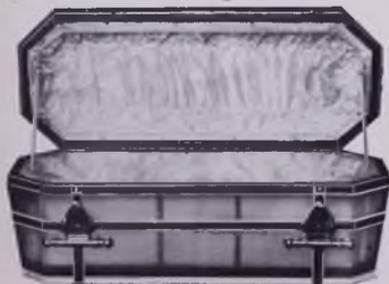
Glass Caskets Ready for the Market



Clear Crystal Glass



Design No 3



Design No 2



Design No 1

Made in Opal or Gray

## AN ESTIMATE

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The table given below shows the possible results from investments on the following basis:

Our capitalization is \$500,000 and the estimated population of the territory in which we can market our product is ten million. Statistics show that the annual death rate would be approximately 200,000. When our plant is operated to its fullest capacity we expect to show a profit of not less than ten dollars on each casket produced.

For example: If we only sold five per cent of the possible business in our territory, which would mean ten thousand caskets per annum, with a profit of ten dollars each, or \$100,000, it would be possible to pay twenty per cent on the entire capitalization of \$500,000. Please note the possible returns by the following:

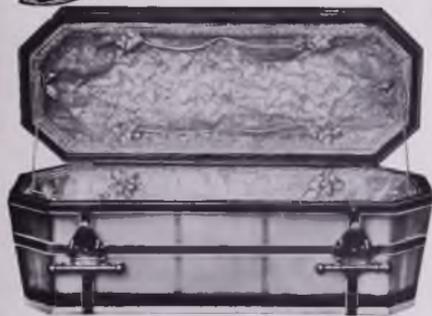
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Capitalization	\$500,000	Death rate annually	200,000
Territory Population	10,000,000	Net profit per casket	\$10.00

Per Cent Sold	Net Profit	Would Manf.	Would Pay on Capitalization
2%	\$10.00	4,000	8%
5%	\$10.00	10,000	20%
10%	\$10.00	20,000	40%
15%	\$10.00	30,000	60%
25%	\$10.00	50,000	100%
50%	\$10.00	100,000	200%
75%	\$10.00	150,000	300%

NOTE:--Please be informed that the above is in no manner guaranteed, but is given here as an estimate only.

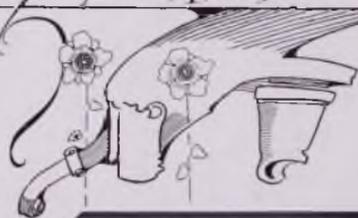
Glass Caskets Ready for the Market



Design No. 4



Design No. 6



Design No. 5



Design No. 7



A Corner of the Trimming Room of the American Glass Casket Company

The American Glass Casket Company owns the exclusive right to manufacture and sell the DeCamp Glass Casket in the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico, and is the parent-producing company in the making of this glass casket under the DeCamp patents.



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Mr. J. W. DeCamp,  
Three West Side,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Dear Sir:

Yours of 12th duly received.

By note your acknowledgment of receipt of the opinion prepared concerning your patents and you are assured that the Assistant Director's comment of that opinion is a matter of very great gratification to us as well as to you.

As you have of course observed in reading the opinion, our investigation not only shows that the claims of your patents Nos. 1,155,046 and 1,155,104, and of your amended and revised patent No. 1,155,104, are valid, but that the use of the structure covered by the claims of said patents and said amended application is not an infringement of any patent or patents.

Moreover, your patents, in view of the strength of their claims, will serve to fully cover and protect your rights.

In view of these facts, and the associations commercial importance of your inventions, your patents should prove very highly valuable from a financial standpoint and you have our best wishes for the greatest degree of successful success in which you are entitled.

With kindest regards, we remain,

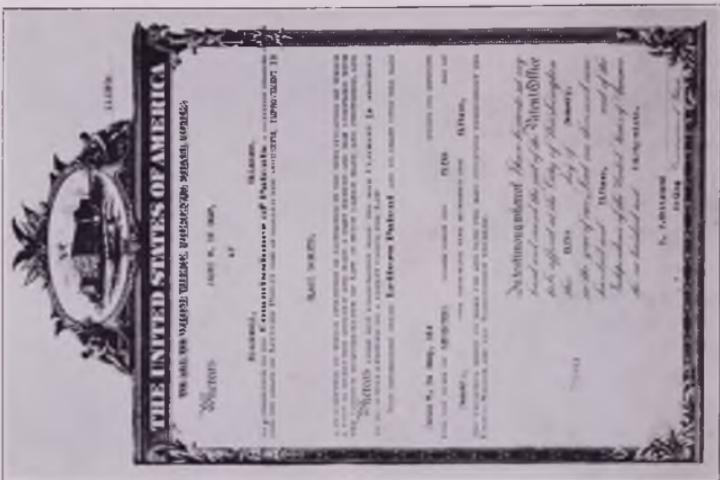
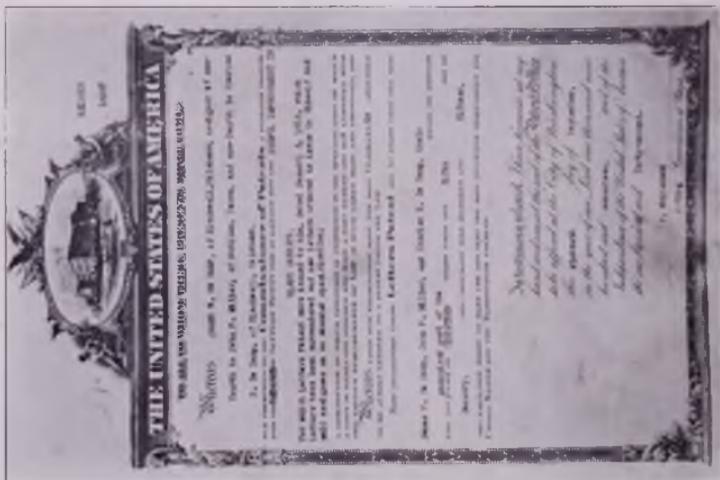
Very truly yours,

H.S.  
&  
A.R.

H. S. & A. R. LACEY  
*H. S. Lacey*

The above letter is the essence of an examination made by our patent lawyers in the United States Patent Office at Washington, D. C. It is evidence of the fact that our rights are fully protected by the various claims allowed in the DeCamp patents by the United States Patent Office.

Your attention is invited to the following pages which shows photographic copies of DeCamp Patents, under which The American Glass Casket Company operates.











The Territory of the American Glass Casket Co., Ada, Okla.,  
Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Large and well equipped plants for the manufacture of glass caskets under the DeCamp Patents and controlling their respective territories are being built by the American Glass Casket Company, Ada, Oklahoma; Mid-West Glass Casket Company, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Pacific Glass Casket Company, Santa Monica, California; De-Camp Glass Casket Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Crystal Glass Casket Company, Nitro, West Va.; and the Central Glass Casket Company, Streator, Illinois. The Northern Glass Casket Company of Minneapolis Minnesota is also contemplating the building of their plant in the near future. Each corporation is absolutely separate and independent of the others and have their own exclusive territory to supply and operate within, under the DeCamp Patents. Please note the following illustrations of the plants referred to above.



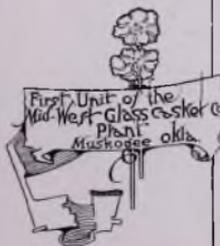
The Central Glass Casket Company's Factory at Streator, Ill.



The First Factory Unit of the Crystal Glass Casket Company  
at Nitro, W. Va.



DeCamp Glass Casket Company's Plant at Chattanooga, Tennessee





Comparatively few people realize or appreciate the magnitude of the work in connection with the making of a mould for the adult size glass casket.

Between fifteen and sixteen thousand pounds of high grade metal is required for this complete mould and equipment. It requires months of skillful labor, much of it most accurate work by hand, and especially built machinery to accomplish the task.

These illustrations, in a limited way, show some of the actual work on an adult size glass casket mould.







THE Board of Directors, consisting of seven men selected from and by the stockholders at their annual meeting, give time and careful efforts without compensation. The only officers receiving allowance for their active services are the President and General Manager.

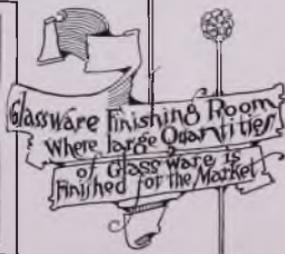
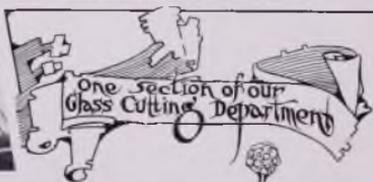
It is the intention of this corporation to protect each and every shareholder in all their rights. Each share of stock has the same voting power, when dividends are paid will participate equally, and we endeavor to limit the amount of stock to be sold to one person, to not exceed 5 per cent of the capital stock.

Our books are audited by bonded accountants and stockholders are invited to personally inspect this plant, at any time that convenience permits, which occasion will better demonstrate to you the remarkable progress and possibilities.

Never before has a newly invented article been endorsed by so great a majority as has endorsed the glass casket. They fill perfectly every requirement for which they are intended. We have on file numerous testimonials from satisfied users of the smaller sizes of glass caskets, representing some of the most reliable undertakers in our territory.

We have been extremely fortunate in stock selling representation, by endeavoring to always have associated with us stock salesmen of the most reliable class, but no authority is given any agent to make any agreement, statement or representations which conflict with the literature and contracts used and approved by the American Glass Casket Company.





## Glassware Product

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**O**UR GLASSWARE DEPARTMENT produces a complete line of illuminating Glassware, consisting of Bowls, Domes, Reflectors, Globes and Shades; cut, decorated and etched. A very few representative items of this line are illustrated on these pages, but our complete product of glassware for illuminating purposes is shown in our catalog No. 13.

This department also manufactures a very extensive line of blown tumblers, of various types and capacities, as well as all sizes of Hanging and Footed Fish Bowls, Aquaria, Cake Covers and Display Jars. These items are completely given in our catalog No. 12.

OUR PRODUCT OF RICH CUT GLASS consists of a carefully selected and extensive line of the highest standard of Cut Glassware, in the making of which is used the best quality of Crystal Blanks, the highest grade of workmanship and the latest effects in designs and shapes.

Our patterns consist of heavy mitre and floral cuttings, as well as combination effects. Every piece is cut with the greatest care, producing that brilliancy and fire, characteristic only of the best cutting and requiring the greatest skill in the art of glass cutting. These beautiful effects are not found in "flat" cut goods.

This product is cut with the view of inviting comparison with the best lines of cut glass made and we intend to keep out of that class of competition that deals solely with the price.

By reasons of the best known facilities, careful selection of skilled workmen and high efficiency in the manufacture and cutting of this distinctive line, our cut glass is acknowledged to be among the very best made in this or any other country.

A few illustrations of this beautiful line of cut glass are given, but more fully shown in our catalogue No. 14.

We have, not only an established trade, but an ever-increasing business on the production from our glassware department, which is operated as only a part of our entire business, but from which we are making shipments daily.

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## "YESTERDAY"

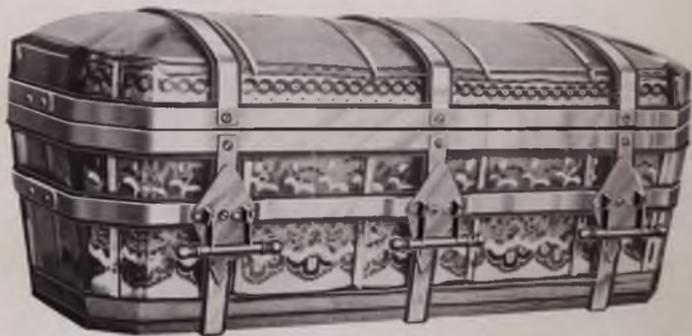


One of the First Views of the American Glass Gasket Company's Plant at Ada, Oklahoma

## "TODAY"

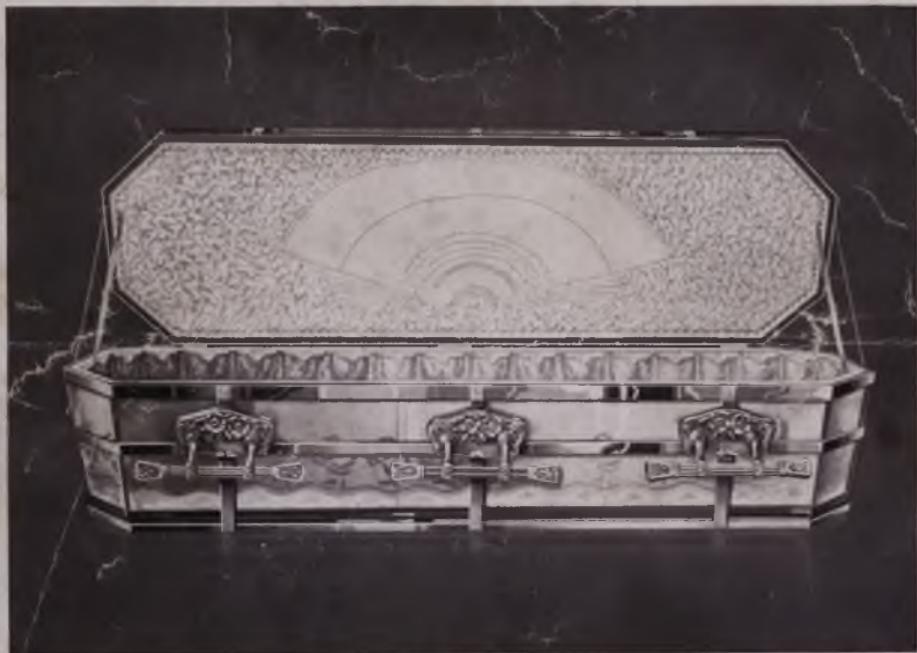


The American Glass Gasket Company's Plant, Ada, Oklahoma, Today



IT HAS BEEN SAID--"IT CAN'T BE DONE"  
HERE IT IS!

The impossible continues to be accomplished



The first adult size DeCamp Glass Casket produced.  
Extreme measurement, six feet, one inch in length. Minimum  
measurement, inside at base, five feet, nine inches. Extreme  
width twenty-two inches. Weight 315 pounds.