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TOMBSTONE.

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Fig. 1.

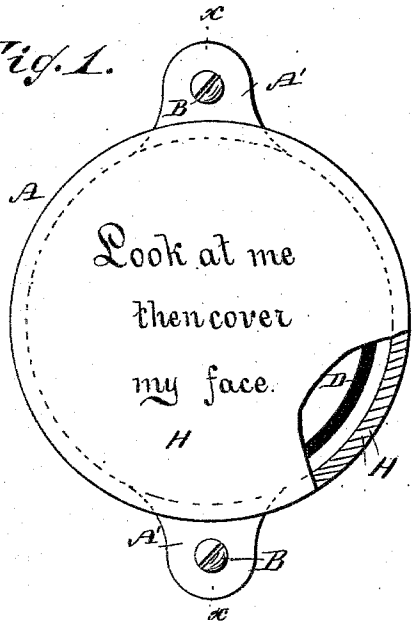


Fig. 2.

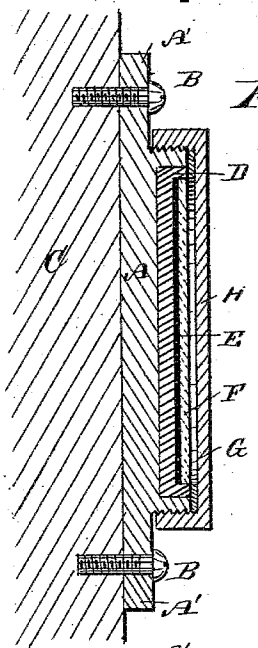


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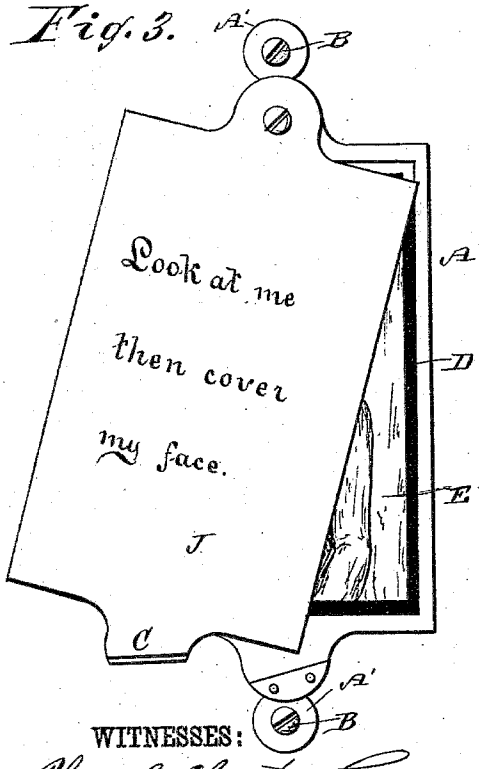
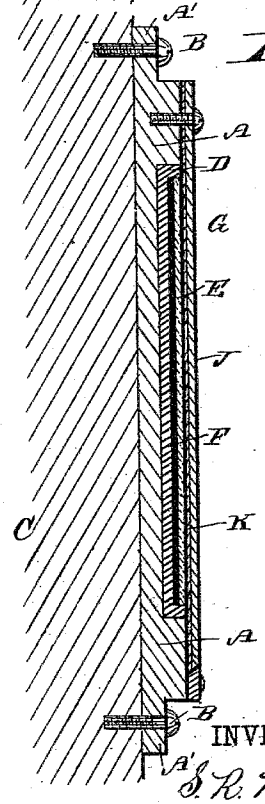


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SOLOMON R. MILLER, of Mount Union, in the county of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tombstones, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to that class of tombstones on which photographs of the deceased are held in suitable frames; and the object of my invention is to provide certain new and useful improvements in the said frame, whereby the said picture will be protected from atmospheric and like influences, so that it can be preserved perfectly for any length of time.

The invention consists in a casing for receiving a picture, and adapted to be secured on a tombstone, which casing is provided with a rubber lining for holding the glass covering the picture air and water tight. A washer or packing is held between the cover and the casing.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved picture-holder for tombstones, parts being broken out and in section. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same on the line *x x;* Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a face view of a modification of the picture-holder, showing the cover partly removed. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same.

A circular externally-screw-threaded casing, A, is provided with two or more lugs, A', through which screws B or bolts are passed into the tombstone C, for the purpose of holding the casing on the said tombstone. The bottom and sides of the cavity in the casing A are provided with a lining, D, of rubber, and on the same the picture E is placed, and the glass F is placed on the picture and forced within the raised rim of the rubber lining, whereby the glass will be held firmly and with air and water tight joints within the casing A. Neither air nor moisture can act on the picture, as the glass F and the rubber casing D protect it. A rubber washer, G, is then placed on the edge of the casing, and the covering-cap H is screwed on firmly, and can easily be removed to view the picture. The square picture-holder shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is constructed in a similar manner; but in this case the cover J is pivoted at its top, so that it can be swung to one side. The inner side of the cover is provided with a packing-layer, K, of rubber, so that the cover will at all times form an absolutely-close joint with the frame or the casing. The pictures can be made any desired size—that is, from a locket-picture to a solar print. The covers carry the inscription "Look at me, then cover my face," or words meaning the same, so that the pictures will never remain uncovered for any great length of time.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A tombstone having a hollow box or case made fast thereto, said case being provided with a round cover overlapping and screwing on an annular projection thereof, a rubber lining, D, with a raised rim, and a glass plate forced within said rim, as shown and described, whereby a picture of deceased may be protected from air and moisture.

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