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Fig-1

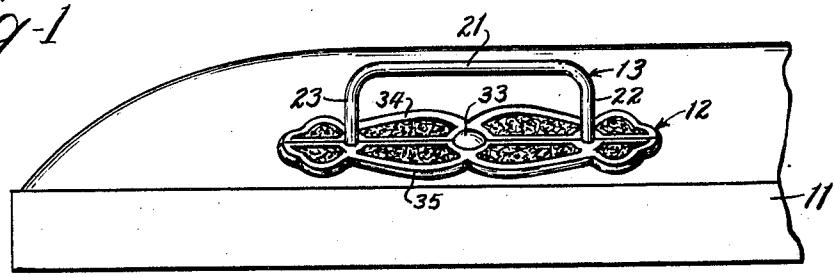


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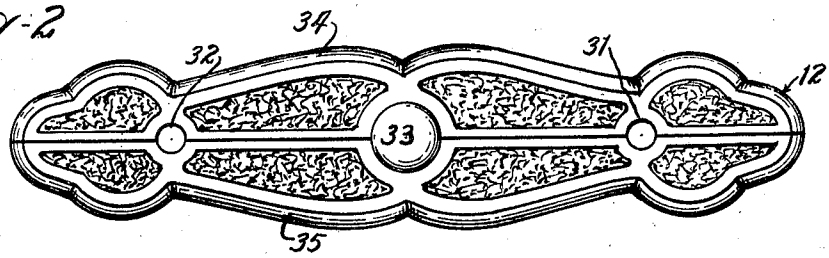
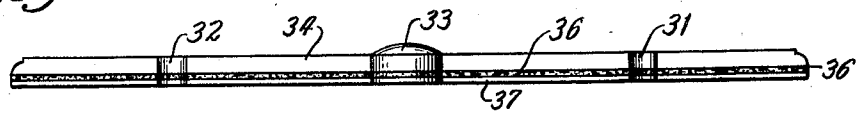


Fig-3



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This invention relates to a decorative handle trimmer particularly adapted to the ornamentation of concrete burial vault covers.

An important object of the invention is to provide an ornamental trimmer with which the ordinary rod hand holds or handles of concrete burial vault covers and other parts may be economically ornamented.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a trimming device which may be applied to concrete burial vault covers for the ornamentation thereof after the rough handling incidental to production and processing has been completed.

Finishing and molding operations incidental to the production of concrete burial vault parts render impractical the application of complex ornamental designs to the exterior of the part and therefore these devices are ordinarily produced with relatively plain exterior surfaces and ordinary hand holds or handles formed of bent rod anchored into the concrete during molding. These bent rod handles serve to facilitate manipulation of the vault part during processing and later when the vault is put into use but they are not ornamental and such covers have heretofore been quite plain in appearance except in some instances where costly hand finishing has been applied. This invention makes possible an economical ornamentation which materially enhances the beauty and value of such burial vault parts.

Other objects of the invention will be apparent as the invention is better understood from the following description, which, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing discloses one embodiment thereof.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevational view showing an end portion of a concrete burial vault of a common design having an attached handle which is decorated or trimmed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of the trimmer shown applied to the vault cover in Figure 1; and

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the uppermost piece of the trimmer shown in Fig. 2 as it would appear when separated from the lowermost piece along the longitudinal center line in Fig. 2 and viewed from below in that figure.

To illustrate the invention I have shown an end portion of a common commercial type of concrete burial vault cover part 11, in elevation, to which a trimmer 12 is applied embodying my invention and at the base of a hand hold or handle 13.

The vault cover part 11 is not illustrated in detail because these devices are well known to all who are familiar with the art and because the particular form of the part or the arrangement of the hand hold 13 thereon is unimportant.

Vault covers of the type illustrated are normally provided with six of the handles 13, three of which are arranged along each of the longitudinal sides of the cover.

The handles 13 illustrated are formed of metal rod bent to form a horizontal bar 21, such as may be manually engaged or engaged by carrying straps or hooks and the like, end posts 22 and 23 depending therefrom and extending into the body of the vault part 11, and suitable laterally bent end portions, not shown, for rigidly engaging in the concrete body of the vault part 11. These handles are normally set in the molds of vault parts in the desired position and are securely anchored into the parts as an incident to the molding process.

The trimmer 12 is a plate having an ornamental perimeter and top surface configurations of ornamental design that may be readily secured to the vault part at the base of the handle 13 as illustrated. Suitable apertures 31 and 32 are formed in the plate through which the end posts 22 and 23 of the handles 13 may extend.

The trimmer plate 12 may be formed of metal or of a suitable plastic and when formed of metal or of a nonflexing plastic it may be formed in two parts, with the parting entering into or extending through the apertures 31 and 32.

The parting line of the trimmer plate illustrated follows the longitudinal center line of the plate in Fig. 2 except near the center thereof where it follows the periphery of a circular button 33, and when parted in this manner or divided into plate parts 34 and 35, the device may be assembled to the vault part without folding or material bending. The button 33 may be formed integral with either one of the parts 34 and 35 or may be formed separate and of another material such as colored glass or the like.

An economical plate 12 may be formed of a temperature hardening asphaltic plastic which may be formed in one piece and flexed into position at the base of the handle 13 while warm.

A layer of an adhesive material 36 may be applied to the bottom surface or surfaces of the trimmer plate 12 so that an economy of time will be effected when a set of plates are applied to a vault part and to preserve or protect this layer of adhesive material until the plate is to be applied and during storage or transportation a cover 37 of an impervious and preservative ma-

terial is applied to cover the adhesive layer 36 as illustrated in Fig. 3.

When the trimmer plate 12 is to be applied to a vault part the impervious cover 37 is removed and the plate is pressed firmly against the surface of the vault part.

It will be obvious that an adhesive may likewise be applied to the vault parts when production methods warrant.

It is thought that the invention and many of its attendant advantages will be understood from the foregoing description, and it will be apparent that various changes may be made in the form, construction, and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, or sacrificing all of its material advantages, the form hereinbefore described being merely a preferred embodiment thereof.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An article of manufacture of the character described comprising a plate of asphaltic material having an ornamental top surface and a bottom surface, a coating of adhesive material applied to the bottom surface of said plate whereby the plate may be secured to a vault part, and a temporary protective covering applied to and covering the adhesive whereby the condition thereof is maintained until the plate is applied to a vault part, said plate being formed of two parts to facilitate positioning in parts and on opposite sides of a handle to completely surround a portion thereof.

2. An article of manufacture of the character described comprising a plate of asphaltic material having an ornamental top surface and a bottom surface, a coating of adhesive material applied to the bottom surface of said plate whereby the plate may be secured to a vault part, and a temporary protective covering applied to and covering the adhesive whereby the condition thereof is maintained until the plate is applied to a vault part, said plate being formed of separable parts having a common junction line and adapted for mounting in juxtaposition embracing at least a portion of a handle of a burial vault part.

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