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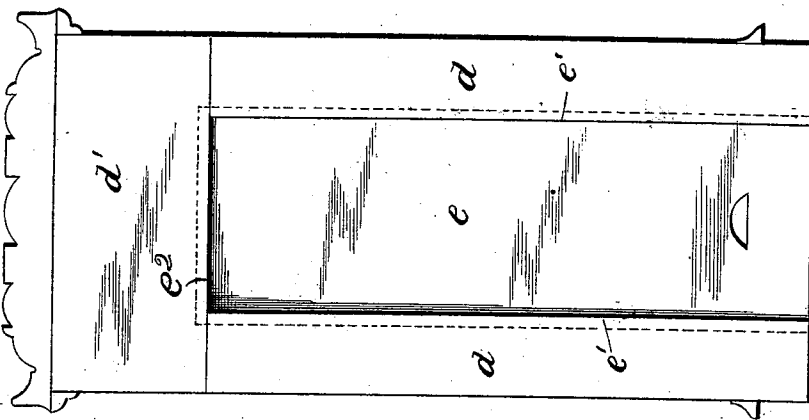
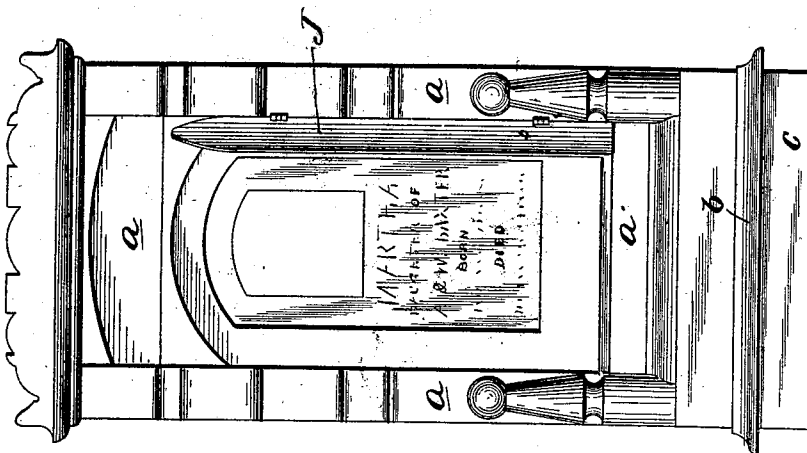


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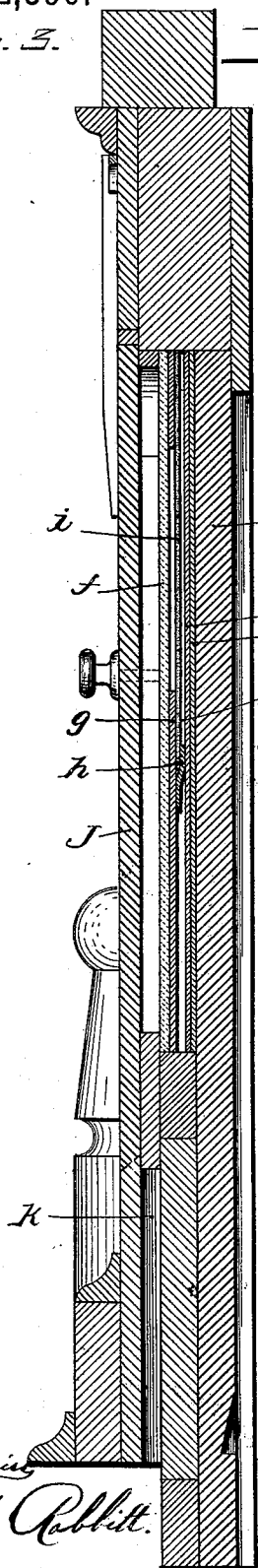
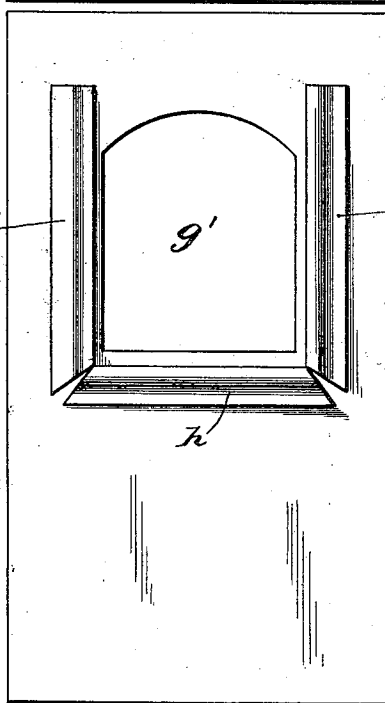
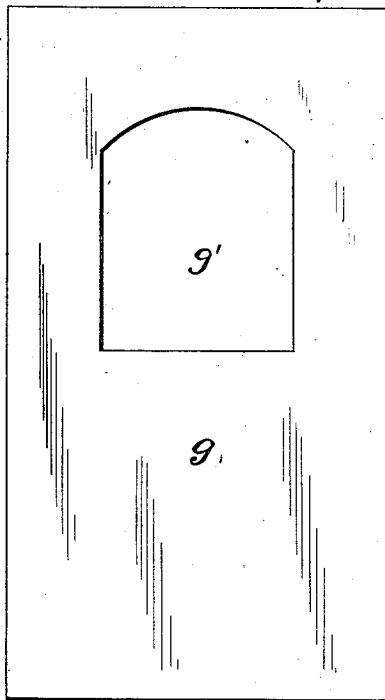


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALONZO RUSSELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Russellville, in the county of Pope and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Monuments; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention is a monument and consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts.

The object of my invention is to produce a monument that will be easily attached to a head-stone of a grave, and contains a likeness of the departed one of whom the monument is in memoriam. The monument is to be put together in such a way as to secure the likeness from destruction by moisture, rain, frost, snow, or other devouring elements of nature, and by reckless boys.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a face view of my monument with the door standing open. Fig. 2 is a rear view of my monument. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of my monument. Fig. 4 is a face view of the likeness-holder, and Fig. 5 is a rear view of the same.

My invention is described as follows: *a, a*, are the four front frame pieces provided with suitable base and head-pieces and ornamentations.

b, is the flange to the base.

c, is a projection that reaches below the flange and is intended to enter a mortise in the grave-stone.

d, d, d', are the side and head pieces on the back of the monument, and *e*, is a sliding door that enters the grooves *e'*, in the side pieces, and the groove *e²*, in the head piece.

The opening in the front face of the frame is for the purpose of allowing the face of the picture plate and picture to be seen, and in the rear face of the monument is a recess a little larger than the opening in the front face of the same, and is intended to hold the pic-

ture plate, the picture, and the parts necessary to protect the same. Said recess is filled with a heavy plate glass *f*. Just in rear of said plate glass and fitting in the frame is the metal plate *g*, having a likeness opening *g'*. On the rear of the metal plate *g*, are secured a bottom cross flange *h*, and side flanges *h'*, leaving grooves or slots between the inner edges of said flanges and the rear of the plate. The likeness-plate *i*, is put in from the top, the likeness being seen through the opening *g'*. *i', i²*, are stuffing pads made of impressible material. *j*, is the door.

Just in front of the projection *c*, and extending upward nearly to the base of the door, and between the front and rear parts of the monument is an opening *k*, which is nearly as wide as the monument. This is intended to receive a blade seated and secured in the grave-stone, it being intended that the blade entering said opening and the projection *c*, entering a like opening in the stone will securely hold the monument in place.

The door *j*, is strong and properly hinged to the face of the monument and locked or otherwise secured, so that it may be opened only by persons having authority to do so, the door and likeness-holder to contain suitable inscriptions.

In putting the monument together the glass plate is first put in the recess, laid in weather proof cement or other weather proof material. The likeness-holder is then put in on said glass, its face to the front. The likeness is then slipped in under the flanges *h, h'*. The stuffing pads *i', i²*, are then laid on the back of the likeness-holder. These pads are sufficiently thick to compress all the parts just mentioned when the sliding door is put in; the sliding door *e*, is then put in starting it from the bottom. It will be observed that it runs up into the groove *e²*, in the head-piece *d'*, thus preventing rain from entering in between it.

Every part of the monument just described, that is to say, the glass, the likeness-holder, the likeness, the stuffing pads, and the sliding door, are laid in with weather proof cement or other weather proof material, and the projection *c*, and the blade that enters the opening *k*, are also laid in with weather proof cement

or other weather proof material, so that when the monument is put together and in place, it is firmly rooted and weather proof.

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

1. A monument, consisting of the frame *a*, provided with proper base and ornamentations, front openings and rear recess; glass *f*,
10 fitting in the recess of said frame; likeness-holder *g*, having the opening *g'*, and secured to its rear face flanges *h*, *h'*; likeness-plate *i*, fitted between the flange *h*, *h'*, and likeness-plate *g*; stuffing pads *i'*, *i''*; and sliding door
15 *e*, fitting in the grooves *e'*, and *e''*, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

2. A monument, consisting of the frame *a*, provided with front opening and rear recess; projection *c*, and opening *k*; glass *f*, fitting in
20 the recess of said frame; likeness-holder *g*, having the opening *g'*, and secured to its rear face flanges *h*, *h'*; likeness-plate *i*, fitted between the flanges *h*, *h'*; and likeness-plate *g*,
25 and stuffing pads *i'*, *i''*; and sliding door *e*, fitting in the grooves *e'*, *e''*, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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