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GRAVE MARKER

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Fig. 1.

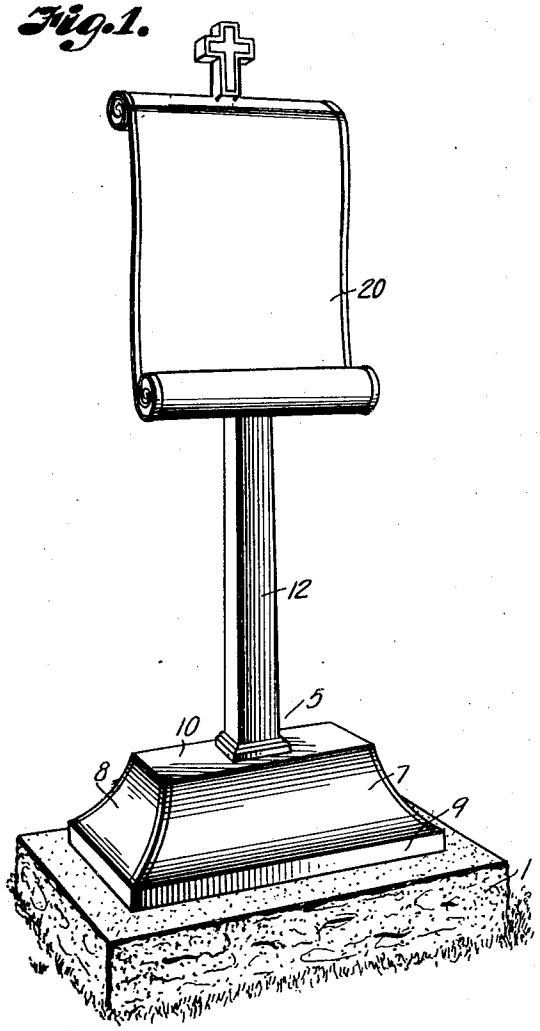


Fig. 2.

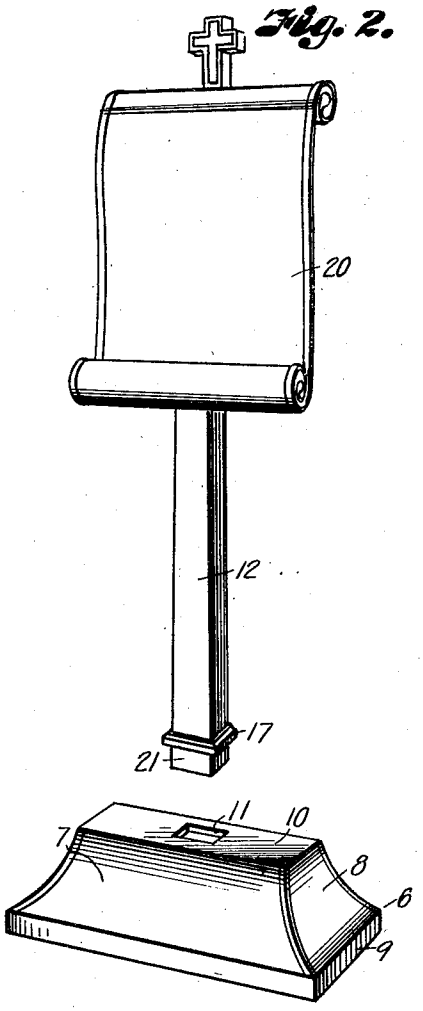
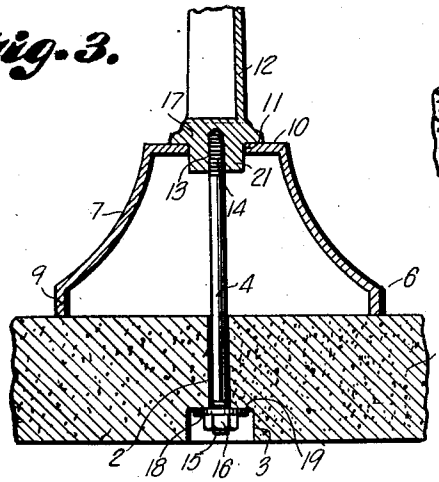
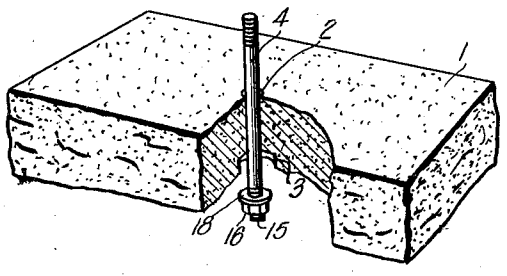


Fig. 3.





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My invention relates to grave markers, and has for its principal objects to facilitate the attachment of a marker to a base block, to cover the attaching means for the marker for protecting said means, and to conceal the attaching means for enhancing the attractiveness of the marker.

The invention pertains particularly to devices of the character mentioned including stone bases and metal markers comprising pedestals and plates on which inscriptions may be placed, a further object of the invention being to attach a metal pedestal to a stone base in such a manner as to assure permanence, conceal the attaching means, and reduce the number of parts required for erecting a marker.

In accomplishing these and other objects, of the invention, I have provided improved details of structure, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a grave marker constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a base and pedestal members of the marker, in spaced relation, the base member being partly broken away to illustrate an attaching bolt mounted in functioning position therein.

Fig. 3 is a central vertical section of the members in assembled relation including the lower end portion of the stem.

Referring in detail to the drawings:

1 designates a support preferably comprising a block of stone having a vertical central through opening 2 enlarged at its lower end to form a concentric recess or socket 3 in the bottom face of the block to receive a bolt 4 for attaching a pedestal 5 to the block.

The pedestal 5 includes a base 6 preferably formed of metal and hollow, having upwardly converging side and end walls 7 and 8, block-engaging vertical flanges 9 at the lower edges of the walls, and a web-like top wall or covering plate 10 provided with a central opening 11 to receive a post-like standard or stem 12 also formed of metal.

The stem is provided with an axial threaded opening 13 in its lower end to receive the threaded upper end 14 of the bolt 4, the lower threaded end 15 of which projects into the recess 3 to receive a nut 16 for connecting the pedestal with the block.

Formed on the periphery of the stem in spaced relation with the lower end thereof is an annular flange-like boss 17 comprising a shoulder or stop member encircling the stem and adapted to seat on and engage the top of the base 6 when the stem is inserted in the opening 11.

A washer 18 is mounted on the lower end of the bolt between the nut and the floor 19 of the recess, to provide a relatively extensive bearing area for the nut for anchoring the bolt and pedestal to the block. When the stem is mounted on the base and screw-threadedly engaged with the bolt, the nut may be screwed on the lower end of the bolt for clamping the stem and base to the block.

A laterally extending leaf or tablet 20 is provided at the upper end of the stem to receive inscription.

The stem is further preferably rectangular in cross section, and the tenon 21 produced by the forming of the shoulder 17 as well as the opening 11 are also rectangular, whereby the stem is restrained against rotation when mounted on the base, and the positioning of the tablet in parallel relation with the base and block is assured.

In a device constructed as described the pedestal may be securely attached to the block with relatively little effort, the single bolt effecting the permanent connection of the stem with the base and of the stem and base with the block.

The screwthreaded joint of the stem with the bolt is concealed and protected from malicious disturbance and from weather effects by the walls of the base 6, and the block-engaged portion of the bolt is protected and concealed in the recess in the ground-engaging lower face of the block.

The use of the relatively resilient walls of the hollow metal base 6, and of the resilient single bolt, enable the pedestal to yield slightly to strains, and prevent breaking of parts or separation of joints. The mounting of the stem in the top of the hollow base

in spaced relation with the block further reduces hazard of separation of members, since the stem and base tend to move together in relation to the block.

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

A grave marker comprising a solid block of substantially a uniform thickness having a flat upper face throughout and provided with a vertical opening enlarged at the lower face of the block to form a recess, a pedestal including a hollow elongated base and a stem, said base having integral top, side and end walls and resting upon and rising from the top surface of the block and having its top wall disposed in spaced relation to the block and substantially parallel therewith and provided with a rectangular opening in vertical alignment with said opening in the block, said stem having a solid rectangular lower end fitting in the rectangular opening in the top wall of said hollow base and provided with a shoulder resting upon the upper face of the top wall of the hollow base to limit the inward projection of said rectangular lower end of the stem into the hollow base, the lower end of the stem also having an axial screw threaded opening and a relatively short headed bolt passing through said hollow base and having its inner end screw threaded and terminating at substantially the plane of the top of the hollow base and engaged in the axial screw threaded opening in the lower end of the block, whereby through the instrumentality of a single bolt to tie said elements together and to conceal said bolt wholly within the marker and protect it from the weather, said bolt being operable for attaching purposes and removable only through the lower face of the block when the grave marker is in an inclined or horizontal position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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