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PHOTOGRAPHIC CASE FOR TOMBSTONES.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

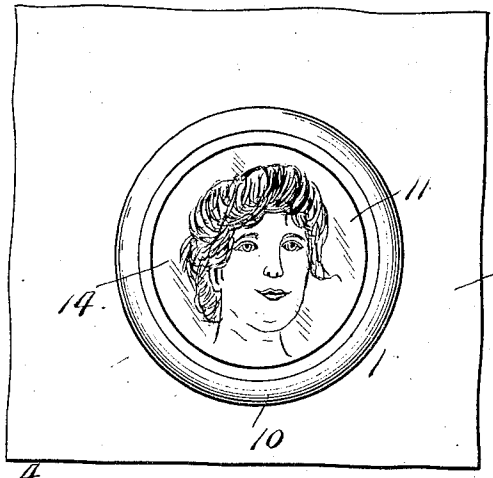


Fig. 2.

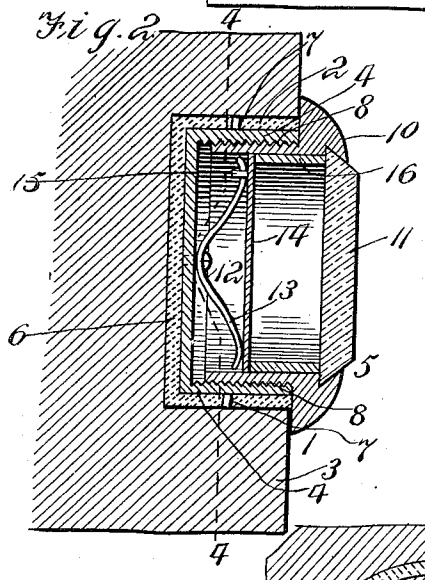


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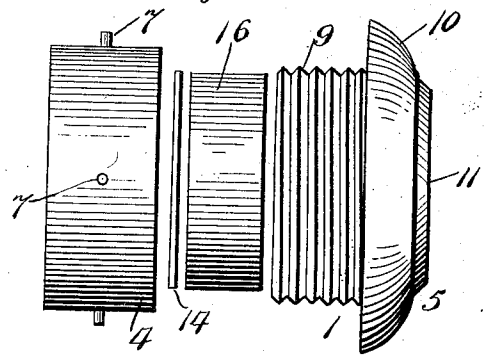
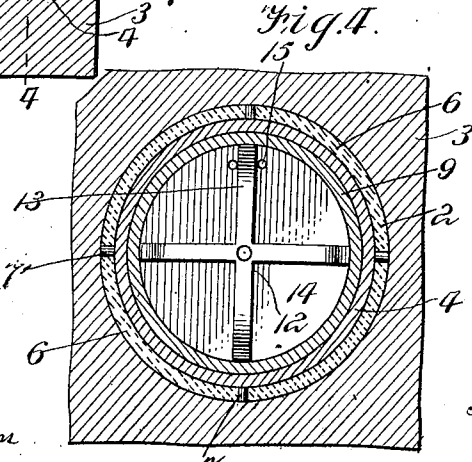


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES W. M. WITT, residing at Cedarbluff, and ZACHARIAH D. LANEY, residing at Blanch, in the county of Cherokee and State of Alabama, citizens of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Photographic Cases for Tombstones; and we 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.

This invention relates to cases or holders for attaching photographs, portraits, inscriptions, and the like upon tombstones, monuments, or other objects.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is of simple, durable, and inexpensive construction and which will be entirely air and water tight to preserve the picture of the deceased upon whose tombstone the case is secured.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of our invention, showing the same attached to a portion of a tombstone, monument, or other object. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the device, showing the parts separated. Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 denotes the case or holder, which is adapted to be secured in the cavity or recess 2, cut, drilled, or otherwise formed in the tombstone or monument 3. The case or holder comprises the receptacle or cup 4 and the cover 5. The receptacle 4 is adapted to be secured in the cavity 2 with cement or molten metal 6, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The radially-projecting anchor-pins 7 will hold the receptacle in position while being secured and will become embedded in the cement and hold the device securely in place. In order to secure the cover 5 upon the receptacle, the latter is internally screw-threaded, as shown at 8, to receive the externally-screw-threaded flange 9 upon the cover. The cover comprises the rim 10, from which the flange 9 projects, and the transparent disk or plate 11, preferably of glass, which is secured in said rim.

Secured to the center of the bottom of the receptacle 4 upon the inside is a spring 12, having the arms 13, which are adapted to bear against the back of the picture, card, plate, or other device 14, which the case is to contain. The back of the picture 14 is provided with the two parallel pins or studs 15, which are adapted to engage one of the arms 13 of the spring, and thereby hold the picture immovable as the cover is screwed down upon the receptacle.

In order to provide a lining for the case and to space the picture from the glass in the cover, the ring 16 is placed in the receptacle upon the top of the picture, as seen in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

After the receptacle has been secured in the cavity of the tombstone or other object, as previously described, the parts are assembled, as seen in Fig. 2, by placing the picture upon the spring, with one of the arms of the latter between the pins on the picture, then placing the lining-ring upon the picture, and screwing the cover down firmly into the receptacle until the rim of the cover engages the face of the tombstone or other object. It is thus seen that a very simple, durable, and water-tight case or holder is provided which may be readily attached or secured to any object and which will protect and preserve the picture or other device which it contains.

The case or holder may contain a photograph, portrait, picture, inscription, or any object and may be secured upon any monument, tombstone, machine, piece of furniture, or other object, as desired.

It will be understood that the invention may be constructed of any desired material and may be ornamented or plain, as desired.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the prin-

ciple or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a cylindrical cup open on its outer side, interiorly screw-threaded, having a spring secured in its inner end and provided with exterior anchoring devices, a picture bearing against said spring and engaging the same to prevent revoluble movement of the picture, a cover having a lateral rim projecting laterally beyond the cup and having an annular flange to enter the cup, said flange being screw-threaded and engaging the threaded inner side of the cup, a ring in the said cover bearing on the outer side of the picture and coacting with the spring to hold the picture in place, substantially as described.

2. A device of the character described having a spring to bear against the picture, a ring to bear against the opposite side of the picture, and means to secure the picture to the spring to prevent movement of the picture, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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