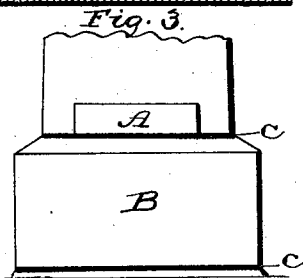
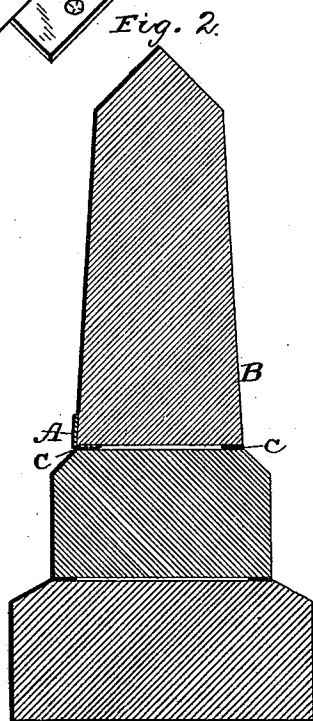
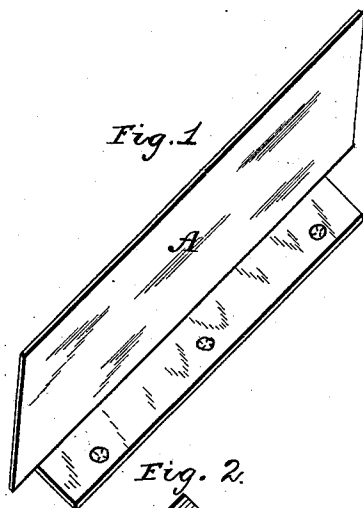


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOUSTON K. COTTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Vernon, in the county of Knox and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Name-Plates for Tombstones and Monuments; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to an improvement in name-plates; and it consists of a bent or angular-shaped plate having a suitable inscription thereon, and which is to be attached to tombstones and monuments, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a plate which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of a tombstone, showing the manner of attaching my name-plate thereto. Fig. 3 is a front view of a portion of the monument or tombstone, showing the name-plate attached thereto.

B represents a tombstone or monument of any desired construction, and A my name-plate. This name-plate may be made of sheet metal or any other material that may be preferred, and is made in the angular shape shown, so as to adapt it to be placed in position between the base stone and the tombstone or monument, as shown in Fig. 2.

The material out of which the name-plate is made should be elastic, and the vertical portion of the plate should be bent backward a suitable distance, so that when the tombstone or monument is placed in position on the base stone, and embracing the horizontal portion of the plate between, this slightly-inclined vertical portion of the plate is sprung back into a vertical position and clings to the front of the stone or monument in proportion to its elasticity. The plate thus formed, together with the elasticity of the same, prevents the vertical portion of the plate from standing out from the front of the stone at its upper edge, enables a much lighter and cheaper material to be used than could otherwise be done, and causes the plate to adhere tightly to the front of the tombstone or monu-

ment. Strips of lead C are always used between the different parts of the monument, both to level them and form a tight joint between the parts, and it is upon this lead that I largely depend in holding the plates in position. The flange or horizontal portion is always corrugated or roughened by having holes punched through it or otherwise, so that it will be held more firmly between the wedge lead (which is always used in setting tombstones and monuments) and the upper stone.

The plate can be attached to the tombstone or monument while the same is being placed in position on the base stone at the time it is erected; or it can be attached after it is completed by inserting the flange or horizontal part between the tombstone and the base stone, and then drive the wedge lead under the flange, which forces it against the lower side or bottom of the upper stone; and the flange being roughened, as above stated, is so firmly held between the upper stone and the wedge lead that it cannot be removed by ordinary force.

The object of my invention is to provide a name-plate which can be attached to tombstones and monuments, and which will display the name of the maker where such name is not allowed or cannot be cut into the stone or monument.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A tombstone or monument, made of two or more pieces, and the pieces of lead placed between the parts, combined with an angular name plate made of elastic material, having its outer vertical portion bent back out of a right angle, so that when the plate is forced into position between the two parts of the monument the vertical portion will be made to hug its face, substantially as shown and described.

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

HOUSTON K. COTTON.

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