

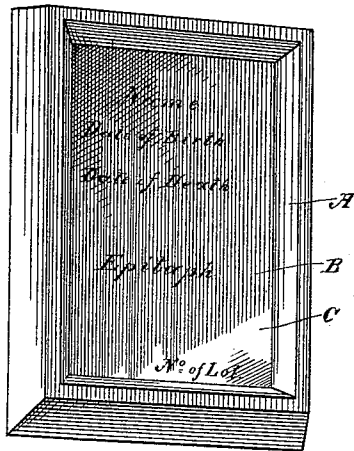
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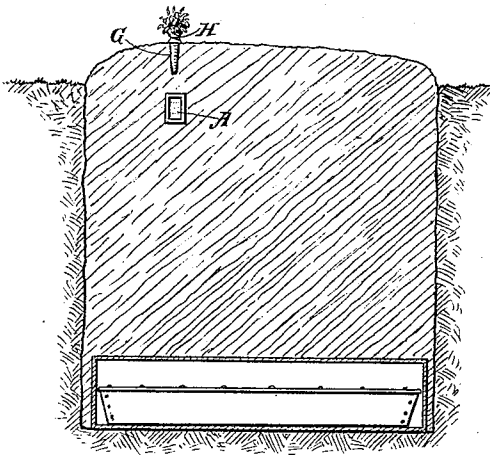
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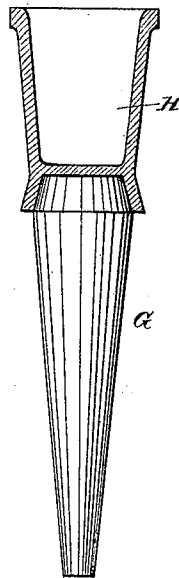
*Fig. 1.*



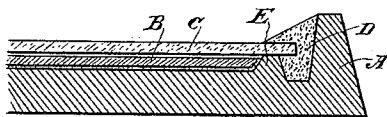
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## MEMORIAL BURIAL TABLET AND INDICATOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JONATHAN WINCHESTER HUNT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kirby, Josephine county, State of Oregon, have invented an Improvement in Memorial Burial Tablets and Indicators; and I hereby declare the following to be full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to what I term a memorial burial-tablet, witness-pin or indicator, and receptacle.

It consists of a tablet made of indestructible material bearing the necessary inscriptions, said tablet being buried beneath the soil of the grave, and in conjunction therewith of an indicator or pin, which shows the location of the tablet and at the same time serves to support a receptacle for flowers or other articles.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a view of the tablet. Fig. 2 is a section of a grave showing the relative position of the tablet, pin, and the receptacle. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the indicator-pin and receptacle. Fig. 4 is a cross-section through a part of the tablet.

A is the tablet, which is made of any suitable or desired size, preferably about six or seven inches by four. This tablet is made of clay burned to the consistency of stoneware or pottery, and it has a depression made in the upper surface in which is placed a plate or tablet B, made of copper, nickel, silver, or any indestructible material. This plate B is fitted into the depression in the face of the tablet, and is covered with a glass C, which is set in Portland cement, there being a groove or channel D made for the reception of the cement, and an inner raised ledge E, upon which the glass rests out of contact with the inscription-plate, its edges being also out of contact with the interior periphery of the tablet itself. When this cement has properly set, the whole will be perfectly impervious to water or air. This tablet is buried in the soil above the grave to the depth of a foot or more, and directly above it is fitted the witness or

indicating pin G, which stands perpendicularly in the soil pointing directly to the tablet beneath. This pin is shown in the present case as made tapering, and the upper end is also made in the form of a frustum of a cone and adapted to fit into a correspondingly-shaped depression in the bottom of the cup or receptacle H. The pin and receptacle are made of similar material to the tablet, and the receptacle is held steadily in position when fitted upon the upper end of the pin.

The object of this device is to provide a suitable means for identifying any grave from which all external marks may have been destroyed, and as the tablet contains all the necessary inscriptions and the pin points to its position, it will be easy at any time to identify the grave and know who has been buried in it.

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

1. A memorial-tablet of indestructible material adapted to be buried below the surface of the ground and containing suitable inscriptions, in combination with an indicator projecting exterior of the soil and in the vertical plane of the tablet, substantially as herein described.

2. A memorial-tablet of indestructible material adapted to be located horizontally in the grave below the top surface thereof, said tablet having a recess for an inscription-plate, a glass covering for said plate, a ledge supporting the glass plate above and out of contact with the inscription-plate, and a groove or channel surrounding the ledge and adapted to receive a filling of cement, in combination with an indicator or pin in the vertical plane of the tablet projecting exterior of the grave and provided with a receptacle at its upper end, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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