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GRAVE MARKER

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Fig. 1.

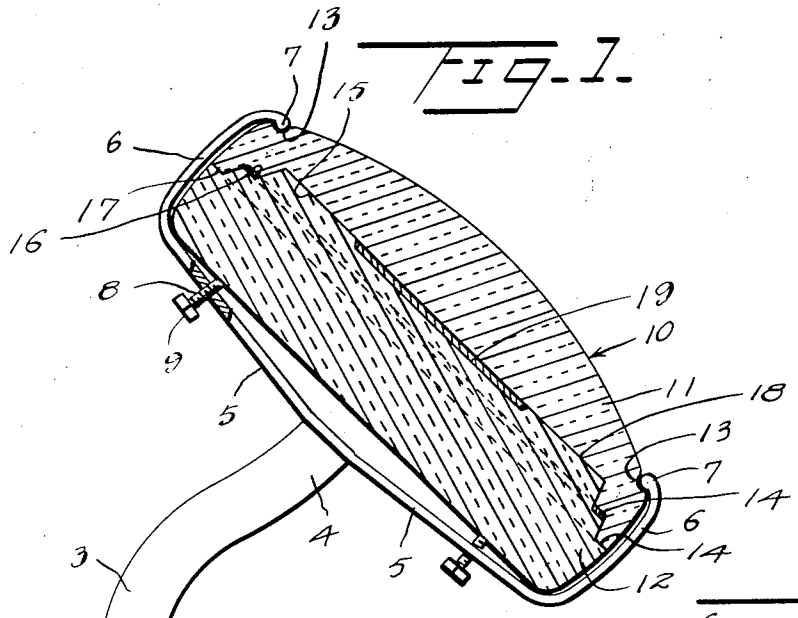


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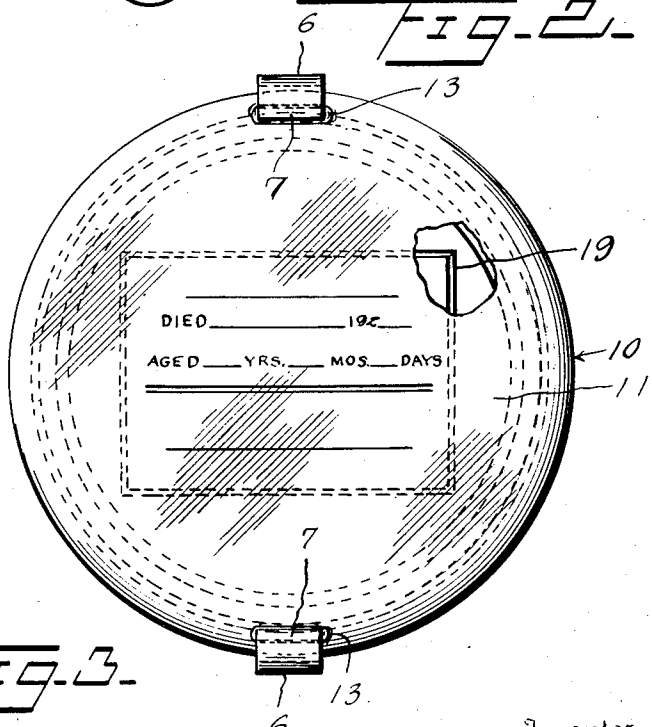
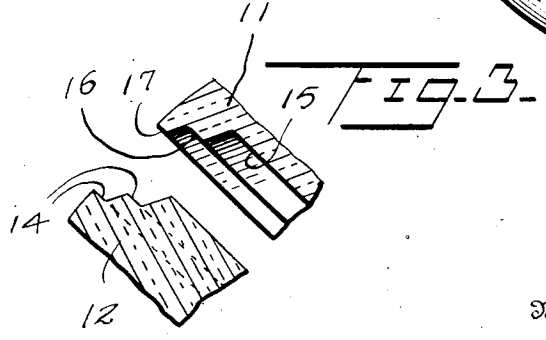


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This invention relates to improvements in marking or identifying devices and pertains particularly to a marking device designed for use upon graves.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a grave marker or a marker for any location which is exposed to the weather, which is designed to maintain a permanent record of a desired character over a long period of time, the marker being particularly designed to withstand the effects of the elements.

Another object of the invention is to provide a marker for the above described purpose which is designed to receive a printed or written record and to retain the same on display but effectively shielded from the elements so that the record will remain indefinitely.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the description of the same proceeds and the invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, with the understanding, however, that the invention is not confined to any strict conformity with the showing of the drawing but may be changed or modified so long as such changes or modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a view in transverse section of the head portion of the device embodying the present invention, the supporting structure therefor being shown in elevation;

Figure 2 is a view in plan of the device;

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view through a portion of the head unit showing details of construction.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing wherein like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 1 indicates a standard formed of a suitable rust resisting material, the lower end of which is pointed as indicated at 2 to facilitate its ready extension into the ground. The upper end of the standard is preferably bent as indicated at 3 so that an upper portion 4 will extend obliquely of the lower portion which is designed to be vertically disposed in the ground.

Upon the upper end portion 4 of the standard are fixed arms 5 each of which has a right angularly turned outer end portion 6 which terminates in the inturned finger 7.

Each of the arms 5 has threaded therethrough a screw 8 which is provided with a head 9 which may be in the form of a pair of wings or a circular knurled head or any other shape which will facilitate the convenient grasping and turning of the screw.

Disposed against the arms 5 and located between the opposed turned portions 6 is a body which is indicated as a whole by the numeral 10 and which is formed of glass and in the two portions 11 and 12. This body 10 is preferably in the form of a disk and the outer face of the top portion 11 is convexed as illustrated and may be provided with recesses 13 adjacent its periphery in which the finger portions 7 at the ends of the arms may engage.

The confronting surfaces of the portions of the body 10 are formed to interfit. The top face of the lower portion is formed to provide the two annular shoulders 14 which as shown are one within the other and on different planes. The shoulder of smaller circumference is set in from the outer shoulder and the inner face of the upper portion 11 is provided with the central recess 15, the wall of which is offset throughout along one line to form the shoulder 16 which, when the two bodies are together, contacts the inner one of the two shoulders 14. The inner face 17 of the portion 11 immediately adjacent the periphery thereof engages the outer one of the shoulders 14.

When the bodies 11 and 12 are in assembled relation a gasket is disposed between the inner one of the shoulders 14 and the shoulder 16 so that a water and dust-tight joint is formed and nothing can enter between the top surface 18 of the lower portion 12 and the inner wall of the recess 15.

The top surface 18 of the lower portion 12 is provided with a recess 19 for the reception of a card or any other article which it is desired to preserve on display.

After the article to be displayed has been located between the bodies 11 and 12 the entire body or unit 10 is inserted between the portion 6 of the arms 5 so as to engage the finger ends 7 thereof in the recesses or notches 13 and the screws 8 are then threaded inwardly to abut the bottom of the portion 12 and thus bind the body 10 firmly in place against the inturned ends of the arm portions 6.

While there has been illustrated a supporting standard in which the upper end is turned at an angle so that the card or other article in the recess 19 may be easily viewed by a person standing in front of the marker, it is to be understood

that the invention is not to be limited to this specific construction as it will be readily apparent that the standard 1 may be made straight throughout so that the unit 10 will lie upon a horizontal plane or a plane perpendicular to the standard.

From the foregoing it will be readily apparent that a card or other object placed between the two portions of the glass body 10 will be protected from the effects of dust and water after the two parts have been firmly clamped together and thus the article on display will remain in its original condition over a long period of time and can be readily seen at any time through the glass body in which it is housed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

1. A marker of the character described, comprising a body formed in two portions and having the confronting faces thereof formed for the entrance of a portion of one into the other, means for locating an object between said confronting faces, one of the portions of said body being transparent, means for preventing the entrance of moisture between the confronting faces of the body portions, and means for clamping said portions together.

2. A marker of the character described, comprising a body formed in two portions, one of said portions being of transparent material, means for positioning an object between said portions for display through the transparent one thereof, and means for securing the said portions together comprising a supporting element for the body, a pair of members extending across the edge of the body portion and engaging the top surface of one thereof and elements carried by the supporting body for exerting pressure against the outer face of the other of the portions.

3. A marker of the character described, comprising a body formed of two plate-like portions one disposed upon the other, one of said portions being of transparent material and having its outer face convexed, one of the confronting faces of the two portions being formed to provide a recess and the confronting face of the other portion having a peripheral channel forming a surrounding shoulder and an upstanding central portion adapted to enter said recess, the top surface of the said upstanding central portion being recessed to receive an object to be displayed through the transparent portion, means interposed between the said shoulder and the abutting face of the other portion for preventing the entrance of moisture between the portions, means for clamping the two portions together, and supporting means for the body.

4. A marker of the character described, comprising a body formed of two plate-like portions one disposed upon the other, one of said portions being of transparent material and having its outer face convexed, one of the confronting faces of the two portions being formed to provide a recess and the confronting face of the other portion having a peripheral channel forming a surrounding shoulder and an upstanding central portion adapted to enter said recess, the top surface of the said upstanding central portion being recessed to receive an object to be displayed through the transparent portion, means interposed between the said shoulder and the abutting face of the other portion for preventing the entrance of moisture between the portions, a supporting standard for the body, a pair of arms carried by the standard and having the body mounted thereon with the convex surface directed outwardly therefrom, laterally extending terminals for said arms each extending across the edges of the body portions and each terminating in an inturned finger engaging the said outwardly directed surface, and means carried by the arms for exerting pressure against the under side of the body to force the portions together against said fingers.

5. A marker of the character described, comprising a body formed in two portions and having the confronting faces thereof formed for the entrance of a portion of one into the other whereby the portions are held against relative sliding movement, with the surfaces perpendicular to the confronting faces flush with one another, means for positioning an object between said confronting faces, one of the portions of said body being transparent, and means for clamping said portions together.

6. A marker of the character described, comprising two members disposed one upon the other, one of said members being transparent and constituting the top member of the marker, means for positioning a body between the members, a body disposed across the under face of the bottom member and having end portions extending across the edges of the members and engaging the top member, and means carried by said body and engaging the bottom member for effecting the clamping of the members together.

7. A marker of the character described, comprising two members disposed one upon the other, one of said members being transparent and constituting the top member of the marker, means for positioning a body between the members, a body disposed across the under face of the bottom member and having end portions extending across the edges of the members and engaging the top member, means carried by said body and engaging the bottom member for effecting the clamping of the members together, and a ground penetrating element carried by said body.

8. A marker, comprising two superimposed bodies, one being transparent, between which another body may be placed, a support, means connecting the support with one of the bodies, and means carried by the first means and engaging the other body to effect the firm connection of the bodies together.

9. A marker, comprising two superimposed bodies between which another body may be placed, one of the first bodies being transparent, a support, a pair of arms carried by the support and extending from one side of one of the two bodies across the plane of the opposed faces thereof to and engaging the other one of the two bodies, and means carried by said arms exerting a reacting force between the same and the said one side of the body across which the arms extend to secure the two bodies together.

10. A marker comprising two superimposed bodies of equal overall circumferential extent, one of the two opposing sides of said bodies being recessed, the other of the two said sides having a forward standing portion entering said recess, one of said bodies being transparent whereby material between the bodies may be viewed therethrough, and means for securing the bodies together.

11. A marker comprising two superimposed bodies, one of the two opposing sides of said bodies being recessed, the other of the two said sides having a forward standing portion enter-

ing said recess, one of said bodies being transparent whereby material between the bodies may be viewed therethrough, a ground penetrating support, and means carried by the support for securing the bodies together.

12. A marker, comprising two superimposed bodies, one of the two opposing sides of said bodies being recessed, the other of the two said sides having a forward standing portion entering said recess, one of said bodies being transparent whereby material between the bodies may be viewed therethrough, a sealing ring outside the forward standing portion and interposed between the bodies, means for securing the bodies together, and means for supporting the bodies.

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