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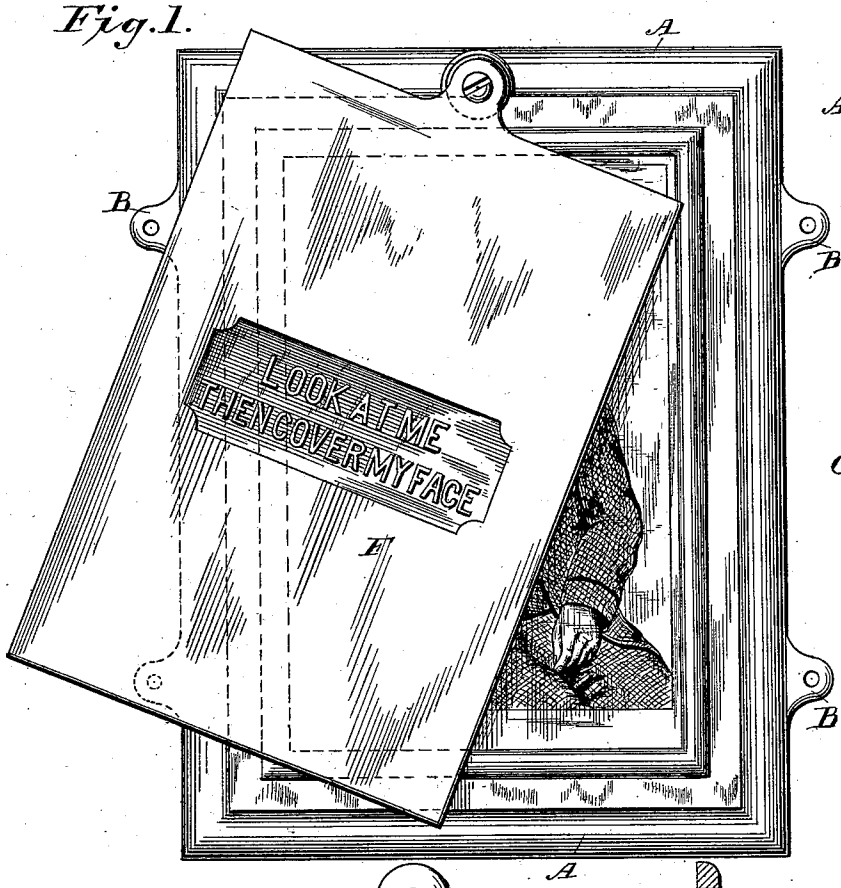


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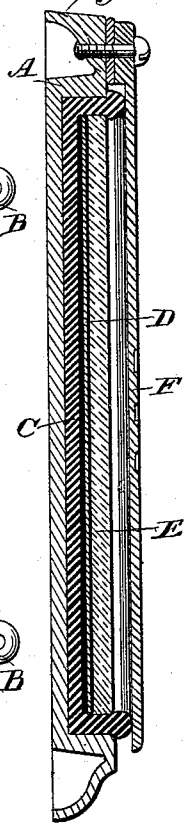


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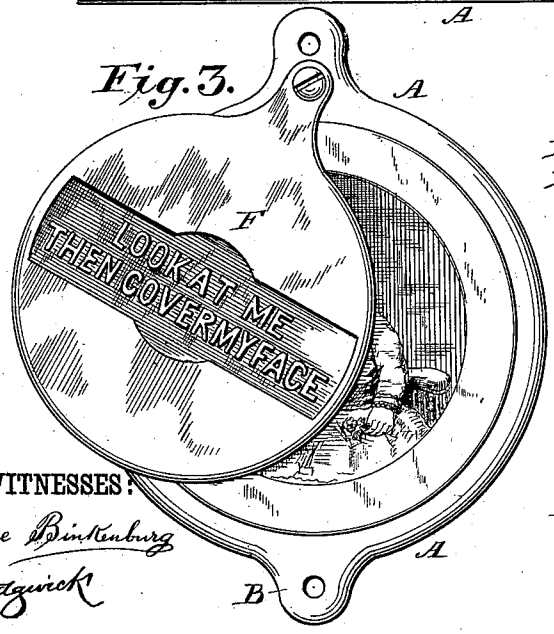
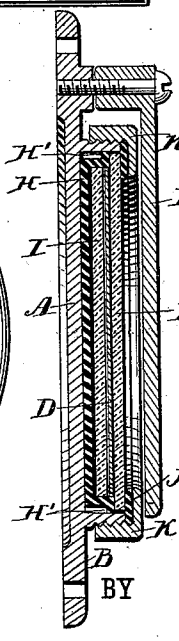


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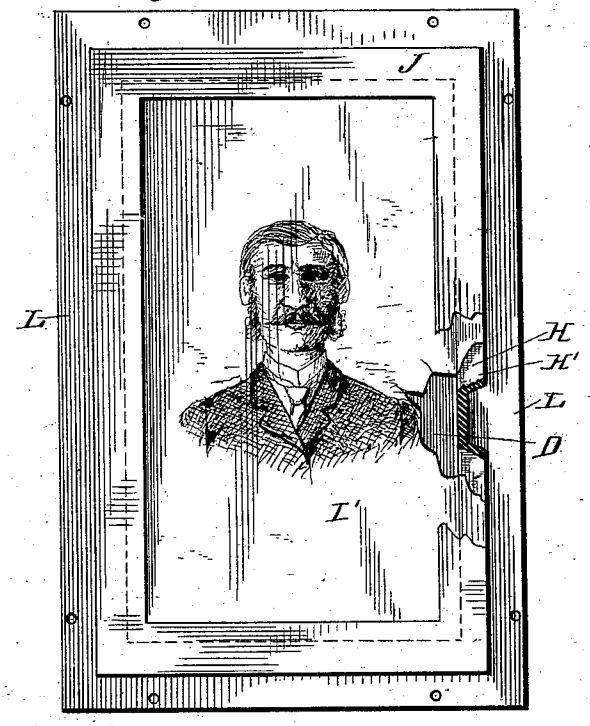


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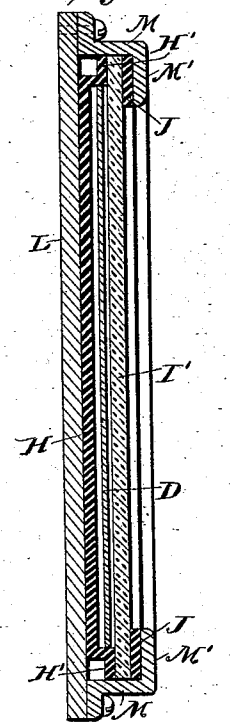


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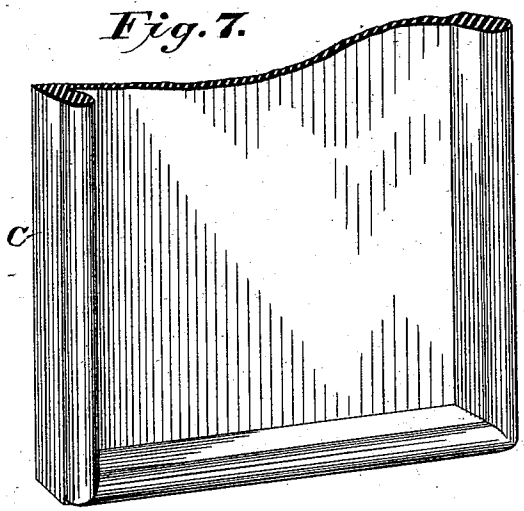
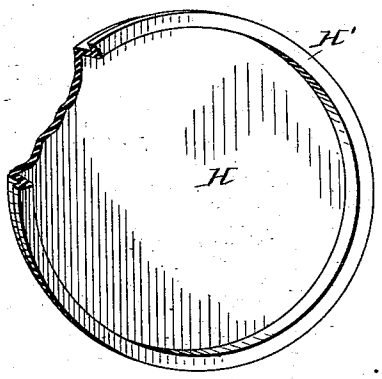


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SOLOMON R. MILLER, of Mount Union, in the county of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Means for Securing Pictures to Tombstones, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to the improvement in tombstones for which Letters Patent No. 296,431, dated April 8, 1884, were granted to me.

The object of my present invention is to provide certain new and useful improvements in the frame, so that the picture will be fully protected from the atmospheric air, rain, and like influences.

The invention also consists of various parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter, and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of my improvement, with the cover swung partly to one side. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view of a modification, showing the cover partly removed. Fig. 4 is a vertical cross-section of the same. Fig. 5 is a face view of a modified form of the improvement. Fig. 6 is a vertical cross-section of the same. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the rubber casing, parts being broken out; and Fig. 8 is a similar view of a casing of a modified form.

A metallic casing, A, is provided with lugs B, by which the said casing is secured to the tombstone or monument in any suitable manner. The casing A is provided with a recess, into which fits a second casing, C, preferably of rubber or other water-proof elastic material. In this casing is placed the picture D, and then the glass plate E is forced into the sides of the casing C, so that a part of each side projects over the top edge of the glass, which is thus held firmly in position. The glass plate covers the picture and prevents rain, atmospheric air, &c., from coming in contact with the said picture in the casing C.

The lid or cover F is fulcrumed on the screw G, secured to the casing A, and the lid fits firmly over the outer edge of the sides of the rubber casing C, as shown in Fig. 2.

In the modifications shown in Fig. 3 I use a circular rubber casing, H, which fits into a corresponding recess in the casing A, and is provided with an outer flange, H'. In the bottom of this casing is then placed a glass plate, I, and then the picture D is placed on top of this glass plate, after which a second and larger glass plate, I', is placed on the flange H' of the casing H, and then a rubber washer, J, is placed on the glass plate I', after which a ring, K, is screwed on the casing A and rests with its inner flange, K', on the said rubber washer J. The cover or lid F is in front of the ring K, and is pivoted in the same manner in the casing A as is described in reference to Figs. 1 and 2.

Instead of screwing a ring on the casing to hold the several parts in position, I may use for the casing A a plate, L, which is secured to the tombstone, and fasten an open frame, M, to the said plate, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, which frame is screwed to the frame L, and has its inner flange, M', resting on the rubber washer J. I may also dispense with the inner plates, I. The covers are provided with a suitable inscription, as shown in the figures.

The aforesaid tombstone-frames are preferably made of white-metal silver-plated, or of white bronze silver-plated, or of pure silver or gold, to be let into marble or white-bronze tombstones. The swinging lid is also preferably made of marble, white bronze, or white metal silver-plated, and can be provided with lock and key.

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

1. The combination, with the casing adapted to be connected to a tombstone and provided with a recess, of the rubber or water-proof casing, a picture placed in the said latter casing, a transparent plate covering said picture and held in position by the elastic sides of the rubber casing, and a lid or cover fulcrumed on the first-named casing and resting against the outer edges of the sides of the rubber cas-

ing, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A tombstone having a casing secured thereto, a circular rubber casing placed in a recess in the said casing on the tombstone and provided with a flange, a glass plate placed in the bottom of the said rubber casing, a picture placed on top of the said glass plate, a second glass plate placed on the top of the picture and resting against the flange of a rubber casing, a rubber washer placed on top of the second glass plate, a ring screwing on the casing secured to the tombstone, and a lid or cover fulcrumed on a screw attached to the casing on the tombstone, substantially as shown and described.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, the casing adapted to be connected to a tombstone and provided with a recess which receives a rubber casing, having at the outer edge of its sides a flange, and which contains a picture sandwiched between glass plates, and a lid or cover hinged or fulcrumed on the first-named casing and resting upon the outer edges of the rubber casing, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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