

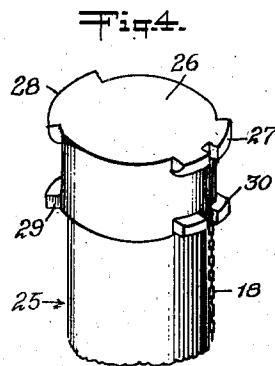
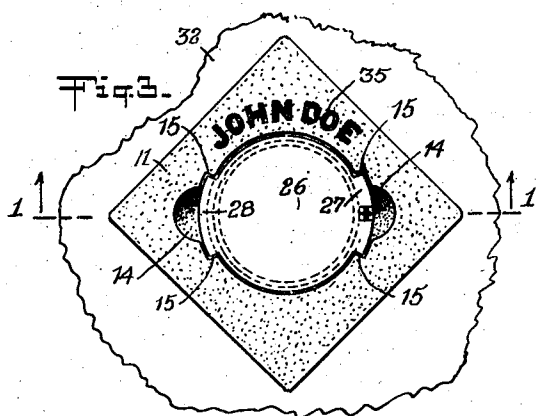
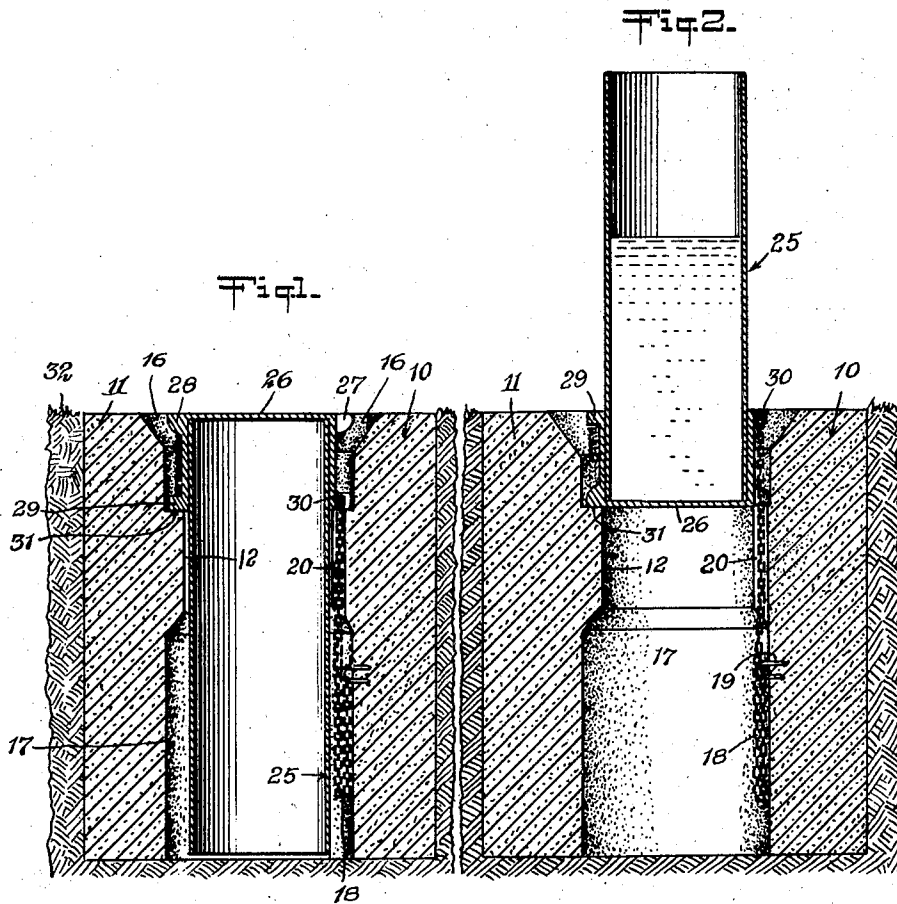
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This invention relates to a ground vase for memorials, cemeteries and other places.

When it is desired not to have objects extending above the surface of the ground except when they are in actual use, the use of such devices occurs in certain cemeteries and memorials, particularly in the more recently established ones.

An object of my invention is to provide a suitable ground vase, economical in construction, which will be reversible so as to be out of sight when not in use and to be so constructed as to provide a sturdy vase when in use. Certain types of ground vases now available are so constructed that they are often upset by the wind. One of the objects is to provide construction wherein the vase will not turn or rotate in its well and will not be affected by wind. This and other items accompany the drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is an elevation in cross-section showing a vase flush with the ground.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the vase in position for use.

Fig. 3 is a view showing the well in vase.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the vase.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, I provide a well 10 which may be made of concrete or other suitable material and which consists of a block 11 having a central bore 12. The top of bore 12 is shaped to form saucer like depressions 14 having square cut corners 15 which emerge into recesses 16. The lower portion 17 of the well is enlarged to provide for ready cleansing and to accommodate the chain 18 which is fixed at 19 the inner section of the well. A channel 20 is also provided to allow the passage of the chain.

My vase 25 may be tubular in shape and is provided at its closed end 26 with a pair of extending flanges 27 and 28. A second pair of extending flanges 29 and 30 are spaced between the closed end and the open end. When the vase is in the closed position flanges 29 and 30 rest on the bottom 31 of the recess 16 leaving the closed end on 26 flush with the top of the block 10 and with the ground 32.

When it is desired to use the vase it may be readably lifted out since the saucer like depressions 14 besides flanges 27 and 28 furnish finger grips. It can then be inverted with flanges 27 and 28 resting on the end 31 of the recesses and

the flanges 30 and 39 engaging the corners 15 of the recesses. This presents a sturdy construction which will prevent the vase from turning with the wind or from falling over when not used. My device is of simple construction and in construction when the block 10 is cast the name 35 or other inscription may be readily molded into the concrete before it hardens. It is then only necessary to sink the concrete block to the proper level in the ground.

I claim:

1. A ground vase including a block of cement or similar material, said block having a bore adapted to receive a vase, the top of said bore being enlarged to define oppositely disposed recesses, a vase having an open and a closed end, a pair of oppositely extending flanges adjacent the closed end of said vase and a second pair of oppositely disposed flanges spaced therefrom, said flanges engaging the bottom and sides of said recesses to position said vase in either the open or inverted position.

2. A ground vase including a base of cement or similar material, a bore in said base adapted to receive a vase, the top of said bore being enlarged to define oppositely disposed recesses having angular shoulders and being flared to provide room for gripping said vase, a vase having an open and a closed end, a pair of oppositely extending flanges adjacent the closed end of said vase and a second pair of oppositely disposed flanges spaced therefrom a distance approximately the length of said recesses, said flanges engaging the bottom and sides of said recesses to position said vase with the open end up and projecting upwardly from said base, or open end down and projecting downwardly into said base, the closed end of the vase level with the top of the base.

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