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Fig. 2.

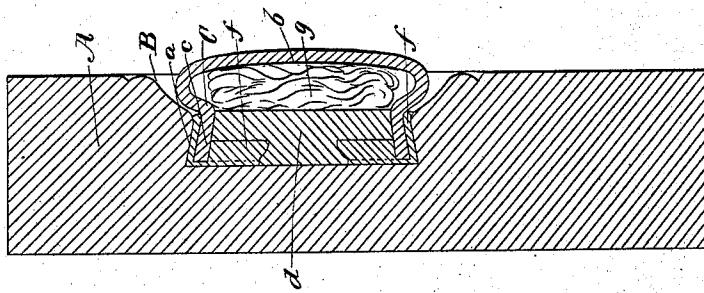
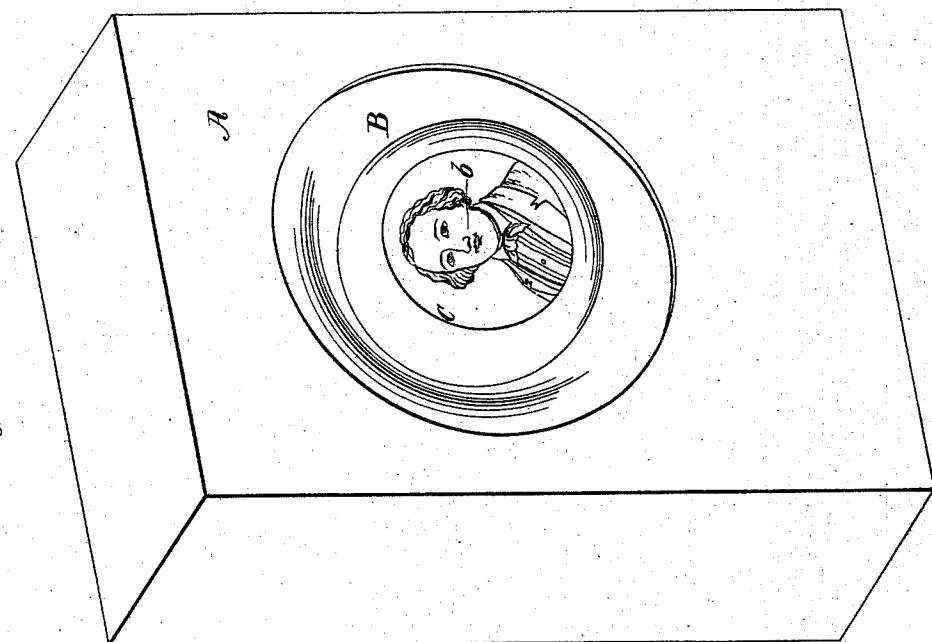


Fig. 1.



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## MODE OF SECURING PHOTOGRAPHS, &c., TO TOMBSTONES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, N. W. LANGLEY, of East Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, and HENRY JONES and AARON S. DRAKE, 5 both of Stoughton, in the county of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Method of Securing Photographs, Daguerreotypes, or other Devices or Designs to Tombstones, of which the following is a 10 full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of a portion of a tombstone having a likeness secured thereto in our improved method. Fig. 2, a 15 vertical section through the same.

The attempts heretofore made to preserve a likeness of a deceased person on a tombstone, by securing thereto a daguerreotype or 20 photograph, has failed from the difficulty of excluding the atmosphere from the picture, which was soon injured by the admission of moisture.

To remedy this is the object of our present 25 invention which consists in placing the likeness or picture in a glass case or flat bottle, the neck of which is closed by a ground glass stopper, fitting tightly therein, the glass bottle or case then being secured to the 30 tomb-stone.

That others skilled in the art may understand and use our invention, we will proceed to describe the manner in which we have carried out the same.

35 In the accompanying drawings A repre-

sents the tombstone in the face of which is formed a suitable recess B, having the lower portion *a* of it undercut as shown in Fig. 2. The daguerreotype, photograph or other device is placed in a flat bottle or glass case C, 40 as represented by the portrait *b*, Figs. 1 and 2, and is held against the bottom of the bottle by a packing *g*, of cotton wool or other suitable material. The glass stopper *d*, is ground to fit accurately on the neck *c*, of the 45 bottle, where it is inserted as tight as possible. The bottle is now placed in the recess B, and plaster or other cement is poured in around it as at *f* or a sufficient quantity of plaster may be put into the recess B and the 50 bottle C be pressed down into it.

The stopper *d* will exclude from the interior of the bottle, and consequently from the picture, the moisture not only of the atmosphere, but also that which would ex- 55 hale from the plaster while it was drying.

What we claim as our invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

Securing daguerreotypes, photographs, &c., upon tombstones, by inclosing them in 60 a glass case the opening to which is closed by a glass stopper, and affixing the same to the stone.

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