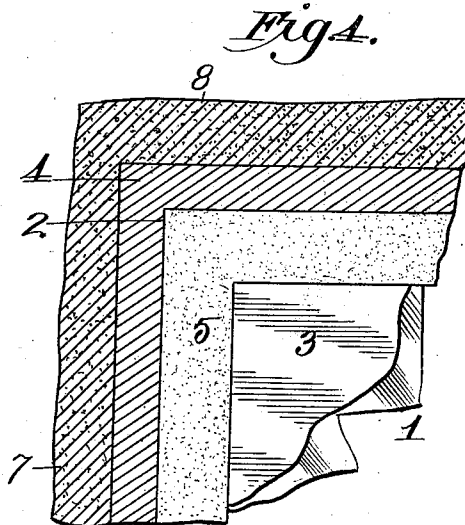
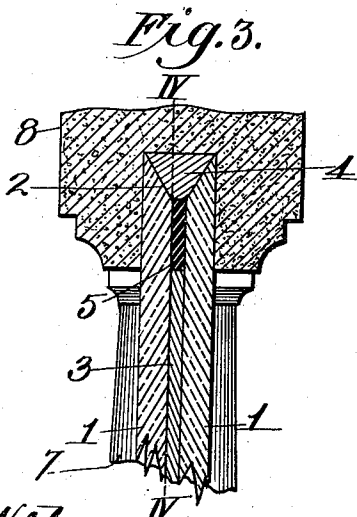
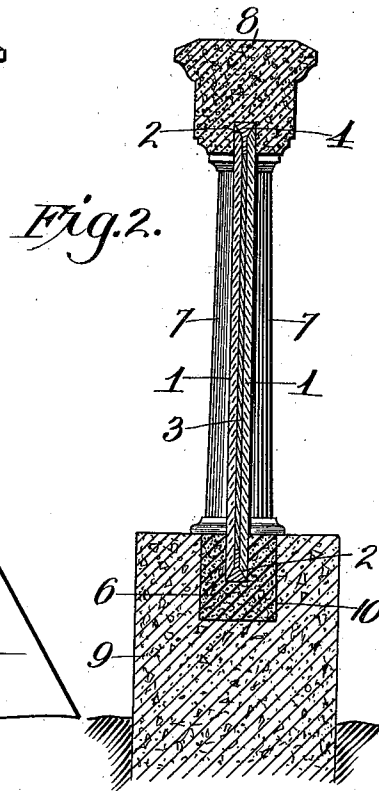
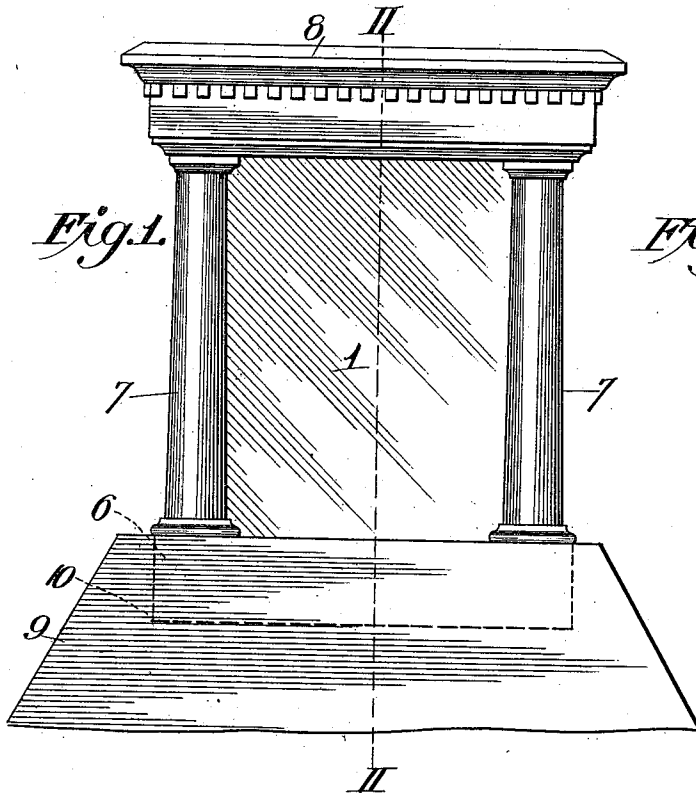


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER HUMBLE, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Wyandotte and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Grave-Markers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to grave markers and has for its object to produce a device of this character upon which it is feasible and practical to display a likeness of the deceased and a sketch or outline of his life.

A further object is to produce a device of this character which can be erected at relatively small expense and which is practically indestructible.

A still further object is to produce a device of this character embodying a pair of transparent plates of glass or equivalent material hermetically sealed together, with a metal or equivalent plate fitting snugly between the glass plates and adapted to contain upon its faces the sketch and likeness or other matter designed for the information of those interested.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain novel and peculiar features of construction and organization as hereinafter described and claimed; and in order that it may be fully understood reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1, is an elevation of one side of a grave marker embodying my invention. Fig. 2, is a section on the line II—II of Fig. 1. Fig. 3, is a section corresponding to the upper part of Fig. 2, but embodying a slight modification of construction. Fig. 4, is a section on the line IV—IV of Fig. 3.

In the said drawing where like reference characters indicate corresponding parts, 1—1 indicate a pair of parallel glass plates spaced slightly apart and provided with beveled edges so arranged as to conjointly form a groove or channel 2 and fitting in the space between the glass plates is a preferably metal plate or tablet 3, of aluminum, brass, copper or other metal, bearing upon its opposite faces a likeness and a brief sketch of the life of the person whose grave the device is to mark, or the likeness and

sketch may be engraved in the plate or may be produced thereon in any other suitable manner, that is to say it may be printed thereon provided the ink or its equivalent shall be of such character that it will not fade.

When the tablet is properly arranged between the glass plates, sealing wax or any other suitable filling 4, is poured into the groove or channel 2, to fill the same and thus hermetically seal the tablet between the transparent plates. If desired a rubber or other compressible filler 5 may be interposed between the tablet and the filler 4, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. It is obvious that by either method described, there is no possibility of moisture obtaining access to the tablet. The parts secured together as described are then placed in suitable molds not shown, and plastic or liquid cement or equivalent material is then introduced into the molds so as to produce an inclosing frame for the plates and the tablet, the edges of said plates being embedded in the frame, as clearly shown. The frame may be of any suitable or preferred character, that shown being of rectangular form and consisting of a horizontal base 6 and a pair of vertical columns 7 and a top 8. As a foundation or support for the frame, a natural stone or cement base 9 will be secured at the head of the grave and preferably will be provided with a recess 10, in its upper side to receive the base or bottom 6 of the frame, cement or equivalent material being employed to make the connection between the base 9 and the frame permanent. A marker of this character will be found very desirable as a permanent memorial, it being understood that it is susceptible of modification as regards its form, proportion, detail construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the essential spirit and scope or sacrificing any of the advantages of the appended claim.

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

A grave marker comprising a tablet, a pair of glass plates fitting against opposite faces of the tablet and having beveled edges to produce an inwardly tapering channel

around the edges of the tablet, a filling for
said channel which prevents the access of
air and moisture to said tablet, a compressi-
ble filler between the glass plates, the said
5 filling and the edges of the tablet, and a
cement frame in which the edges of the
glass plates and the filling are embedded.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature,
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