

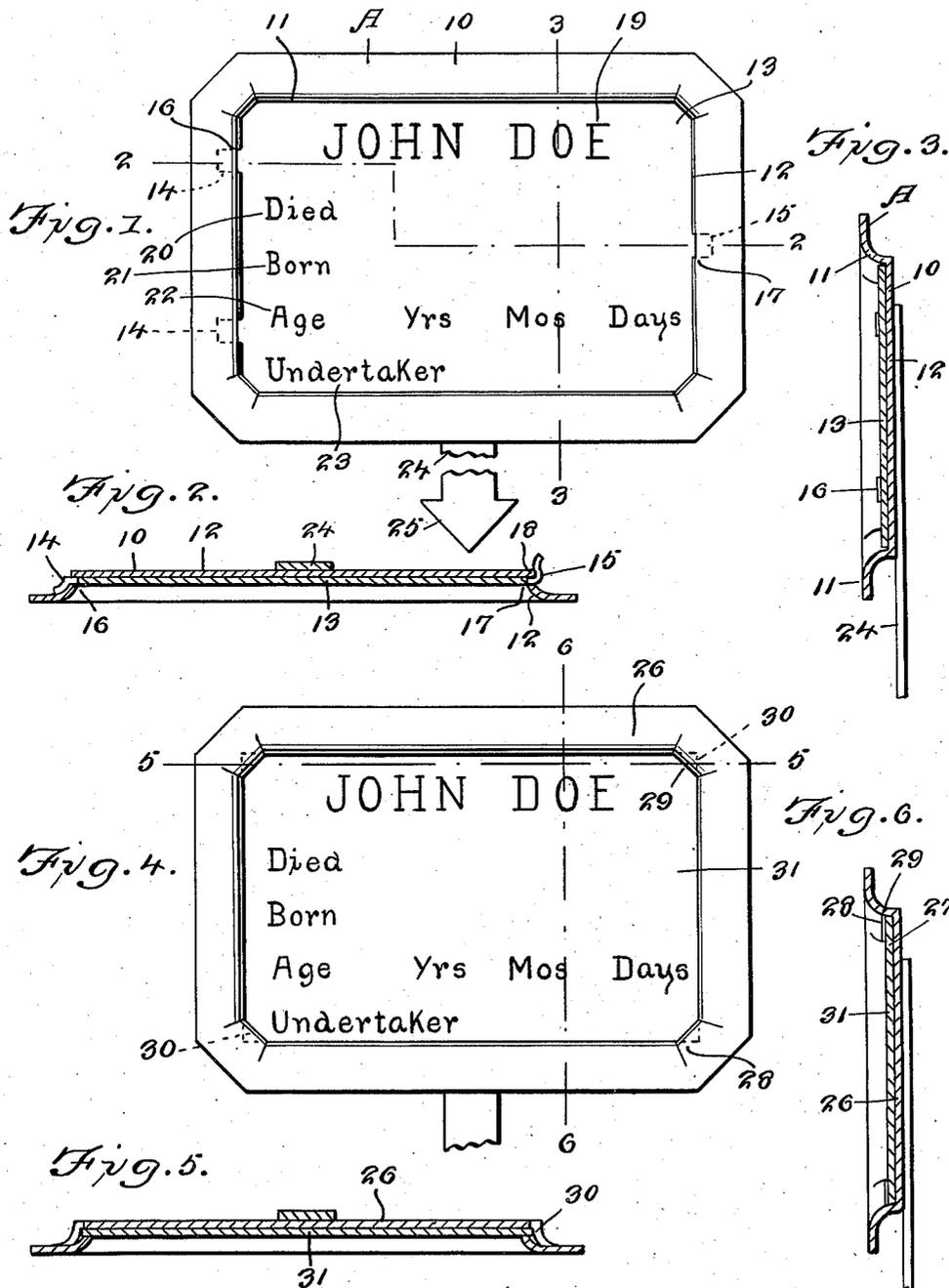
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1 Claim. (Cl. 40—124.5)

The invention relates to a grave marker and more especially to a metallic waterproof grave marker.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a marker of this character, wherein the same is made entirely from metal and is equipped with a removable panel adapted for marking with identifying matter such as the name of a deceased person, the date of death, birth date, age, et cetera. The panel is made from sheet metal and is releasably held in a carrier, the marking of the panel being effected in any desirable manner.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a marker of this character, wherein the same is constructed with the least number of parts and is readily and easily assembled for the display of indicia at a grave and the marking.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a marker of this character, which is extremely simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and effective in operation, neat in appearance, waterproof, strong, durable, and inexpensive to manufacture and install.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which discloses the preferred and modified forms of embodiment of the invention as pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevation of a grave marker constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing a modified form of marker.

Figure 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a sectional view on the line 6—6 of Figure 4.

Referring to the drawing in detail, particularly Figures 1 to 3 inclusive, the grave marker comprises a carrier A in the form of a sheet metal body 10 having a forwardly and laterally curled edge 11 marginally thereof to effect a substantially rectangular shaped inset area or center portion 12 for accommodating a removable panel or indicia plate 13 hereinafter fully described.

The panel or plate 13 has formed at one end edge outwardly projecting keeper ears or tongues 14 while at the opposite end is a spring latch 15, the ears or tongues 14 being accommodated in keeper slots 16 provided in the body 10. The

latch 15 is engageable through an opening 17 provided in said body 10 for latching with the edge 18 of the center portion 12 and in this manner the panel or plate 13 is separably fitted in the carrier A.

The panel or plate at its outermost or exposed face carries suitable indicia or obituary data, for example, the name of the deceased at 19, the date of death at 20 of such deceased, the date of birth at 21 and the age at 22 of such deceased. This indicia may include the name of the undertaker as at 23 if desired. Of course, the indicia appearing on the outer face of the panel or plate 13 can be altered or changed according to the wishes of the user of the marker.

The carrier A has fixed thereto at its back preferably centrally thereof a stake or anchoring upright 24 preferably made from flat sheet metal having a pointed penetrating end 25 so that it can be readily forced into the ground for anchoring purposes in the marking of a grave.

In Figures 4 to 6 inclusive of the drawing, there is shown a slight modification of the invention, wherein at the four corners of the body 26 of the carrier next to the center inset 27 therein are outstruck lips 28 forming rearwardly thereof in the body 26 slots or openings 29, these being adapted to releasably accommodate the four corners 30 of a panel or plate 31, the latter being flexible so that the corners 30 can be tucked into the slots or openings 29 when separately fastening the said panel or plate 31 in place. The panel or plate 31 is adapted to carry on its exposed face suitable indicia for grave marking purposes.

The body, panel or plate and the stake or anchor 24 are preferably made from sheet metal so that the grave marker is waterproof, the essential feature of the said marker being the separable mounting of the panel or plate so that it can be properly marked with required indicia of a deceased person.

What is claimed is:

A grave marker comprising a body of sheet material having a flat center portion and an outwardly and laterally curled unbroken edge entirely about and merging with the flat center portion, said edge having slots next to the center portion, diagonally disposed and in spaced relation to each other, and a flexible indicia panel of a size corresponding to the flat center portion of said body and having areas thereof next to the slots separably received therein with the edges of said panel between said areas contacting with the said curled edge, one of said panel areas constituting a latching tongue and engageable with the body for releasably securing the panel in place.

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