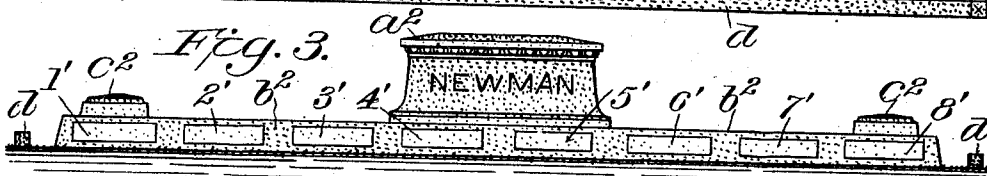
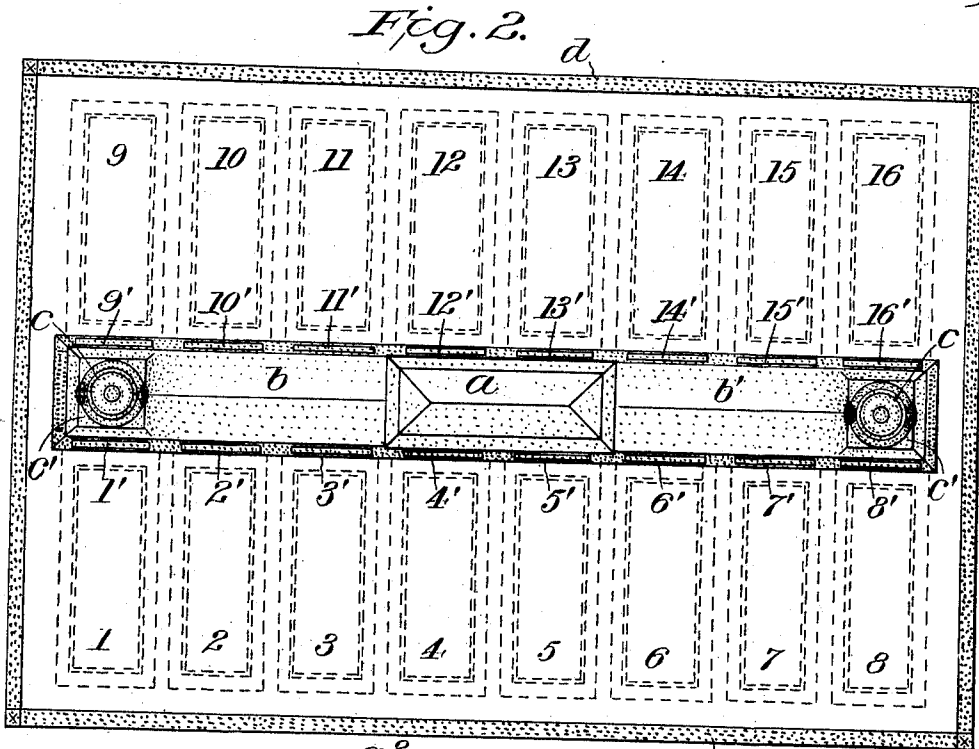
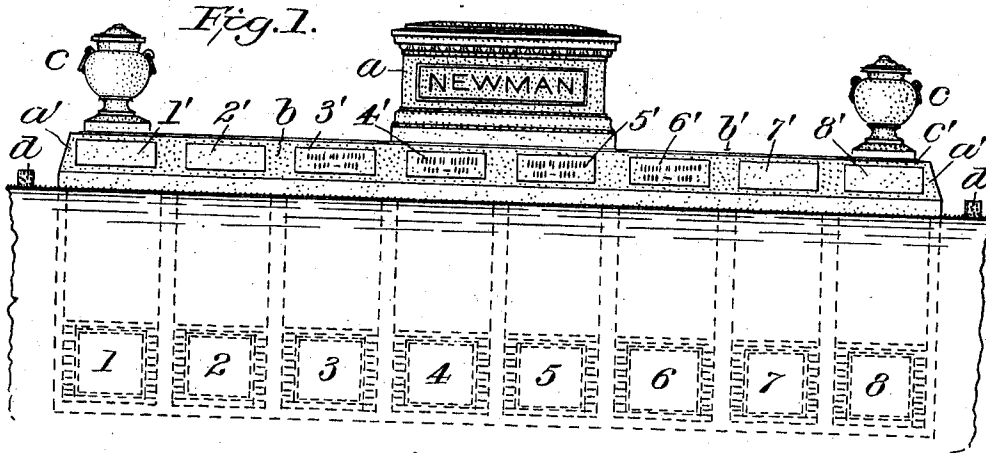


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN A. NEWMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tombstones, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to monuments and markers for tombs or graves and consists in a "tombstone" of novel construction, and in certain novel features thereof, as herein-after particularly described and claimed.

The leading object of this invention is to provide a unitary tombstone, of any suitable material and design that may be preferred, so constructed as to individualize all the graves of a cemetery lot or of one or two rows of graves, and at the same time to definitely connect them with a central sarcophagus or other monumental device common to all the graves.

Other objects will be set forth in the general description which follows.

A sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof.

Figure 1 shows an elevation of the improved tombstone; Fig. 2 is a plan view projected from Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an elevation illustrating modifications.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in all the figures.

The improved tombstone includes a central sarcophagus or monument, a or a^2 , common to all the graves of a cemetery lot, or of one or two rows of graves, which monument may be provided with a family name illustrated by "Newman" in Figs. 1 and 3, together with any desired memorial inscription or inscriptions; a long pedestal or base, b or b^2 , on which the monument a or a^2 is centrally erected, and, preferably, a pair of flanking ornaments or memorial devices, c or c^2 , of minor prominence, erected upon the ends of the base b or b^2 .

The monument a or a^2 , may, for the purposes of the present invention, be of any preferred shape or design, and either integral with the base or preferably attached thereto, and if desired of a finer or contrasting material, as statuary marble.

The base b or b^2 is erected in a line transverse to the graves it is to mark, and is of sufficient length to extend across extensions of the side lines of all the graves. Preferably and conveniently it is located between

two rows of graves as shown in Fig. 2. Sixteen graves in two rows with the improved tombstone between the rows as above described are represented at 1 to 16 inclusive in Figs. 1 and 2, compactly arranged within a rectangular coping d .

The base b or b^2 , which more particularly distinguishes the present invention, is provided with inscription panels, $1'-16'$, opposite and corresponding respectively with the several individual graves 1-16, so that each grave is individualized and unmistakably designated. If distinct from the monument the base may be of stronger material, as granite, and is erected upon the customary foundation of cement or the like, either co-extensive therewith or in the form of sufficient and properly distributed piers. The flanking ornaments c or c^2 may be integral with the base b or b^2 , or attached thereto and of the same or different material, like the monument a or a^2 .

In the species represented by Figs. 1 and 2, to facilitate reading the inscriptions on the panels, $1'-16'$, the longitudinal sides or edges, a' , of the base b are preferably and conveniently beveled as shown; the top, b' , of the base is beveled to shed water; and a pair of slightly raised level platforms, c' , are formed on the ends of the base to support the ornament c which in this species are in the shape of urns, and may conveniently be of different material, as bronze.

In the species represented by Fig. 3, all the members of the improved tombstone are of simpler shapes, and the simplified flanking ornaments c^2 may preferably be integral with the base b^2 , or the whole may be cut or molded in one piece. A hedge, low wall, or other inclosure may obviously be substituted for the coping d , or the latter may be wholly omitted; the tombstone may be appropriated to a single row of graves, or to one or two rows of greater or less length; and other like modifications will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described said improvement, I claim as my invention and desire to patent under this specification:

1. A tombstone comprising a monument common to a number of graves, and a long base extending laterally beyond said monument and adapted to extend across extensions of the side lines of such graves; said base being provided with an individualizing tablet opposite each grave.

2. A tombstone comprising a monument common to a number of graves, and a long base constructed with a beveled longitudinal edge which edge is provided with individualizing tablets opposite the several graves.
3. A tombstone comprising a monument common to two rows of graves and a long base extending laterally beyond said monument, adapted to be located between the two rows of graves and to extend across extensions of the side lines of such graves; said base being provided with individualizing tablets opposite the several graves.
4. A tombstone comprising a monument common to a number of graves, a long base extending laterally beyond said monument and adapted to extend across extensions of the side lines of such graves, and flanking ornaments supported by the ends of such base; said base being provided with individualizing tablets opposite the several graves, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

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