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GRAVE MARKER.

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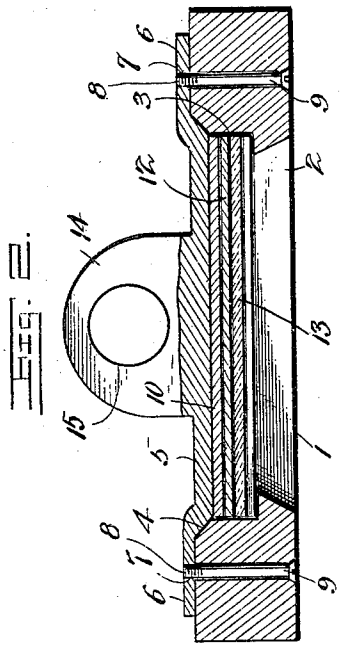


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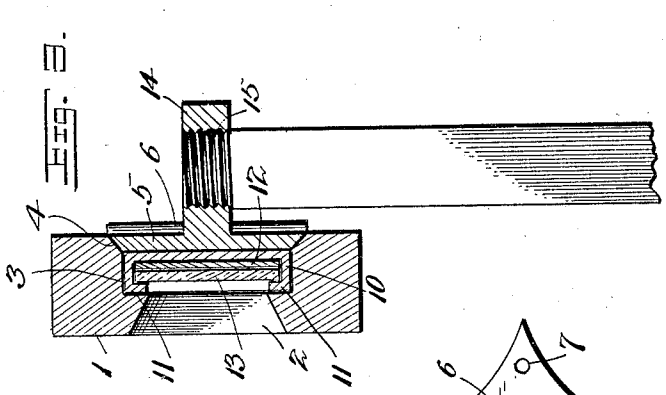


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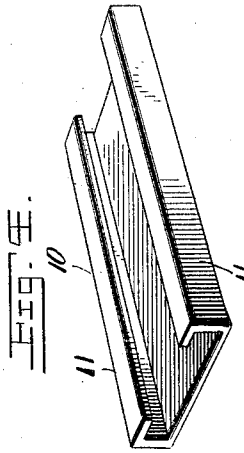


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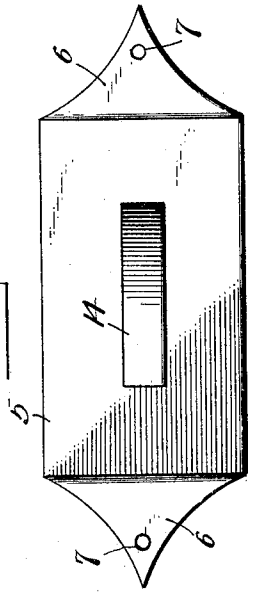


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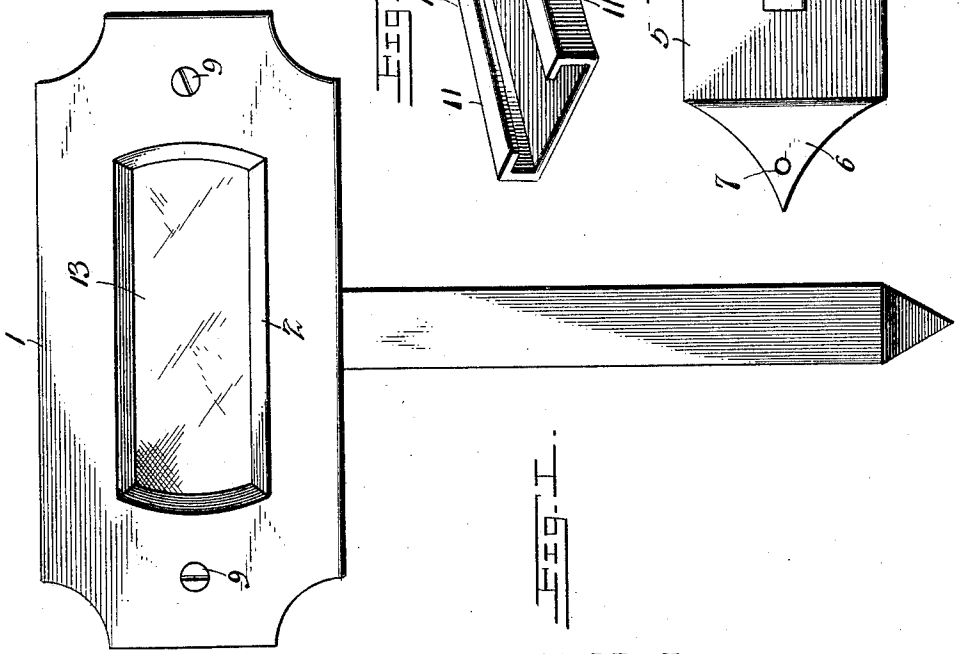


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. DELANEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Orange, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Grave-Marker, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a grave-marker.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and comparatively inexpensive device adapted to be readily mounted in position at a grave and capable of holding a card for indicating the name and other matter descriptive of a deceased person.

A further object of the invention is to provide a grave-marker of this character which will protect the card and enable the same to be readily placed in it.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a grave-marker constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the glass and card-holder. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the back plate.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a front plate provided with an aperture 2 and having a recess at its inner face surrounding the aperture and provided with an inner angular portion 3 and having an outer beveled portion 4, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 of the accompanying drawings. The outer beveled portion of the recess receives a beveled back plate 5, having beveled edges to conform to the configuration of the beveled faces of the front plate and provided with tapering end extensions 6, which project beyond the recess of the front plate and which are provided with threaded perforations 7 for the reception of threaded ends 8 of screws 9. The screws 9 extend through perforations of the front plate and have heads at their outer ends which are countersunk in the said front plate, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The front and back plates are preferably constructed of metal; but they may be made of any other suitable material which will adapt the device for a grave-marker or for a sign or the like. The inner angular portion of the recess forms a seat for a removable holder 10, preferably constructed of metal and provided at its longitudinal edges with L-shaped flanges 11, forming ways adapted to receive a card 12 and a plate 13, of glass or other transparent material, arranged in front of the card and adapted to protect the same from the weather. The card is designed to bear the name and other matter descriptive of a deceased person, and it may be readily placed in the holder between the back of the same and the transparent plate. The front plate may be ornamented in any suitable manner and may be provided with society emblems, as will be readily understood. The back plate is provided with a rearwardly-extending lug or ear 14, having a threaded perforation 15, adapted to receive the upper end of a post or support, which is threaded to engage the opening; but the post or support, which is preferably constructed of metal, may be secured to the rearwardly-extending lug or ear of the back plate in any other suitable manner.

It will be seen that the device is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is especially adapted for use as a grave-marker, and that it is capable of being advantageously employed as a sign or the like. The parts may be readily separated or assembled, and the card can be easily placed in the holder in rear of the transparent plate, and the lower end of the post or support is pointed to enable it to be readily inserted in the ground.

What I claim is—

1. A device of the class described comprising a front plate having an aperture extending entirely through it, a transparent pane covering the aperture, and a back plate fitting within the aperture and adapted to secure a card in the same, and provided with arms extending beyond the aperture and detachably fastened to the front plate, said back plate being provided with a rearwardly-extending lug adapted to receive a post or support, substantially as described.

2. A device of the class described compris-

ing a front plate having an aperture and provided at its back with a recess surrounding the aperture and having an angular inner portion and a beveled outer portion, a holder adapted to receive a card and arranged in the angular inner portion of the recess, a beveled back plate fitting within the beveled portion of the recess and provided with extensions, fastening devices detachably securing the extensions of the back plate to the front plate, and a post or support, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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