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Fig. 1

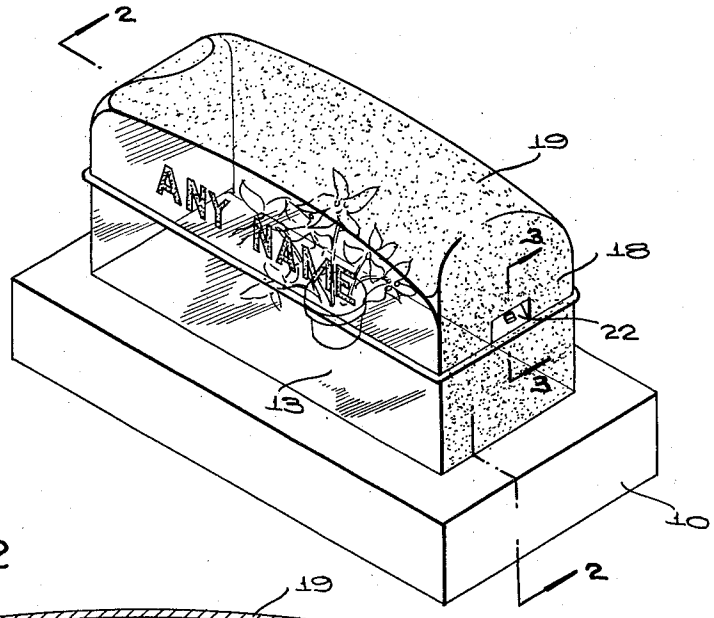


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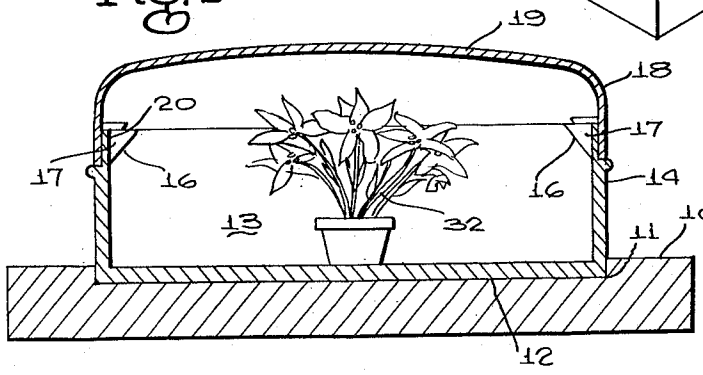


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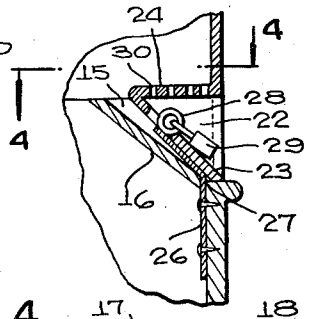


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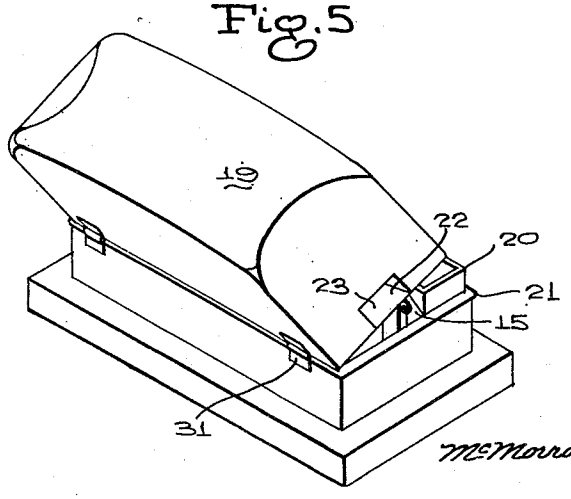
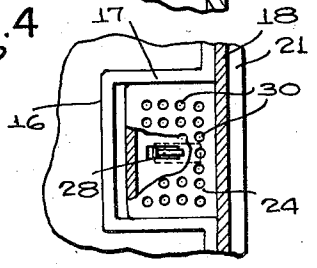


Fig. 4



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The present invention relates to a combination grave marker and flower holder and has for its principal object to provide a transparent or translucent grave marker and one which can contain flowers in a preserved state or semi-preserved in a special gas filled atmosphere in which flowers are known to be long-lasting and non-fading.

Many grave markers of this type have been proposed in the past and were intended to be manufactured from glass, and other materials, while none of them have been successful on the market, due in large part to the inherent breakage quality in glass and the opacity of other materials used.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a grave marker having a space within which flowers may be displayed.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a grave marker which may if desired be filled with artificial flowers in a display bouquet or wreath and the marker sealed against the admission of dampness or air.

A still further object of the present invention is to provide a grave marker manufactured out of polyvinyl and polyester resins, glass fibres, and other transparent and opaque materials, and one which may have the name engraved, cast or acid-etched on the face thereof for permanent-identification.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will be fully apparent from the following description when considered in connection with the annexed drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the marker of the present invention,

Figure 2 is a view in cross section showing the details of construction of the marker and method of mounting on a base, as seen on line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a detail view of the combination handhold, latch, and lock of the present invention as seen on line 3—3 of Figure 1,

Figure 4 is a vertical view on line 4—4 of Figure 3, and

Figure 5 is a perspective view showing how the lid of the marker is raised to take care of or replace the flowers.

Referring in more detail to the drawing, in which like reference numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the invention will be seen to consist of a base **10** of concrete, stone or the like having a recess **11** in the top surface thereof in which is placed the bottom **12** of the marker **13**, the lower box portion or section **14** which is of substantially rectangular shape in horizontal cross section and is provided on the upper edge at each end with inwardly directed recesses **15** each having an outwardly sloping bottom wall **16** and vertical side walls **17** each substantially triangular in shape.

The upper portion or lid section **18** of the marker is of similar shape in horizontal cross section and has a rounded top **19**. The lower box portion **14** of the marker is provided on its top edge **20** with a shoulder **21** on which the lid **18** rests in closed condition, the lid **18** being provided at each end with inwardly formed hand-hold recesses **22**, each having an outwardly sloping bottom wall **23** and a horizontal top wall **24**, and with similarly shaped triangular side walls **25**. The hand hold recesses **22** fit more or less snugly into the recesses **15** in the lower box portion of the marker and a resilient leaf spring **26** is riveted by one end to the inner wall of the lower box portion **14** to overlie the bottom wall **16** of each recess although it is normally outwardly sprung at less of an angle to the vertical than the wall **16**.

The outwardly sloping wall **23** of each of the hand held recesses in the lid is provided with a hole or slot **27** into which snaps the eyelet **28** on the free end of the spring strip **26**, so that the hasp of a padlock **29** may go through the eyelet to lock the lid in place. The spring strip **26** is disposed through a narrow slot in the end walls of the lower box portion of the marker and may be placed there in the manufacture of the marker so that the plastic material seals the strip in the slot in a waterproof, airtight seal. Holes **30** are provided in the horizontal wall **24** of the hand hold recesses to provide ventilation when desired, although these may be sealed with plastic in cases of hermetically sealed markers.

Similarly, the marker may have a thermo-setting plastic on its shoulder **21**, and the marker can be heat treated to seal the lid in place. Or the whole may be made of glass fibre, the lower box portion may be of glass fibre and the lid of transparent plastic as desired, and suitable sealing means employed to insure the permanence of the floral arrangement **32** within the marker.

Hinges **31** are provided on the rear wall of the lower box portion **14** of the marker and are fastened to the lid in a conventional manner using rivets or other fastener devices. It is intended that the bottom **12** of the marker may be cemented to the base **10**, but other means may be employed such as downwardly directed ribs and dove tails (not shown) may be formed on the marker's lower surface, and these may be sunk in the cement of the base while being manufactured.

While a single embodiment of the present invention has been here illustrated and described, other embodiments may be made and practiced and many changes and alterations in the form and construction may be made within the scope of the appended claim without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

In combination, a lower box section having walls having upper edges, a movable lid section having walls having lower edges, said lid section normally closing said box section with the lower edges of its walls bearing upon portions of the walls of the box section, a wall of said box section having a first opening extending through its upper edge, and said opening defining a lower edge, a laterally inwardly extending first bottom wall rising from and inclined inwardly from the lower edge of said opening, said first bottom wall having a slot therein, a vertical leaf spring having a lower portion secured to the box section side wall below said first bottom wall and a free upper portion extending upwardly through said slot, a wall of said lid section having a second opening registered with said first opening in the closed position of the lid section, a laterally inwardly extending

second bottom wall on said lid section wall and inclined inwardly and positioned above said first bottom wall, said second bottom wall having a slot therein and upper and lower sides, said upper portion of the leaf spring being positioned between said first and second bottom walls and having a hasp thereon rising through the slot of the second bottom wall, and removable lock means on the upper side of said second bottom wall and engaged through said hasp.

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