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Fig. 1.

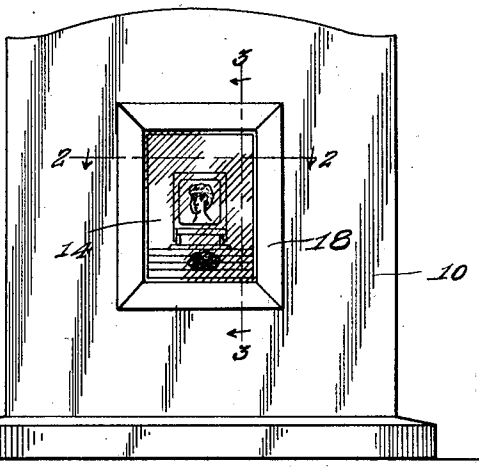
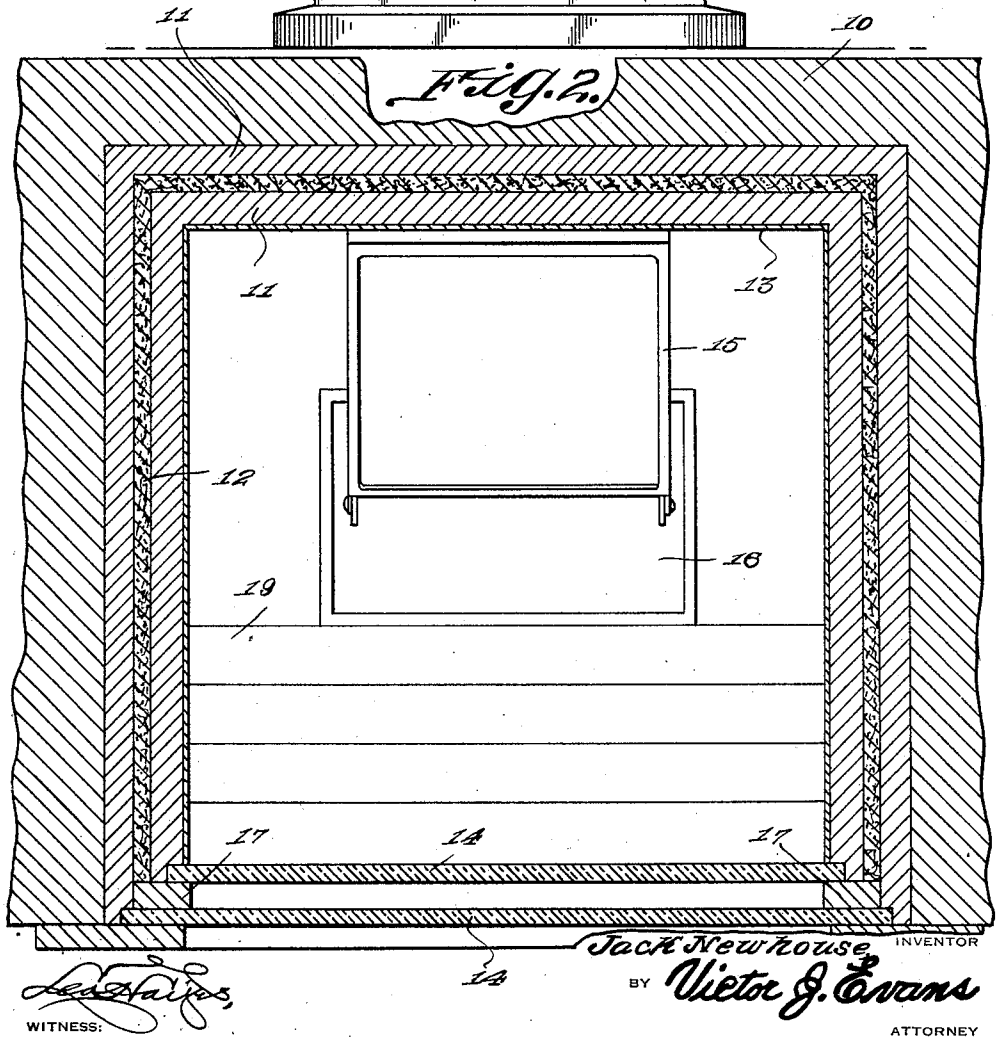


Fig. 2.



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FIG. 3.

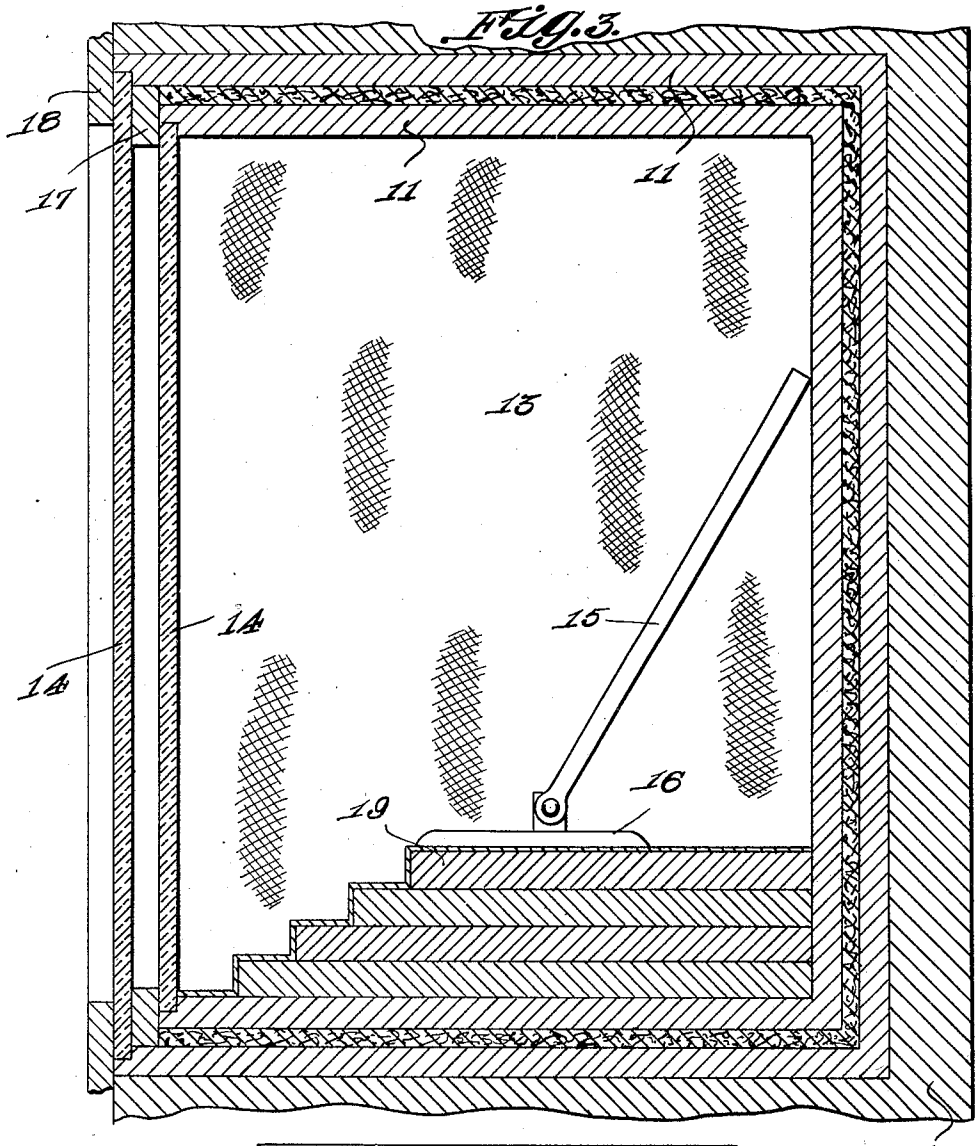
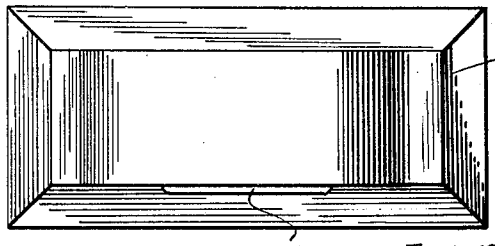


FIG. 4.



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This invention relates to tomb stones, and contemplates a stone designed to receive and support a suitable receptacle containing a picture of the deceased, with the receptacle being sealed and otherwise constructed to protect the picture or photograph from moisture and the elements.

The nature and advantages of the invention will be better understood when the following detail description is read in connection with the accompanying drawings, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as claimed.

In the drawings forming part of this application like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views and wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a tomb stone embodying the invention.

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

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

Figure 4 is a top plan view.

Referring to the drawings in detail 10 indicates a tomb stone which may be of any suitable size and configuration without departing from the inventive idea. In accordance with the present invention the stone 10 is recessed to provide a chamber of any suitable size and dimensions which opens at the front side of the stone as illustrated. This chamber is adapted to receive a suitable receptacle containing a portrait of the deceased, and the receptacle is constructed in a manner and suitably sealed to protect the portrait from moisture or the elements. The receptacle is preferably constructed of metal and double walled as illustrated in Figure 3, the space between the walls 11 being filled with cork, asbestos or any other suitable material indicated at 12 to exclude dampness. The interior of the receptacle may also be lined with any suitable material 13, while the front of the receptacle is closed by spaced inner and outer glass panels 14. Consequently the picture or portrait of the deceased can be readily viewed from the front of the stone, the portrait being supported in a suitable frame 15 including a base 16, and the frame is preferably pivoted upon the base so that it can be arranged at any desired angle. A spacing element 17 is arranged between the glass panels 14, while the outermost panel is held in position by a suitable frame 18 preferably constructed of metal and secured to the stone in any suitable manner. However the receptacle in its entirety is capable of being removed from the chamber provided in the tomb stone, and all that is necessary is to separate the frame 18 from the front of the stone, after which the entire receptacle can be removed outwardly therefrom.

If desired, the bottom of the receptacle can be composed of superimposed members 19 of relatively different dimensions, which members successively increase in size from the uppermost to the lowermost member, giving the interior of the receptacle an ornamental or artistic appearance. The members 19 are stepped, and flowers or other desired articles may be placed on these steps in front of the portrait.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description the nature and advantages of the invention will be readily understood, I desire to have it known that I do not limit myself to what is herein shown and described and that such changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

What is claimed is:

In combination, a tomb stone recessed to provide a chamber opening at the front wall thereof, a receptacle of a size to be snugly fitted within the recess, and including spaced inner and outer walls, a packing material arranged between the walls, a moisture proof lining for the interior of the receptacle,

spaced inner and outer transparent panels, said inner panel constituting the front of the receptacle, said outer panel constituting a closure for the chamber of the tomb stone and lying flush with the front wall thereof, a spacing frame arranged between said panels and contacting the marginal edges thereof, a rectangular frame secured to the front wall of the stone and utilized to hold said outer panel in position, and a bottom for the receptacle including a plurality of superposed members arranged in stepped formation as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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