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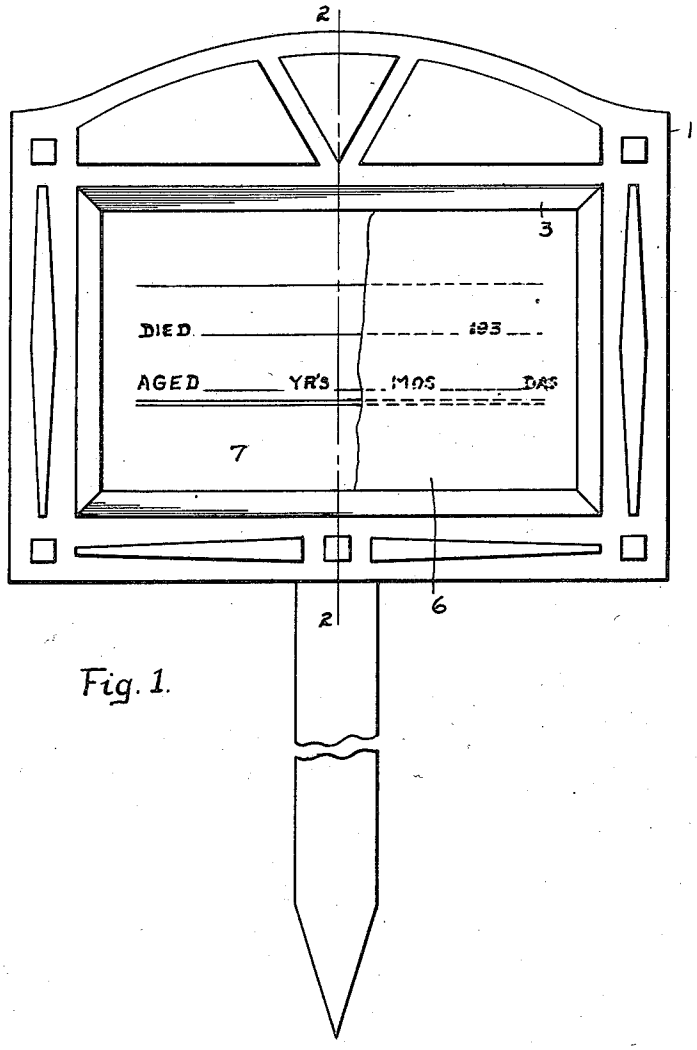


Fig. 1.

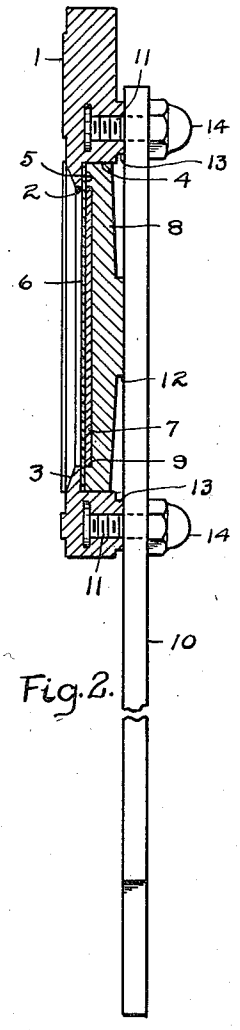


Fig. 2.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 40—124.5)

The invention relates to grave markers and particularly to such markers designed for temporary use.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, novel and efficient marker that is readily adapted for installation. Another object is to provide a grave marker with novel means for retaining and protecting the display or indicia-bearing member from injury by rain.

Other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and set forth in the claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which drawing

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a marker embodying the invention and Fig. 2 a vertical cross-section of the same on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the illustrative embodiment of the invention, 1 is a marginal frame preferably formed of moldable material. The front face of the frame may be ornamented as desired and about the opening 2 it is preferably bevelled as shown at 3. A socket 4 is formed in the rear side of the frame and communicates with the opening. The socket is larger than the opening so that a wall 5 is formed about the opening on the rear side of the frame against which the transparent member 6 abuts. Preferably the member 6 is secured to the wall 5 by cement of suitable waterproof form. A card or other display or indicia-bearing member 7 is placed against the member 6, the indicia being visible through the opening 2.

A plate 8 closely fits in the socket 4 and carries the member 7 in the socket 9 formed therein. The plate is held in tight contact with the member 6 by the stem or post 10 that is apertured at two points to receive the bolts 11 which project from the rear side of the frame. The stem engages a boss 12 on the back plate 8, the outer face of the boss being flush with the corresponding face of the bosses 13 on the frame through which the bolts project. When the nuts 14 are tightened the stem is drawn tightly against the bosses 12 and 13 and the plate 8 is forced inwardly and held firmly in place.

The lower end of the stem 9 is sharpened to facilitate its insertion in the ground.

Since the transparent member 6 is sealed in the frame, water will not travel down said member and around its edges. If water should so travel it would be required to pass up between the rear side of the transparent member and the plate 8 to reach the member 7 which it is not apt to do. Water entering between the back plate and the adjacent lower wall of the socket 4 would similarly be required to climb up between said plate and the member 6.

The outer face of the plate slopes downwardly from the boss 12 toward the side edges so that at the edge said plate is thinner than the depth of the socket 4. The rear wall of the frame therefore projects beyond the side edges of the back plate and the upper portion thereof tends to shed water that may flow down it so that there is no likelihood of water entering along the upper side of the plate. It is thus seen that the display member is fully protected against injury by storm.

The device will be furnished the user in assembled form, the display member being disposed in the back plate. The nuts and the post are removed and the back plate is taken out. The user places the desired information on the display member and returns the plate to the receiving socket and restores the post and the nuts, drawing the nuts tight. The marker is then ready to insert in the ground adjacent to the grave.

What I claim is:

A device of the class described comprising a frame having a socket in one side and an opening in the opposite side communicating with the socket and being less in width than the width of the socket, a transparent member sealed to the rear wall of the socket about the opening, a display carrier behind the transparent member, a plate in the socket having a central boss thereon and a support attached to the frame and adapted to engage the boss on the plate and press the plate and the carrier firmly against the transparent member.

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