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GRAVESTONE FLOWER SUPPORT

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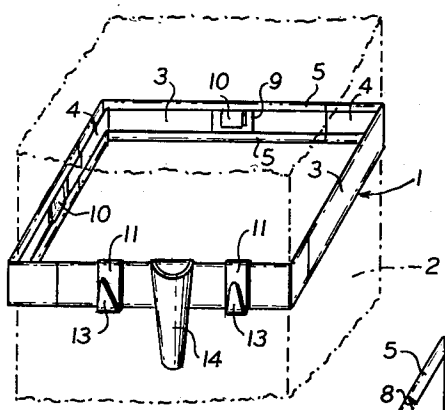


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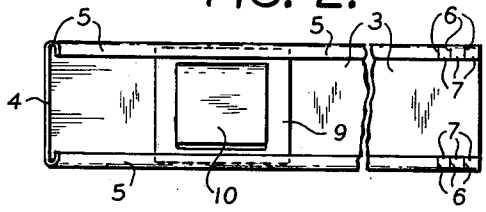


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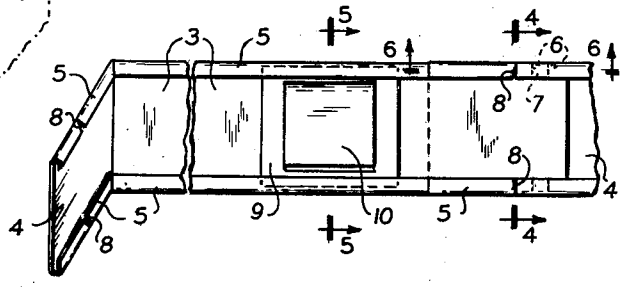


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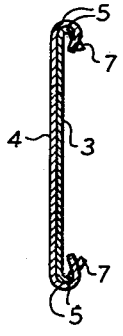


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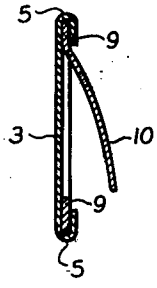


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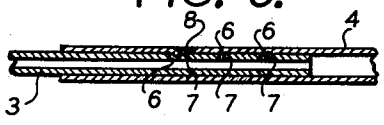


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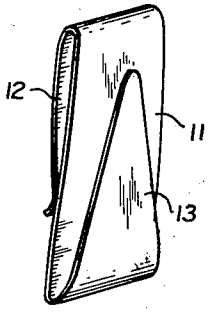
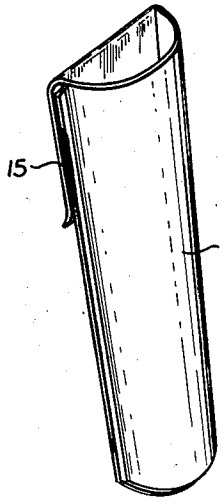


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The present invention relates to a gravestone flower support in general and to a device for supporting flowers on a gravestone, in particular.

Different means have been proposed before, to attach flowers to a gravestone, which are, however, either not durable or of a rather complicated structure and finally, also not easily removable.

It is one object of the present invention to provide a gravestone flower support, which is easily secured to a gravestone of any cross-section and which is either permanently or releasably secured thereto.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a gravestone support, which comprises a band of, preferably, flexible metal, which has its longitudinal edges bent over, to form longitudinal beads and to provide a guide for an adjacent band portion, likewise having its longitudinal edges bent over to form complementary beads, and in which means are arranged for interlocking the adjoining portions of two adjacent bands or of the free end portions of a single metal band.

It is yet another object of the present invention to provide a gravestone flower support, which comprises a metal band surrounding the gravestone, and which includes means for retaining the band at any predetermined level on the gravestone and which has additional attachments on which a bouquet of flowers or a flower wreath can be secured.

With these and other objects in view, which will become apparent in the following detailed description, the present invention will be clearly understood in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective front view of the gravestone flower support, shown attached to a gravestone;

FIG. 2 is a front elevation of one of the elements used and combined with similar elements to form the flower support band;

FIG. 3 is a front perspective view of the element shown in FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a section along the lines 4—4 of FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is section along the lines 5—5 of FIG. 3;

FIG. 6 is a section along the lines 6—6 of FIG. 3;

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a flower wreath attachment suspended by the metal band surrounding the gravestone; and

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a flower bouquet holder suspended by the metal band surrounding the gravestone.

Referring now to the drawing, and in particular to FIGS. 1 to 3, the gravestone flower support comprises a metal band 1, which surrounds and is secured to the gravestone 2. The metal band 1 is formed, preferably, of a plurality of similar longitudinal parts.

One single part of the metal band 1 surrounding the gravestone 2 is shown in FIG. 2 and each of the parts comprises a longitudinal piece of sheet metal consisting of a first portion 3 of greater length and a second portion 4 of shorter length which is formed integrally with the portion 3 of greater length and bent, preferably, at an angle of 90° relative to each other. Both portions 3 and 4 have their longitudinal edges bent over to form an upper and a lower bead 5.

Preferably, at the end of the longer portion 3, the bead 5 has a plurality of crosswise disposed cuts 6 to form tooth-like members 7, which, as particularly shown in FIG. 6, are bent in such manner, that they are disposed slightly inclined out of a plane parallel to the portion 3.

The shorter portion 4 has a crosswise disposed single cut 8 opposite each other on the beads 5 thereof and, thereby, dividing the beads 5 of the portion 4 into two separate parts.

As again clearly shown in FIG. 6 of the drawing, upon inserting the end of a portion 3 having tooth-like members 7 into the portion 4 of an adjacent element having also a portion 3, the bead portions 5 of the respective ends complement each other and will ride over the inclined tooth-like members 7 of the portion 3 of the adjacent element and, thereby, interlock with the innermost of the tooth-like members 7, in the manner illustrated by the embodiment depicted in FIG. 6, so that the two adjacent elements are connected in such manner, that they cannot be released from each other. Alternatively, the connection of the adjacent elements can be effected by utilizing any one of the tooth-like members 7, for the interlocking function. Thus it will be clear the manner in which the gravestone flower support of the invention may be easily secured to a gravestone of any cross-section. A release can be brought about only by bending the tooth-like members 7 back into a plane parallel to the metal band 1.

While the band 1 is sufficiently tightly secured around the gravestone 2, additional means are provided to retain the metal band 1 by friction at the predetermined level of the gravestone.

One embodiment of such means is shown in FIGS. 2 and 3. For this purpose, a rectangular sheet metal piece 9 slides between the beads 5 into the longitudinal portion 3 of each of the elements, which sheet metal piece 9 has a portion thereof cut out on three sides to provide a flap 10. Since the sheet metal piece 9 is made of resilient metal, upon proper bending of the flap 10 out of the plane of the sheet metal piece 9 it will have the tendency to retain such position forming an angle to the plane of the sheet metal piece 9, to engage by its spring force the wall of the gravestone 2.

While it is possible to hang flower arrangements directly on the metal band 1, additional members can be provided to simplify the attachment of flower bouquets or flower wreaths.

Referring now to FIG. 7, a wreath support is shown, which comprises a sheet metal band 11 which is bent over at its top and at its bottom, the sheet metal member 11 thus forming a downward bend 12 at its top and an upward bend 13 at its bottom. The downward bend 12 can be suspended on the top edge of the metal band 1 while the upward bend 13, disposed at the bottom of the sheet metal band 11, is adapted to support a wreath or other flower arrangements.

Referring now to FIG. 8, a preferably, slightly conically shaped tubular member 15 is shown, to which a supporting hook-shaped member 16 is secured and which is adapted to be suspended upon the upper edge of the metal band 1.

While I have disclosed one embodiment of the present invention, it is to be understood that this embodiment is given by example only and not in a limiting sense, the scope of the present invention being determined by the objects and the claims.

I claim:

1. A gravestone flower support comprising

a metal band adapted to surround and be secured to a gravestone,

said metal band having two free ends which are adapted to be connected together in a plurality of relative positions thereof,

connecting means at each of said free ends for connecting said free ends together,

the upper and lower longitudinal edges of said metal band being bent over to form beads at the top and the bottom of the metal band with the beads ad-

jacent one free end being adapted to slidably receive the beads adjacent the other free end therebetween,

said connecting means comprising at least one crosswise disposed cut in the beads adjacent on of said free ends in order to bend a group of portions of said beads into an angular position relative to the plane of said metal band,

and a plurality of longitudinally spaced, crosswise disposed cuts in the beads adjacent the other of said free ends in order to bend longitudinally spaced groups of portions of said beads adjacent the other of said free ends into angular positions relative to the plane of said metal band, so that upon sliding said one free end of said metal sheet over said other free end thereof by interengagement of said beads, the group of bent portions of the beads on said one free end may be interlocked with any desired group of the groups of bent over portions on the beads of said other free end to connect the said free ends together in relative positions thereof corresponding to the longitudinal spacing of the said desired group from the said other free end.

2. The gravestone flower support, as set forth in claim 1, which includes

a supporting member consisting of a longitudinal metal piece having one end bent over rearwardly and its other end bent over forwardly, and

said rearwardly bent over end being suspended from the top edge of said metal band and said forwardly bent over end being adapted to support a flower arrangement.

3. The gravestone flower support, as set forth in claim 1, which includes

a conical tubular member having a back portion, and

a hook shaped metal piece secured to said back portion of said conical tubular member and engaging the top edge of said metal band to support said conical tubular member thereon.

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