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Fig. 1.

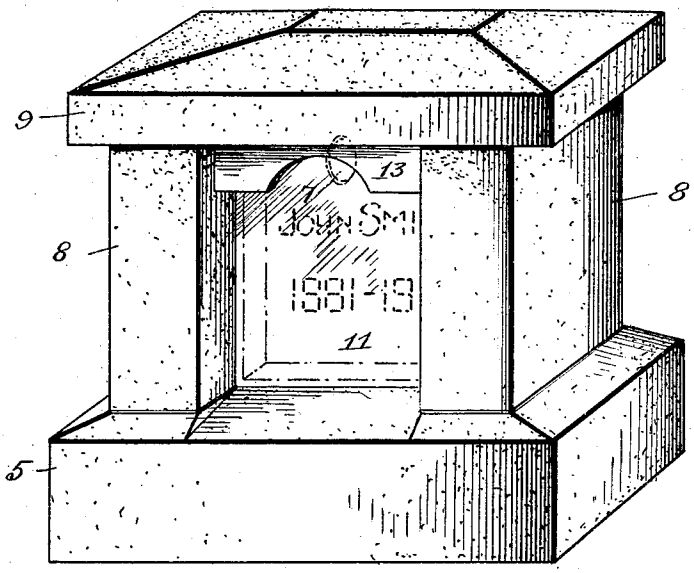


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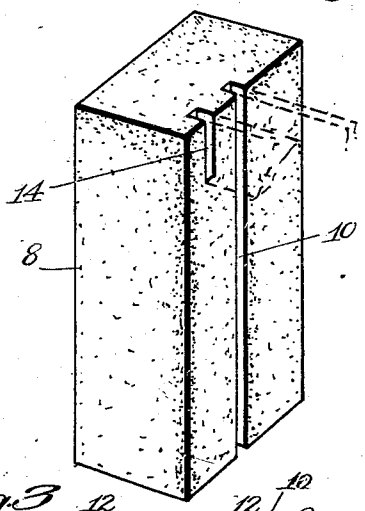


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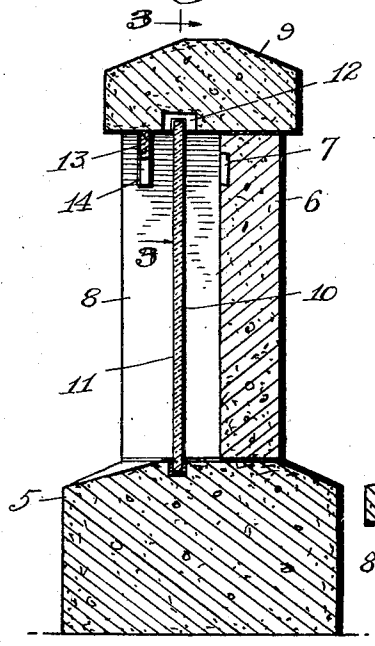
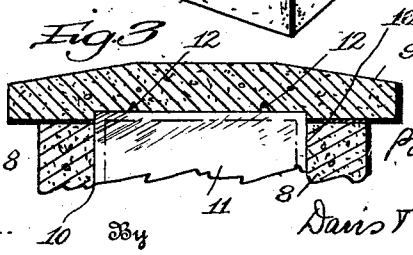


Fig. 3



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The object of this invention is to provide a stone grave monument in which the inscription-face of the stone will be protected against disintegration by weathering and also from soiling, and a further object is to provide means whereby a photograph may be set into the face of the inscription stone in such manner as not only to be protected from the weather but also from the fading effects of sunshine, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawing—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a grave monument constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof;

Figs. 3 and 4 are views of details hereinafter described.

The numeral 5 designates the base-stone which may be, as shown, a single block or may be constructed of a plurality of blocks. Upon this base is mounted a back-slab 6 whose front face carries the cut inscription and also, if desired, a pocket 7 for a photograph, this pocket being located near the upper end of the slab. A pair of side-slabs 8 is mounted upon the base with their edges in contact with the side edges of the back-slab 6. The front edges of the side-slabs 8 project to a point in front of the face of the slab 6 to thus provide a recess in the front part of the monument. A top-slab 9 is placed upon the upper ends of the side-slabs and the rear slab to thus form a canopy or cover for the recess. All the foregoing stone members are properly cemented together where they come in contact with each other.

The side-slabs 8, at a point in front of the inscription-face, are vertically grooved at 10 to receive a vertical transparent glass-plate 11 whose lower edge is set in a similar groove in the base and whose upper edge is set in a groove in the top-slab 9. The edges of the glass are cemented in these grooves. This glass forms a sealed chamber in front of the inscription-face of the stone 6, thus protecting the inscription-face against water and preventing it from being soiled, thereby keeping the inscription in condition to be easily read at all times. For ventilation of the cavity behind the glass-plate, I provide one or more grooves 12 around the upper edge of the glass-plate, and to protect the photograph in the holder 7 from the effects of sunshine I arrange a sunshade 13 in front of the glass, under the top-slab, this sunshade consisting of an opaque plate, such as stone, having its ends set in notches 14 cut in the side-slabs 8. To enable the photograph to be viewed without stooping down and looking up under the shield 13, I cut out the lower edge thereof midway the ends of the shield to form an arch-like opening. It will be observed that rain-water cannot splash up into the ventilating-passages 12, as the shield 13 effectually prevents this.

By making the monument of a plurality of slabs in the manner set forth, I am enabled to assemble it at its site, and, by mounting the glass-sheet and the shield 13 in the manner set forth, they may be readily built into the monument at the time of erection or assemblage.

What I claim as new is:

1. A grave monument consisting of a base, a separate back-slab having an inscription-face facing forwardly, separate side-slabs mounted on the base extending forwardly beyond the inscription-face, a separate top-slab removably supported on the upper ends of the aforesaid slabs to thus form a recess at the front of the monument, and a transparent glass-plate supported in front of the inscription-face and having its edges seated in grooves in the base, the side-slabs and the top-slab, whereby the top-slab holds the glass-plate in place firmly supported at all its edges.

2. A grave monument consisting of a base, a back-slab having an inscription-face facing forwardly, side-slabs mounted on the base extending forwardly beyond the inscription-face, a top-slab removably supported on the upper ends of the aforesaid slabs to thus form a recess at the front of the monument, a transparent glass-plate supported in front of the inscription-face and having its edges sealed in grooves in the base, the side-slabs and the top-slab, and an opaque weather shield mounted in front of the glass-plate and arranged to depend from the top-slab.

3. A grave monument consisting of a base, a back-slab having an inscription-face facing forwardly, side-slabs mounted on the base extending forwardly beyond the inscription-face, a top-slab supported on the upper ends of the aforesaid slabs to thus form a recess at the front of the monument, a transparent glass-plate supported in front of the inscription-face and having its edges seated in grooves in the base, the side-slabs

and the top-slab, and an opaque shield supported under the top-slab in notches in the upper end of the side-slabs at a point in front of the glass.

4. A grave monument consisting of a base, a back-slab having an inscription-face facing forwardly, side-slabs mounted on the base extending forwardly beyond the inscription-face, a top-slab supported on the upper ends of the aforesaid slabs to thus form a recess at the front of the monument, a transparent glass-plate supported in front of the inscription-face and having its edges seated in grooves in the base, the side-slabs and the top-slab, and an opaque shield supported under the top-slab in notches in the upper end of the side-slabs at a point in front of the glass, ventilating-openings being provided in the top-slab over the top edge of the glass.

5. A grave monument consisting of a base, a back-slab having an inscription-face facing forwardly, side-slabs mounted on the base extending forwardly beyond the inscription-face to thus form a recess at the front side of the monument, a top-slab removably supported on the upper ends of the aforesaid slabs to thus form a top cover for said recess, a transparent glass-plate supported in front of the inscription-face and having its edges seated in grooves in the base, the side-slabs and the top-slab, so that said glass-plate will be removably held in place by the top-slab and be supported at all four of its edges, and an opaque shield positioned in front of the glass at the upper edge thereof, this shield being held down in grooves in the side-slabs by the top-slab, a ventilating-opening being provided at the upper edge of the glass-plate to thus ventilate the cavity between the inscription-face and the glass.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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