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Fig. 1.

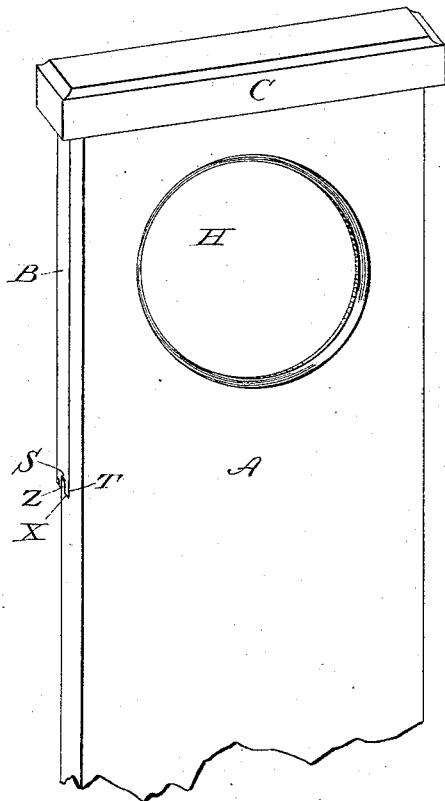
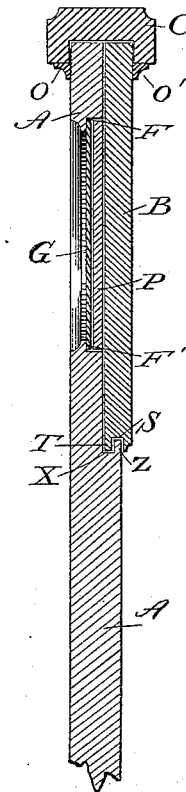


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAMBERT MACY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greensborough, in the county of Henry and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Memorial and Inscription Tablets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in memorial and inscription tablets, to be used as head-boards at the graves of deceased persons or elsewhere, either temporarily or permanently, in which a wooden or metal strip of suitable width, length, and thickness is perforated near the top with an opening, with suitable flanges on the back thereof for receiving a glass, and back of that a metal or other plate for receiving the inscription to be preserved, and means for securing the same in place and for protecting the same from the weather and from injury. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a general and front view, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the center of the tablet and other parts.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents the metal or wooden strip or head-board, with the aperture H, with beveled or grooved edges, and with flanges F F' on the back side thereof.

G represents a glass, cut in shape and size to cover the hole H and rest upon the flanges F F'.

P represents a plate of metal or other material, on which is written, painted, engraved, or printed the inscription desired to be preserved, and which may be readily read through the glass front G, through the aperture H. To secure this glass and inscription-plate in place and to protect the same, a back of metal or wood, B, of suitable size and thickness, has a tongue, T, and a groove, S, at its lower end, which tongue fits into a groove, X, on the back of A, and the groove S upon the tongue Z on the back of A. This back piece, B, extends up as high as the head-board A, the tops of the two being even, and on the top of them is fitted a cap, C, with mortise on under side, of proper size and depth to receive the ends at

top of A and B. This cap projects over each side and each edge of the combined head-board A and back B a suitable distance, and on the under side of the cap C, at each end thereof, is fastened a right-angled metal or other brace, O O', fastened to the cap C and to the head-board and back B by screws. By removing the cap C by taking out the screws securing the braces to it and lifting it off, and by lifting the back B out of its groove, the plate P may be removed, inscribed, and replaced readily, and the cap being replaced, the same is secure. The whole is used by pushing the lower end of the head-board into the earth at the head of the grave; or the tablet may be used for any other purpose to which it may be adapted, such as for labels in orchards, arboretums, &c.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a memorial and inscription tablet, the combination of the head-board A, having an aperture, H, with flanges F F', for receiving and supporting the glass plate G and inscription-plate P, and having a groove, X, and tongue Z, for receiving and holding in place the lower end of the back B, with the cap C, having a mortise in its under side to fit over the top ends of the head-board A and back B, so as to keep them in place, and with right-angled braces O O', for securing the cap in place, the back B, with tongue T and groove S, for holding the same in contact with head-board A, so as to keep glass plate G and inscription-plate P in place, the glass plate G, resting upon flanges F F', covering the aperture H, and the inscription-plate P, for containing any inscription that may be written or engraved thereupon, and resting with its face against the back of glass plate G, and secured in place by back B, so that the inscription shall be legible through the glass, and at the same time protected from the weather and damage, all combined and arranged in the manner described, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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