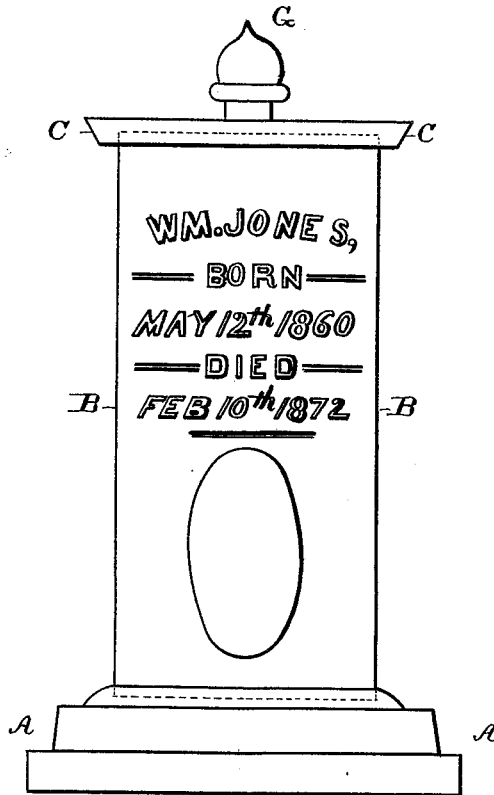


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Fig. 1.



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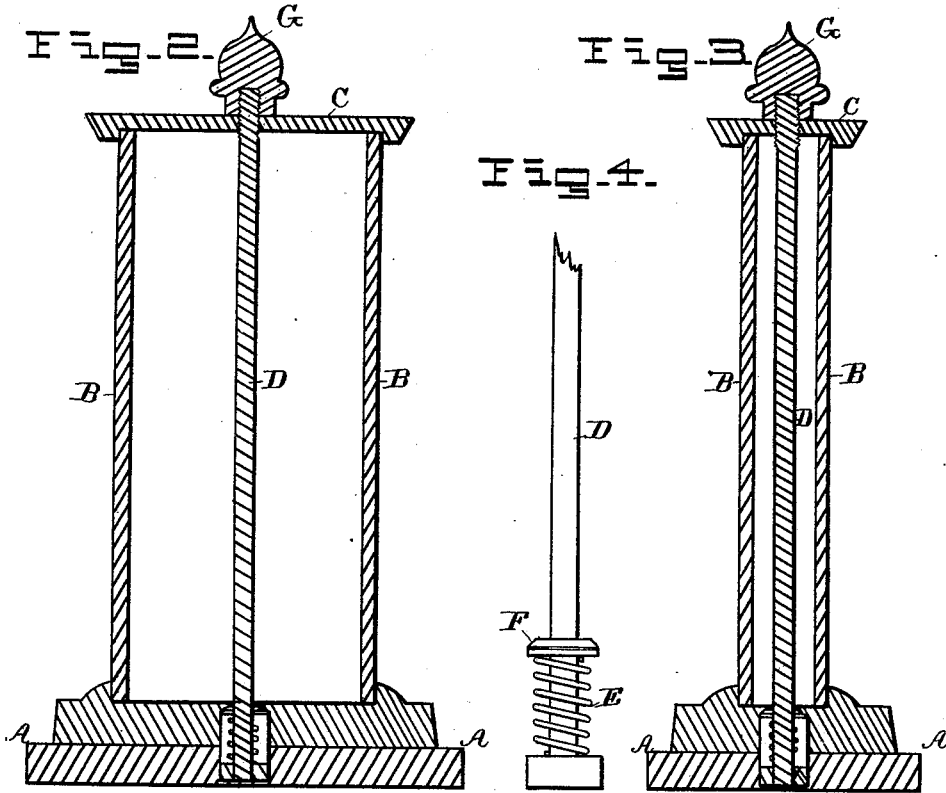
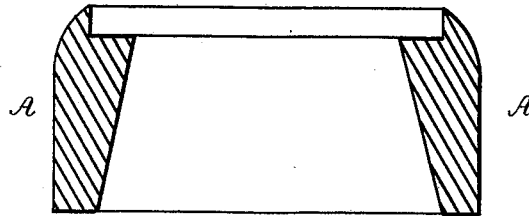


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## IMPROVEMENT IN MONUMENTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CONRAD W. WICKHAM, of Wheeling, in the county of Ohio and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tombstone-Monuments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain improvements in tombstone-monuments; and the invention consists in a hollow glass monument constructed in sections and put together, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make, construct, and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and arrangement, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal central section. Fig. 3 is a transverse central vertical section. Fig. 4 is a view showing the rod and spring; and Fig. 5 is a central longitudinal section of the base, in modification.

A represents the base, made either of marble, pressed or molded glass, and in one or more pieces.

When the base is constructed in one piece it may be made hollow, as shown in Fig. 5, if desired, leaving sufficient bearing to support the middle section B.

The vertical extension or middle section B is made of any desired number of slabs or plates of glass, cemented, or held together by tongue-and-groove joints, or any other suitable means.

The inscription, photograph, or other de-

sign may be cut or painted on the inside of the glass plates before setting them in position, thus overcoming the difficulty experienced in placing the inscription on the inside, where it will be sufficiently protected, heretofore found when glass cylinders were used in the construction of monuments.

On top the middle section B is placed a cap, C, of pressed or molded glass, made after any desired pattern or design.

These parts are held together by a tension-rod, D, provided at the bottom with a spiral spring, E, and washers F. This rod is passed up through the base, middle section, and cap. A head, G, is then screwed on the end.

The spring is strong enough to securely hold the parts together, and at the same time allow of any expansion or contraction of the glass or rod.

The tension-rod may be extended any required distance above the cap, and be provided with an ornament of any desired design.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The hereinbefore-described tombstone-monument, constructed in sections B, made of plate-glass, substantially as described.

2. In a tombstone-monument, the base A, middle section B, composed of slabs of plate-glass, and cap C, in combination with the rod D, screw-head G, spiral spring E, and washers F, all constructed and arranged substantially in the manner shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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