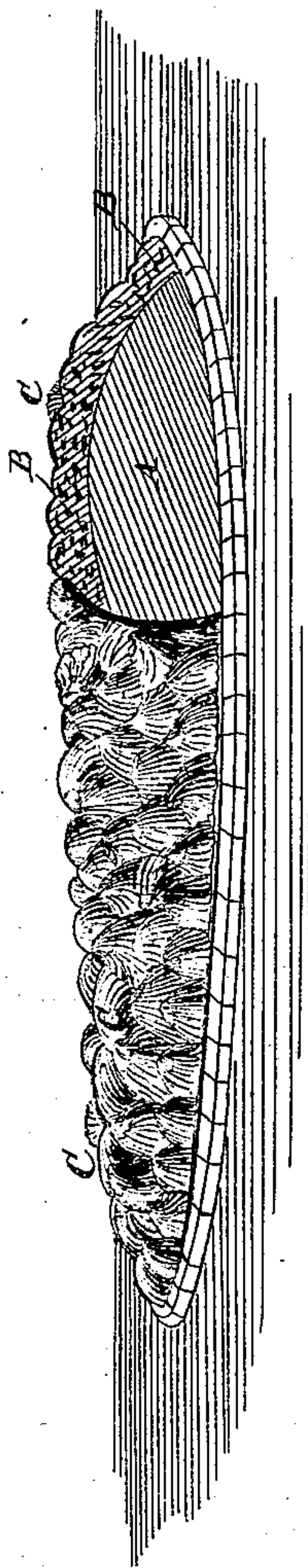


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IMPROVEMENT IN GRAVE-MOUNDS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JONATHAN MELEY, of Trenton, in the county of Gibson, and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Grave-Mounds; 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 make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view, partly in section, of a grave-mound, illustrating my invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

My invention has for its object to improve the construction of grave-mounds, so as to make them ornamental, and especially so that the mound may not be disfigured by the sinking of the grave.

It consists in covering the grave with a layer of hydraulic cement, mixed with sand, and ornamented upon its outer side with shells, the whole being constructed and arranged as hereinafter more fully described.

A represents the top or mound of the grave, which is rounded up in the ordinary form and manner. The grave is then surrounded with a row of bricks, to form

the base of the mound, and covered with a coating or layer, B, of hydraulic cement and sand, mixed together to the proper consistency. The layer or coating B should be about two or three inches thick, and, before the cement has had time to set, the convex surface of the mound is covered with shells, C, which may be arranged in groups, or so as to form fanciful figures, and which are forced into and embedded in the soft cement, so that, as the said cement hardens or sets, it will hold the shells C securely in place.

By this means, should the grave sink, the hardened cement and shells will retain their position and form, forming a permanent arch over the sunken grave.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The grave-mound, when formed by coating the raised portion A with a layer of cement, enclosed by the brick border, and covered with a compact coating of shells, C, as herein shown and described.

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