

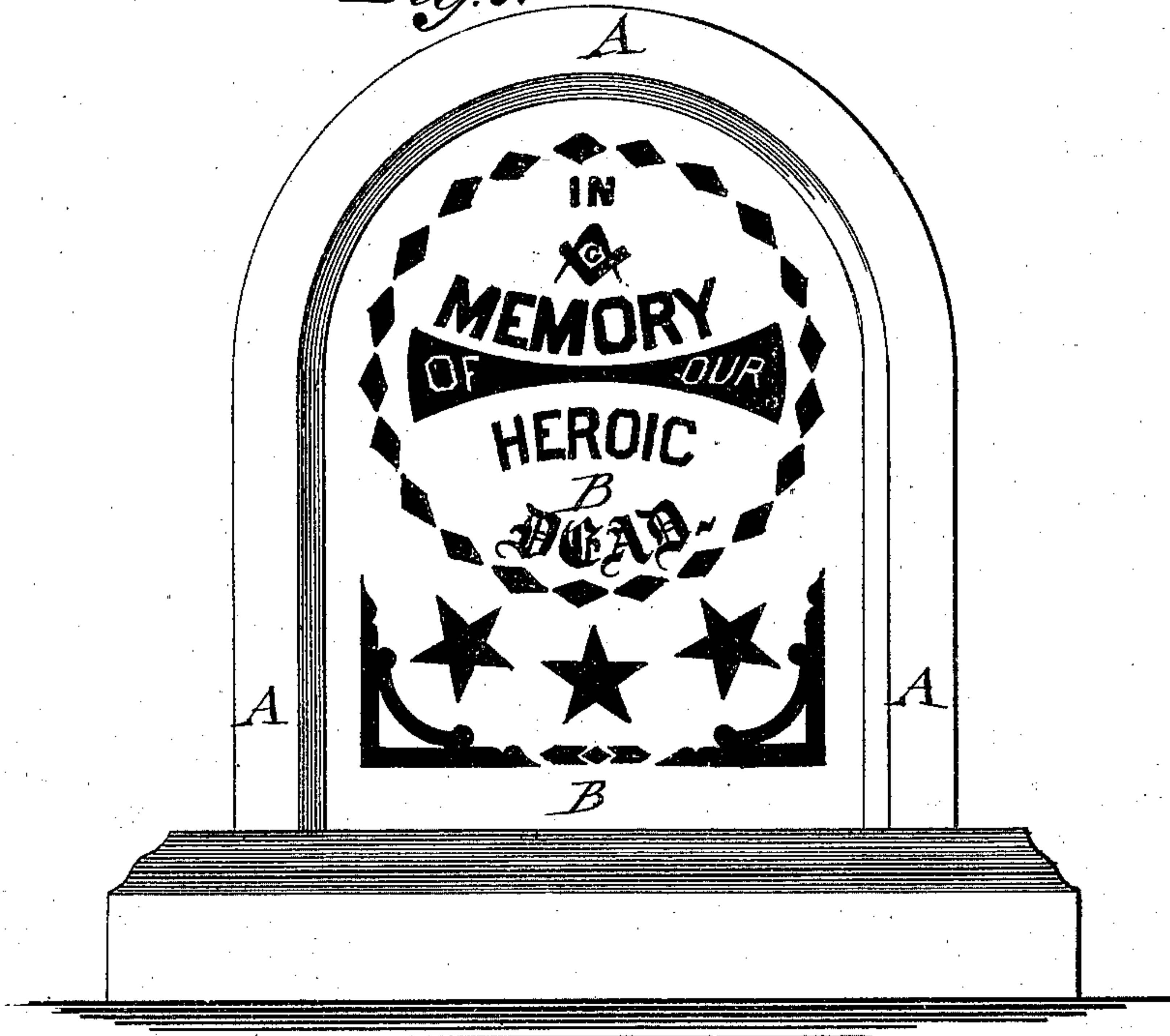
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MONUMENT.

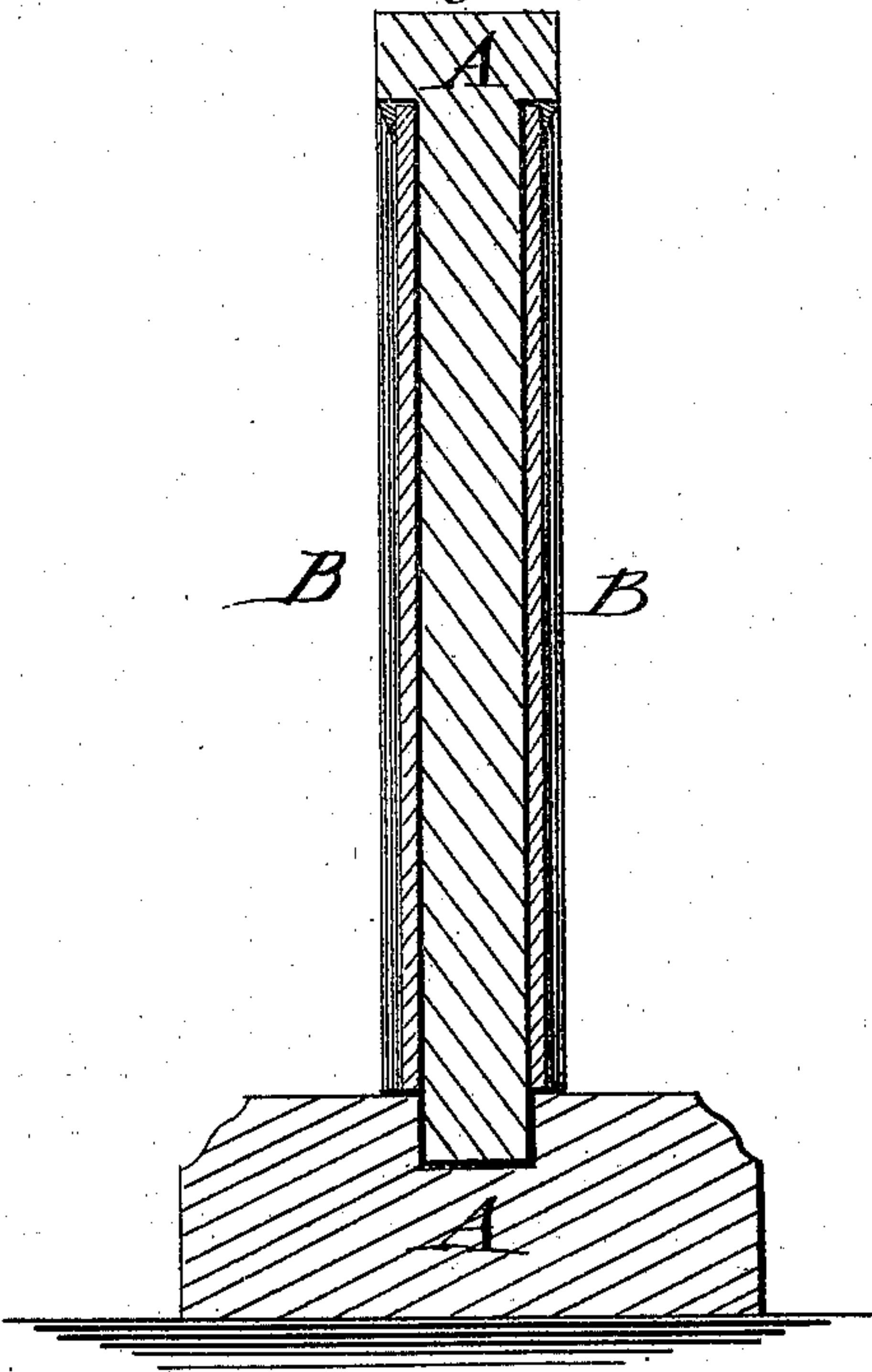
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN MONUMENTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS J. MILLIMAN, of West Troy, county of Albany, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tombstones, Monuments, &c., of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a vertical transverse section, of my improved tombstone, monument, &c.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention consists of the combination, with a tombstone, monument, tablet, or other memorial stone, of a plate of flashed glass, on which the desired inscription or design is etched, cut, or otherwise engraved.

In the drawing, A represents a tombstone, or monument, of marble, granite, brownstone, or any other kind of stone used for monumental purposes. To the stone is cemented or otherwise applied a plate, B, of flashed glass, of any desired size, shape, or color, on which the inscription or other design, with or without appropriate ornamentation, is cut, engraved, or etched, so that it appears with the stone as background in a tasteful and elegant manner. A great variety of designs may thus be furnished for memorial purposes at a cheaper rate, and the expensive carving or cutting of the inscriptions on the stones in the usual way may, in many instances, be done away with.

I am aware that a tablet for tombs wherein two plates of glass are cemented together and connected to the stone, with the words and

figures painted on the under side of the outer glass plate, is described in English Patent No. 12,075 of 1848. I am also aware that glass plates have been used for the same purpose, with the letters cut or molded thereon; and these I do not claim. I am also fully aware that flashed glass has been made by several different processes. Hence I do not claim a process for making flashed glass; but I am not aware that a tombstone, monument, or like tablet has ever before been known in which the inscription or other design is cut or otherwise engraved on a plate of flashed glass and cemented to the tombstone, tablet, or monument.

A tombstone, tablet, or monument having a plate of glass with inscription painted or colored thereon, either in its outer or inner face, would not be indestructible; but with my invention the inscription, being cut or engraved on a plate of flashed glass, is virtually indestructible, and is much cheaper and more fanciful and pleasing to the eye than a tombstone or similar tablet having the letters produced thereon in the usual manner.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination, with a tomb or other memorial stone, of the plate B of flashed glass, having a suitable inscription cut or otherwise engraved thereon, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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