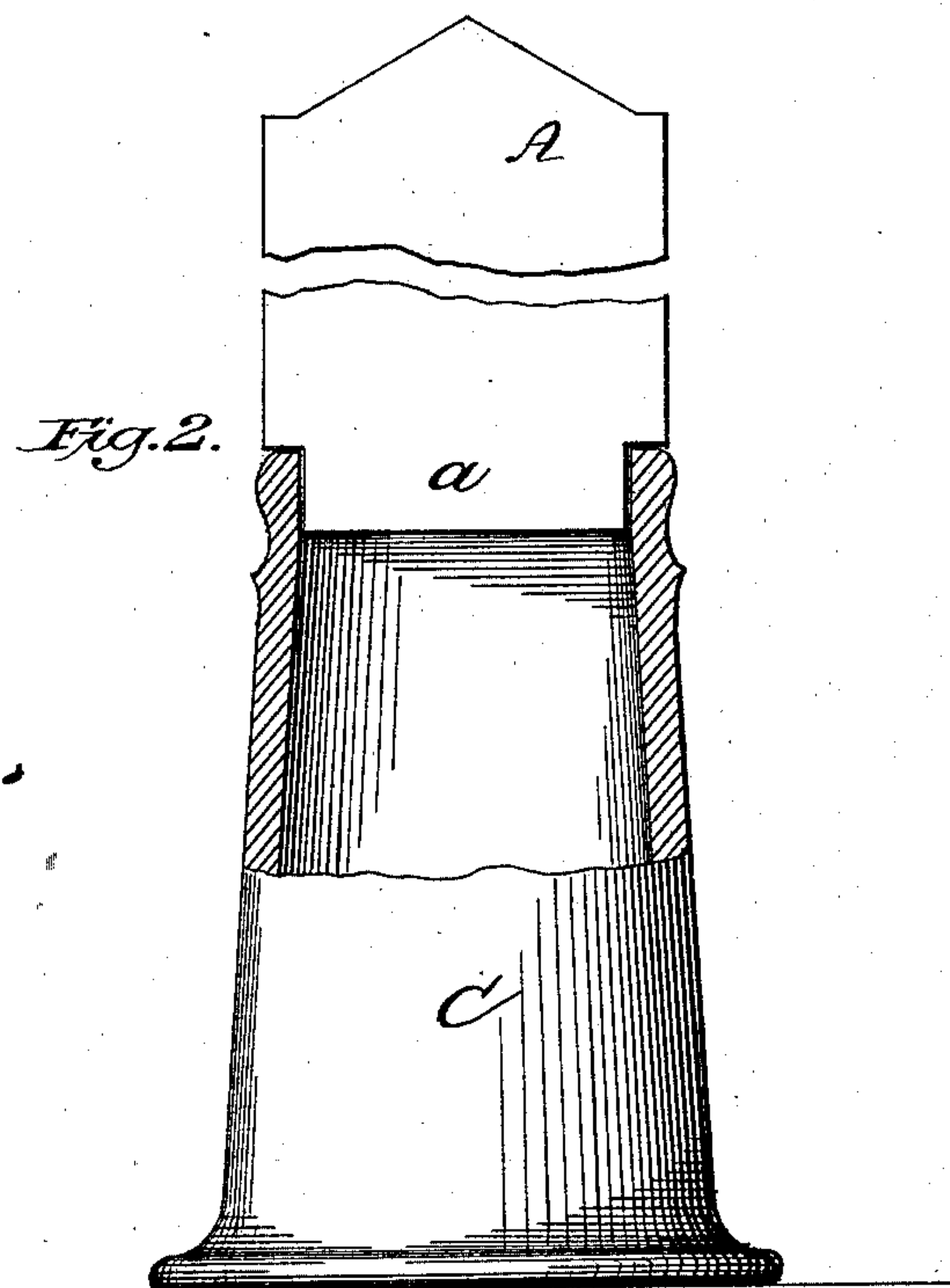
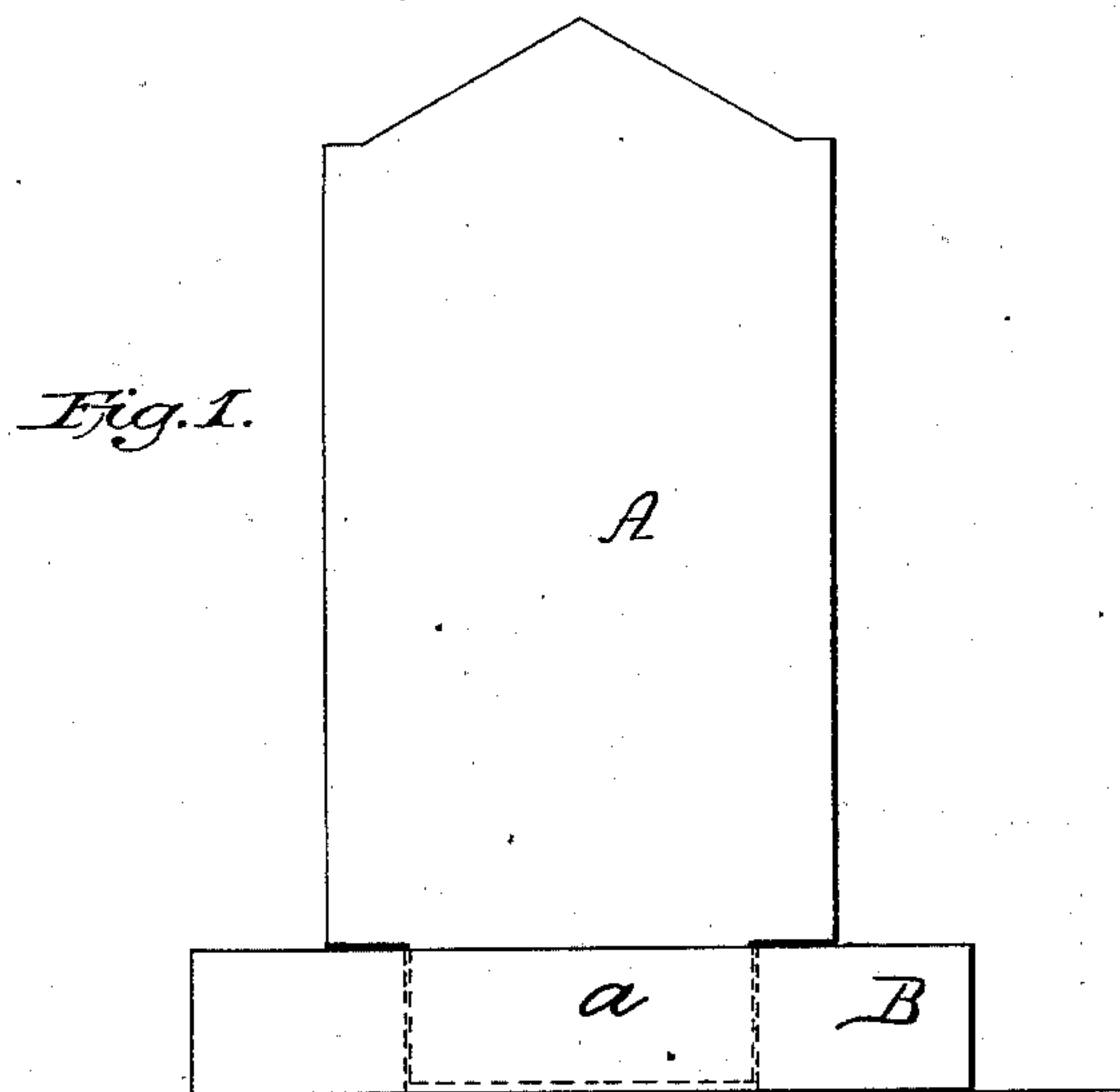


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOMBSTONES FROM POTTERS' CLAY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM PAYNE LOYD and WILLIAM DICKINSON LOYD, of Tremont, in the county of Itawamba and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tombstones; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is an elevation of our improved tombstone with a low base. Fig. 2 is a view of the same, partly in section, showing a monumental or high base for same.

This invention has relation to that class of monuments and tombstones made of potters' clay; and it consists of certain improvements in the construction of the same, hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, similar letters of reference indicate like parts of the invention.

A is a tombstone or slab, made of potters' clay, suitably molded into shape. It is then partially dried and the inscription sunk into the face of it. The letters are then colored with a suitable potters' colored glaze, and the article glazed and burned in a proper kiln. It is then set in a base, B, similarly made, with the exception of the lettering, and having an opening for the reception of the tongue *a*.

C is a more ornamental base for the same purpose, and is preferably hollow, as shown in section.

We claim—

In a tombstone, a base of potters' clay, adapted to receive the superstructure A, of the same material, in the manner and for the purpose herein shown and described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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