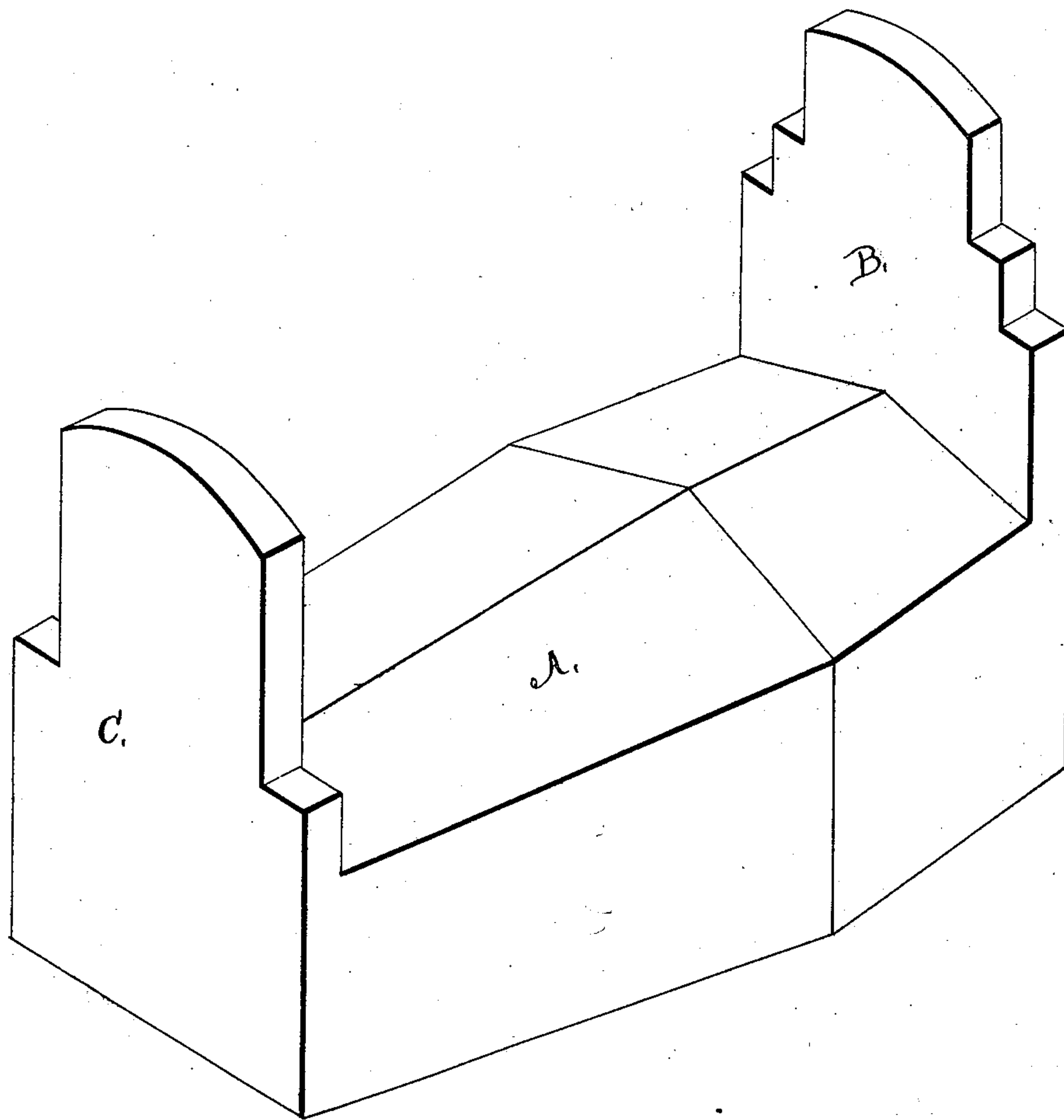


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## ARTIFICIAL-STONE TOMB.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENCE WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jewett, in the county of Leon and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Artificial-Stone Tombs, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in artificial-stone tombs; and it has for its object to produce a tomb with head-stone and foot-piece all in one piece that can be built up or placed immediately over a grave, so as to form a substantial protection to the same, as well as an ornamental finish, at a comparatively small cost.

To this end the invention consists of a tomb formed of artificial stone, which may be built up or cast upon a suitable foundation of brick-work above a grave, or which can be cast or molded complete and set over a grave, as more fully hereinafter specified.

The drawing represents a perspective view of my improved tomb, in which the letter A indicates the body, and the letters B and C the head-stones and foot-boards, respectively.

The said tomb, consisting of the body and the head and foot pieces, is constructed of artificial stone, or any of the plastic compounds in common use which can be molded into shape or otherwise built up, and which will

harden into a solid mass by the action of the atmosphere, so as to form a homogeneous tomb which will be ornamental, and will form a thorough protection to the grave.

The body of the tomb is made of the general configuration of the grave, and the head and foot pieces of any ornamental configuration that may be desired. The inscriptions usually employed may be formed in the head or foot pieces while the same are in a plastic state, either by hand or by means of a suitable tool or dies for the purpose.

It will be seen that a tomb as thus constructed, after once being secured in place, forms an almost indestructible protection to the grave, as, owing to its solidity, it will resist all successful attempts at grave-robbing, which have to be accomplished in much less time than the demolition of the tomb could be possibly effected.

I am aware that tombstones have been constructed of plastic materials, with inscriptions or tablets bearing inscriptions formed or embedded in the stone, and such I do not claim, broadly; but

What I do claim is—

An artificial tomb consisting of a body, A, head-stone B, and foot-stone C, constructed of plastic cement or artificial stone built up or molded complete in one piece and secured over a grave, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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