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Fig. 1.

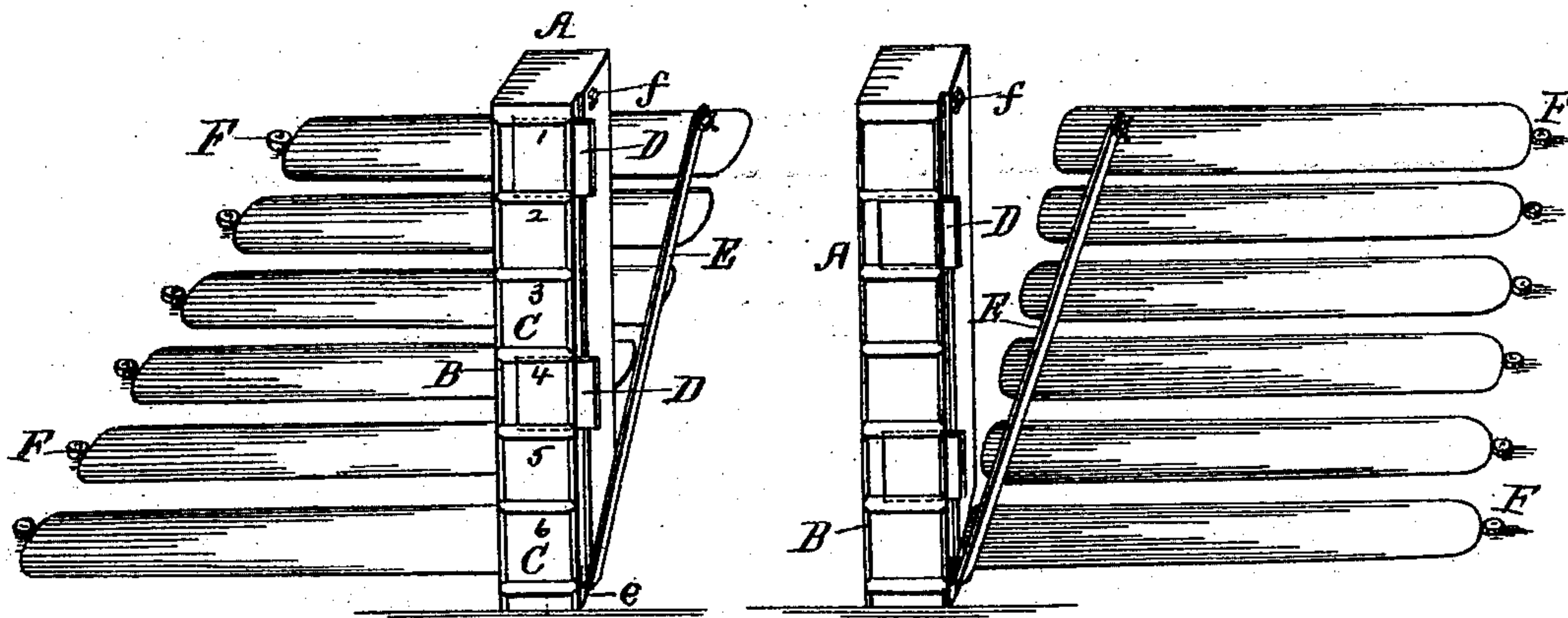


Fig. 2.

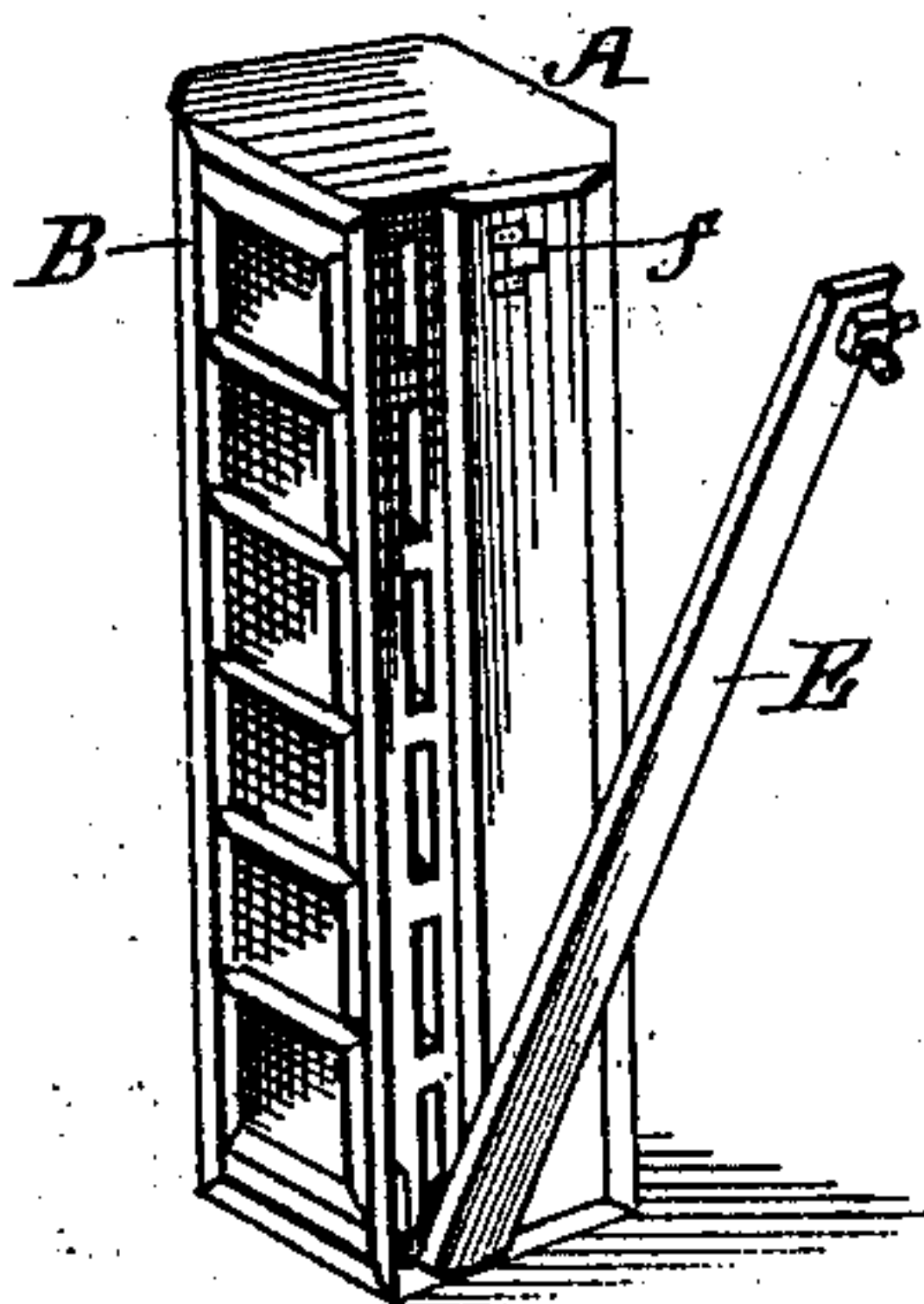
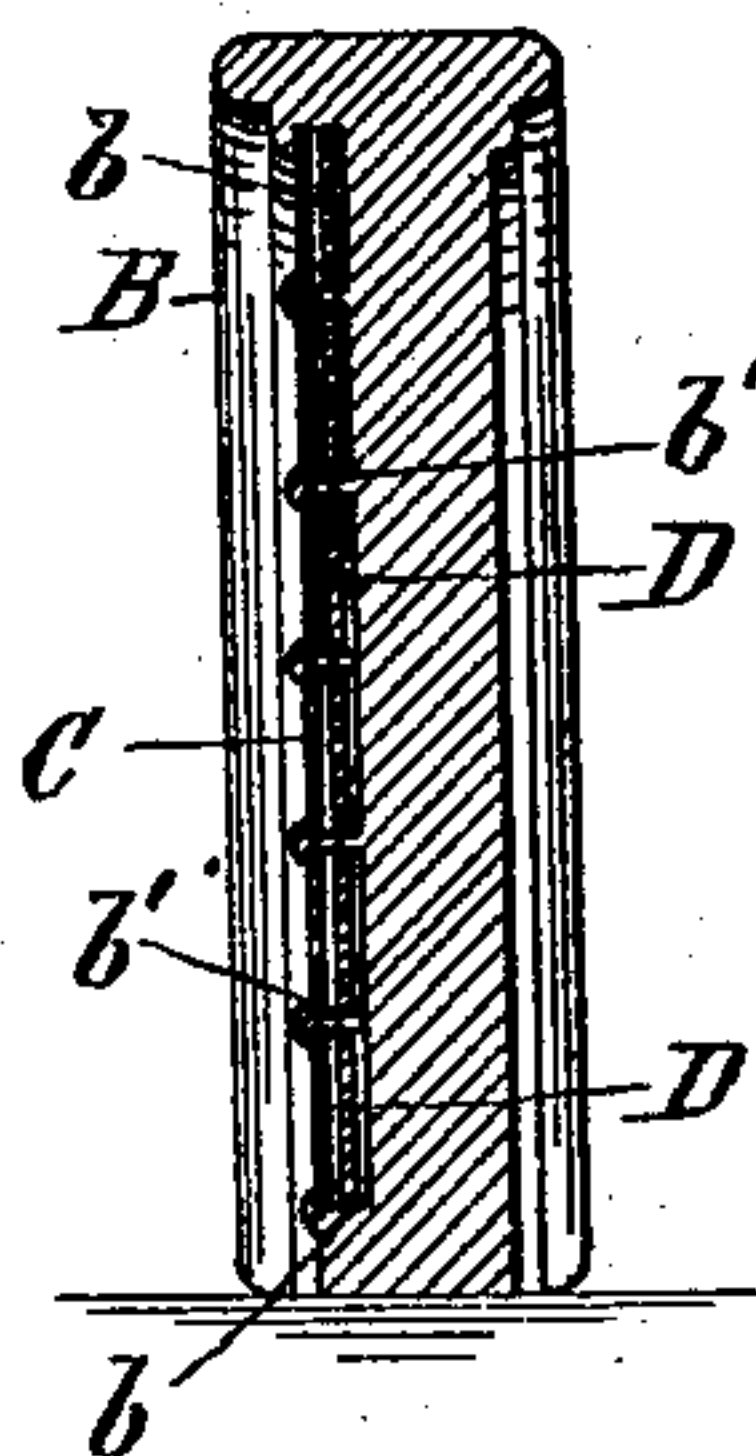


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GEORGE W. BUSH and HENRY H. WILZIN, citizens of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Methods of Inclosing Burial-Plots and Directory-Boards for the same, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention relates to a method of laying off graveyards, cemeteries, and the like; and the novelty consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of parts composing a directory-pillar and the relation of such pillar to the graves of a section, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

The object of the invention is to provide a directory-pillar which shall designate the number of each of the graves of a section, the name, age, date of birth and death, and any other inscription which may be desired, and with a picture of the deceased, or other device or design, such devices or inscription being plainly visible through a glass and properly protected from the weather. These objects, when attained, obviate the necessity of expensive tombstones, which ordinarily are of different designs and architecture, and thus mar the symmetrical beauty of the cemetery, and allow an unvarying view throughout the inclosure.

The device seems especially applicable to national cemeteries, where soldiers and sailors are interred; but it is obvious that it may be employed in other places with equal convenience, sightliness, and economy.

The invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a graveyard or cemetery, showing the application of my invention; Fig. 2, a perspective view of one of the pillars, and Fig. 3 a sectional detail.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of the pillar, made of wood, stone, iron, or other metal, concrete, or the like, placed at the head of a section of numbered graves, preferably upon each side of the walk.

B represents a framing of cast metal or other proper and convenient material, having rabbeted bearings *b*, formed in sections *b'*, which bearings are adapted to receive glass panes C in such manner that a sufficient space will be left between the panes C and the face of the pillar A to allow an inscription-bearing device, D, to be inserted therein. The pane-chambers are of equal size throughout, and one longitudinal edge of the frame has recesses through which the device D, which may be a slab of wood or other material, is inserted. To protect these inscription-bearing slabs from the weather or displacement, we provide a locking-plate, E, which, being hinged at the bottom *e*, may be placed in such position as to cover the openings through which the slabs D have been entered, and locked at the top by any convenient and proper means which will effect the purpose, as shown at *f*. This locking-plate may form one side of a panel formed of molding on the side of the pillar. The slabs D are numbered from top to bottom to correspond with the numbers on the posts F, placed at one end of the graves, as shown, and the location and contents of any grave may be readily ascertained from the pillar of that section.

It is obvious that instead of forming the frame in sections and using a pane of glass for each section it may be made for a single glass.

Modifications in the details of construction of the pillar may be made without departing from the principle or sacrificing the advantages of the invention, the essential features of which will be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings.

Having thus fully described the invention and its useful application, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. As a means for identifying the graves of a section in a cemetery or the like, a directory-pillar having a wood, stone, metal, or concrete body, to which is secured a frame carrying glass panes and provided with recesses in its longitudinal edge, a series of removable inscription-bearing devices arranged one above the other, and adapted to be inserted in the said recesses and passed between the glass panes and the face of the body of the pillar,

and a plate, E, hinged to the pillar at its bottom, for locking the said slabs against removal and weather, all combined and arranged as and for the purpose set forth.

- 5 2. The combination of the pillar A, frame B, secured to said pillar, and provided with recesses for the insertion of inscription-bearing slabs, glass panes C, the series of removable inscription-bearing devices D, and plate E,  
10 hinged to the pillar at its bottom and provided with a locking device at the top thereof, where-

by the said slabs are locked against removal and weather, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures 15  
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