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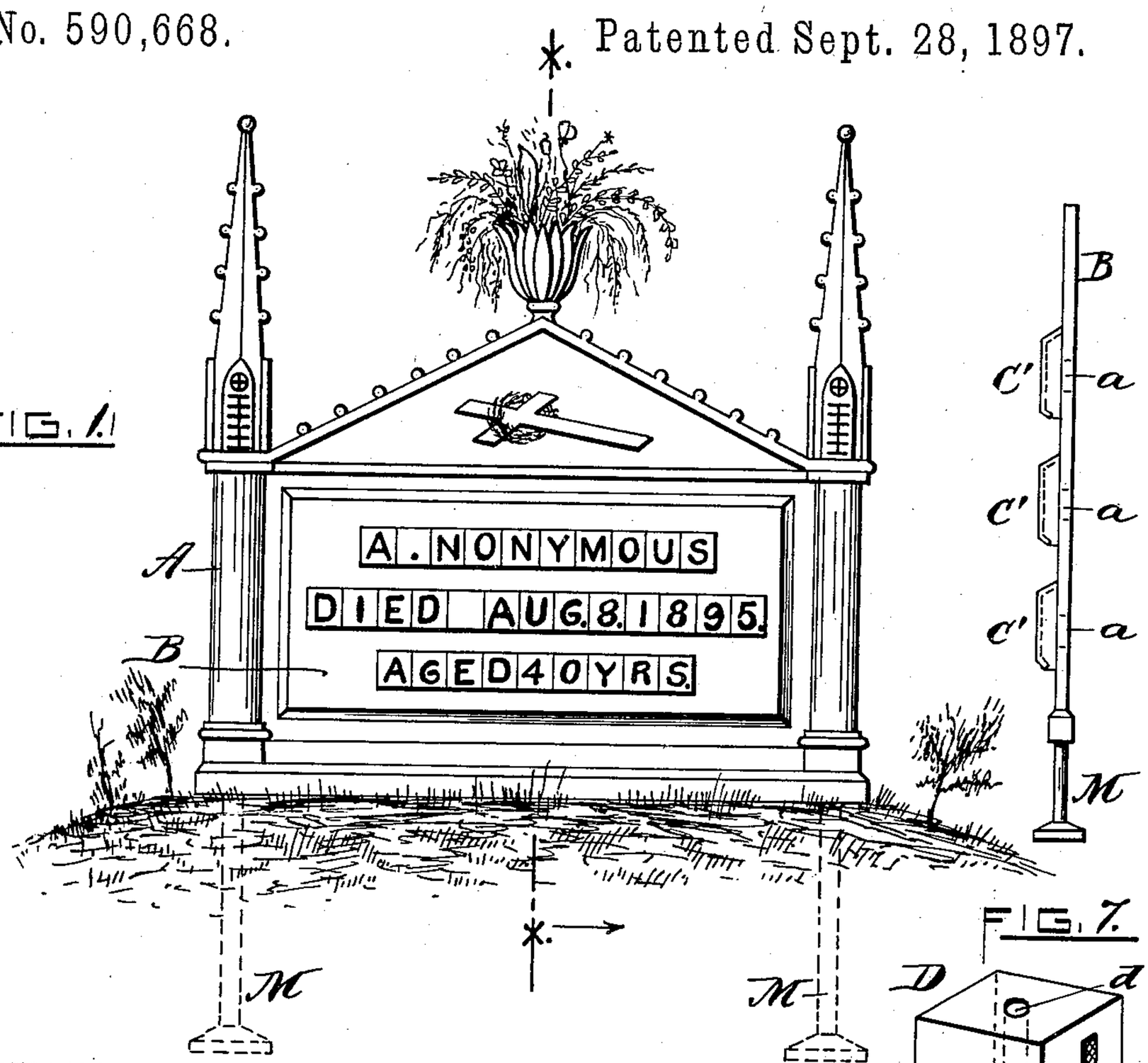

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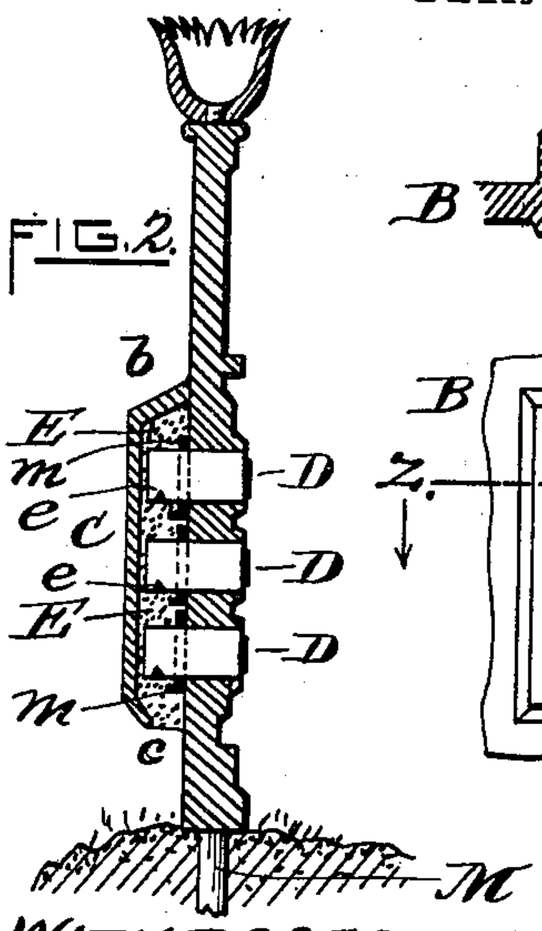

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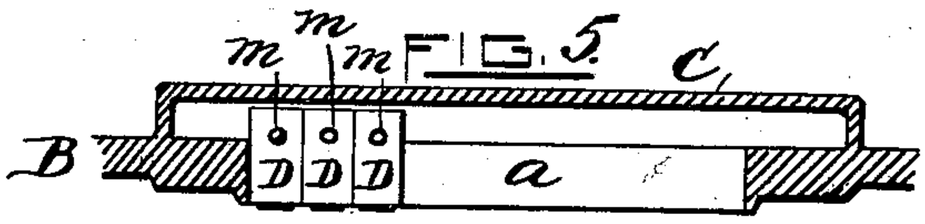

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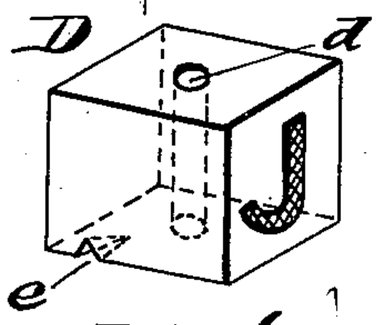

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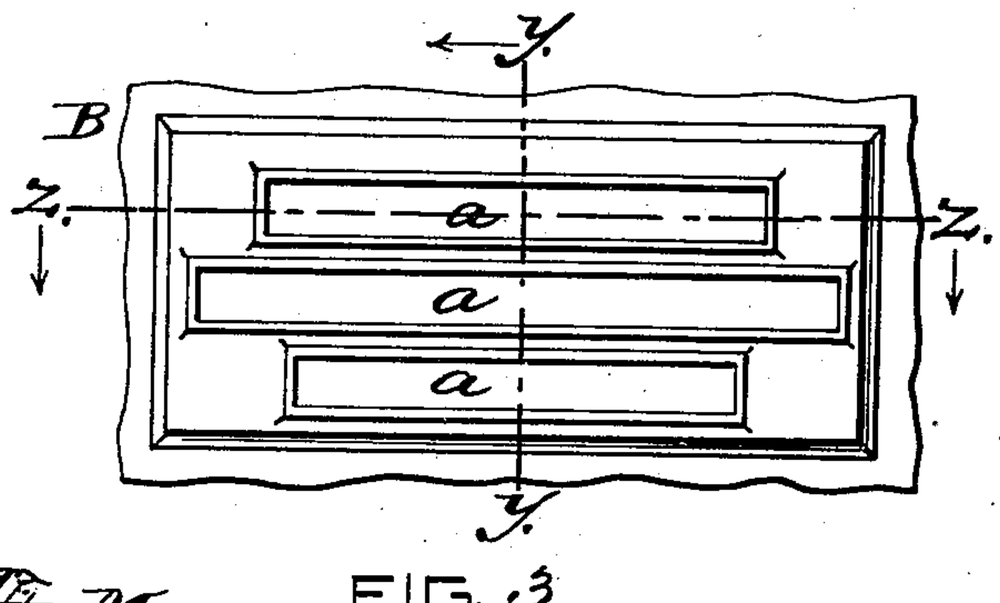

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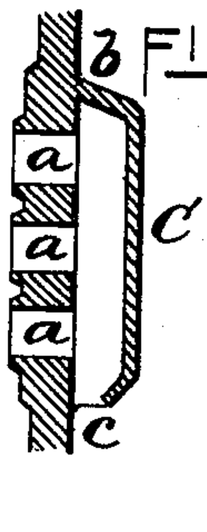

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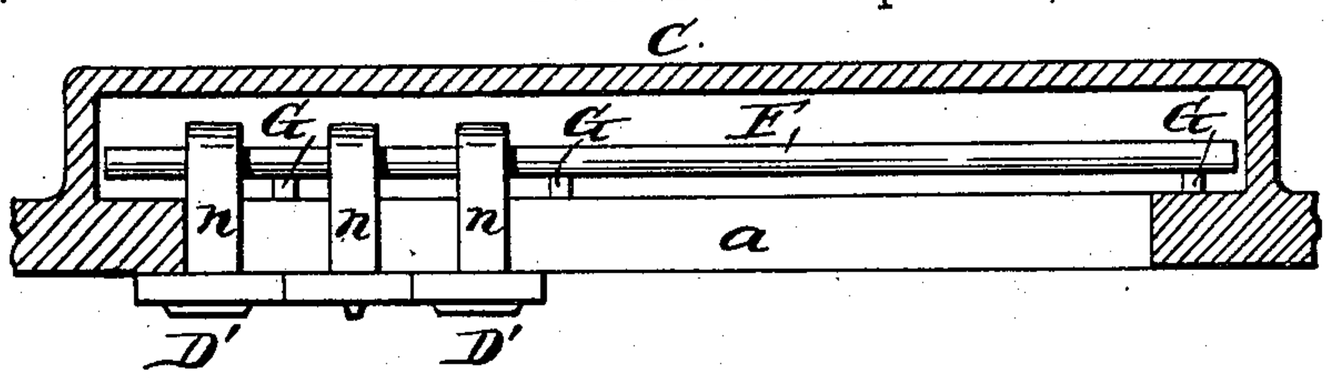
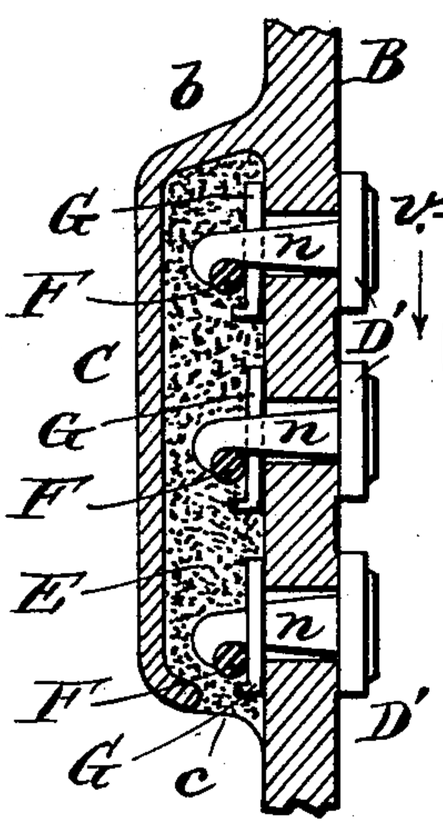
FIG. 10.





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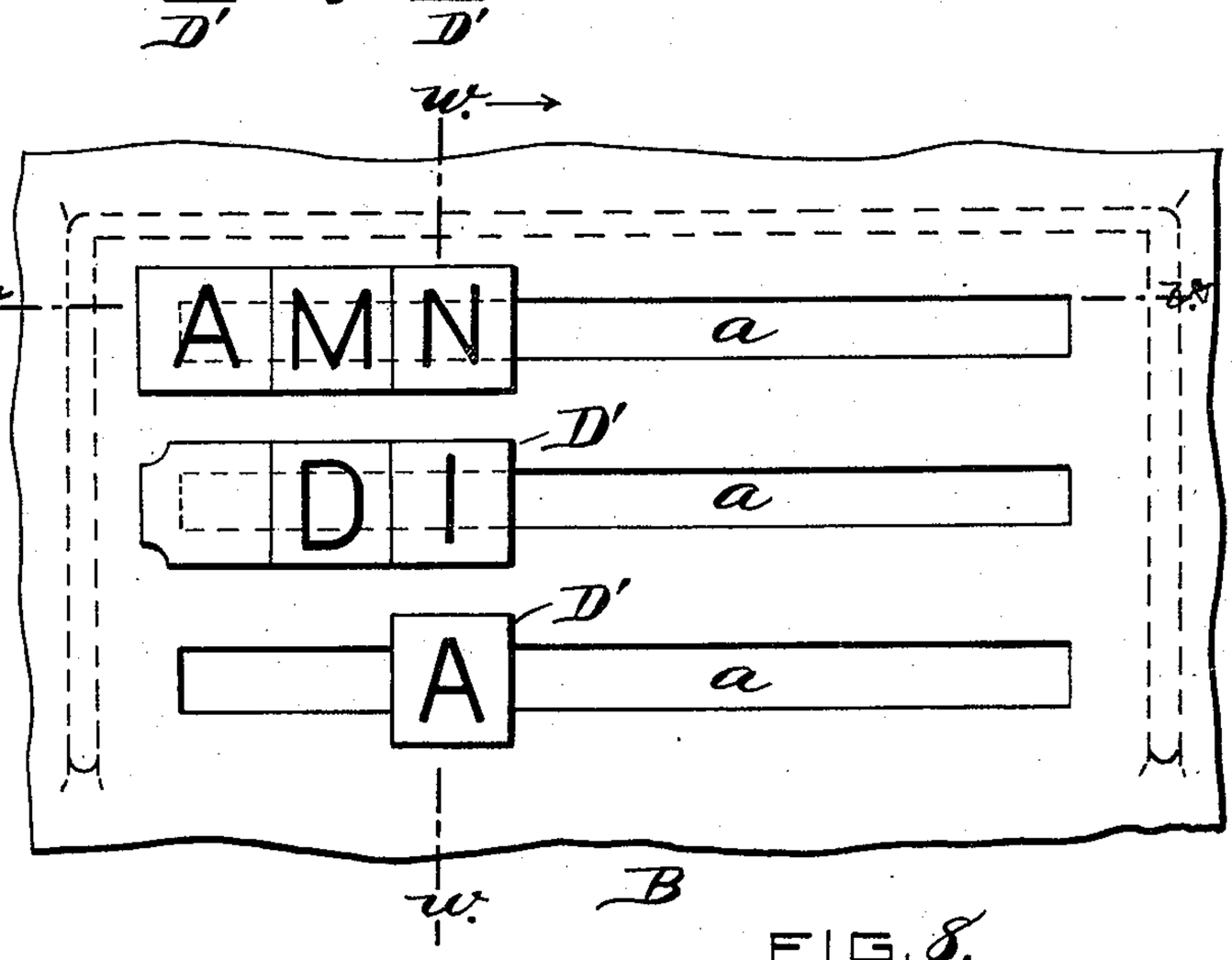

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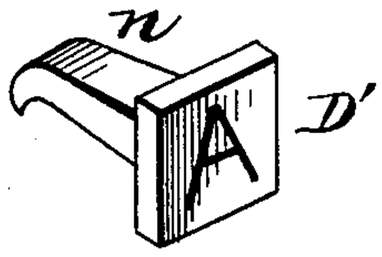

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PATRICK S. McGEE, of Dodgeville, in the county of Bristol, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Adjustable Letters and Figures for Inscribing Monuments; and I declare the following to be a specification thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Like letters indicate like parts.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a monument provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 is a view of the same in section on line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an elevation of my invention to illustrate the form and position of the slots in which the adjustable letter-blocks are to be inserted. Fig. 4 is a view of the portion shown in Fig. 3, as seen in section on line *y y* of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a view as seen in section on line *z z* of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of one of the letter-blocks. Fig. 7 is a modified form of the invention. Fig. 8 is an elevation of the name-plate, adapted to receive another kind of letter-block, which is shown in perspective in Fig. 9. Fig. 10 is a sectional view on line *w w* of Fig. 8, showing the letter-blocks and their fastening devices in top plan. Fig. 11 is a sectional view on line *v v* of Fig. 8, showing the letter-blocks and their fastening means in side elevation.

The object of my invention is to provide monuments and gravestones with adjustable letter-blocks for inscriptions and so to dispense with the necessity of carving such inscriptions integral with such monuments or stones.

It consists of the combination of a slotted name plate or base, having a box-like case on the back and integral therewith, and letter-blocks adapted to be inserted and adjusted in the slots of the name plate or base and to be fastened in place within said case by suitable means, as hereinafter particularly described.

In the drawings, A represents a monument, which may be of any approved design. It is to be made of bronze or any suitable non-corrosive metal, which is cast in proper molds to give the required shape. The front portion of such a monument constitutes the name-plate, (marked B,) which is provided with slots *a a*.

On the back of the name-plate B is a hollow box-like case C, having its top slanting, as at *b*, to shed water, and its bottom open, as at *c*.

D is a block having on its face a letter or figure. It is perforated from top to bottom, as at *d*, and is provided with a nick or recess, as at *e*. Said block D is of the proper dimensions to allow its insertion in either of the slots *a* of the name-plate B. Said slots *a* may be of the same width or of different widths, as desired. The block should fit into the slot, with the face of the numbers or letters in line, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2.

When the blocks having the selected letters or figures are ready for insertion, they are placed one by one in the proper order to form the inscription, into and through the slot *a*, as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 5.

Fastening-pins *m* are passed through the holes *d* of the blocks D, as shown in said figures, and a cement or plastic material or other suitable substance E is poured into the space within the case C through the opening *c* while the monument or plate is inverted, and this cement or other fastening material fills all said space and enters said recesses *e* in the letter-blocks D and closes in upon the fastening-pins *m*. When this filling substance has become solidified, said letter-blocks are held firmly in position.

The monument or gravestone is held in place within the soil by the anchors M.

In Figs. 9, 10, and 11 I show a modified form of my invention. In these the letter-block D′ has a rearwardly-extended hook-shaped stem N, which when inserted in the slots *a*, as shown, are engaged by a rod F, as seen in Figs. 10 and 11. Wedge-faced blocks or fasteners G, inserted behind the name-plate B and between it and the rod F, are driven down while the monument is inverted and draw the inner face of the letter-blocks D′ snugly into contact with the face of the name-plate B. These fasteners G by their wedge shape and bent ends or heads are secure from vertical displacement, being firmly embedded in the cement or plastic material E within the case C.

In Fig. 7 I show how a separate case C′ may be provided on the back of a name-plate B for each slot *a* therein.

I claim as a novel and useful invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a monument, the combination of a name-plate B provided with a slot *a*, a case C extending from the rear face of said name-plate back of said slot, a letter-block D adjustable in said slot and extending into the case and having a perforation, with the filling material E in said case, capable when solidified to hold said block and pin in position, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a monument, the combination of a name-plate B provided with a slot *a*, a case C extending from the rear face of said name-plate back of said slot, a letter-block D′ adjustable in said slot and having a rearward extension reaching into said case, a fastening-bar F in said case engageable with the rear extension of said block, means within the case adapted to draw the letter-block into firm contact with the name-plate, and a filling material capable when solidified to hold said block in position, substantially as shown and described.

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