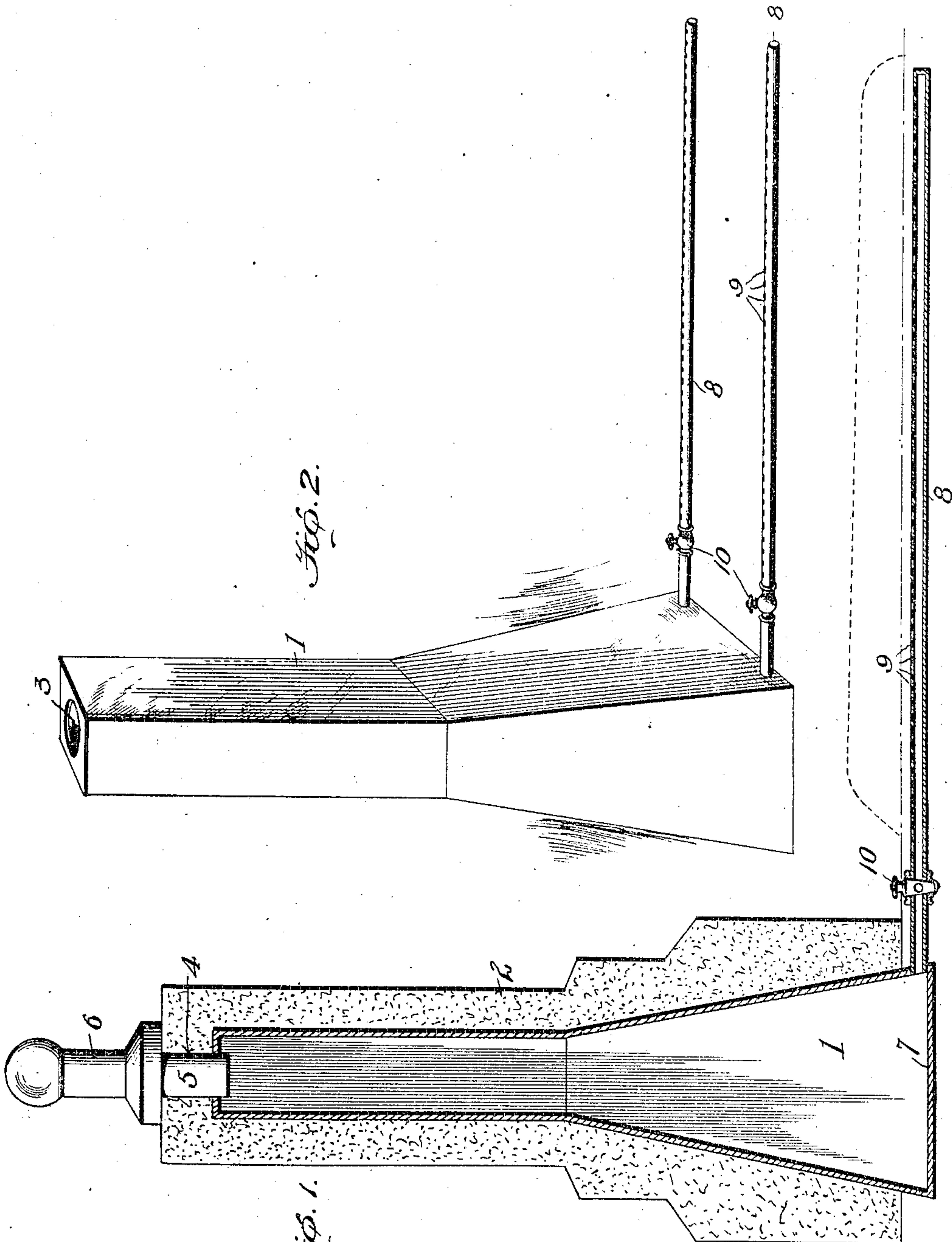


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Fig. 1.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRITZ GEORGE RANTZAU, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greatfalls, in the county of Cascade and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Monuments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in monuments especially adapted for use in cemeteries; and its object is to provide a device of this character adapted to be used as a tank for containing water.

Another object is to employ pipes which extend from the base of the monument and beneath the sod on the grave or graves adjacent thereto, whereby water in desired quantities may be supplied to the grass.

A further object is to employ means whereby the flow of water from the monument may be regulated.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of my invention, and in which—

Figure 1 is a central vertical section through the monument and the pipes extending therefrom, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the water-receptacle and pipes detached.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a non-corrosive metallic receptacle of desired shape and about which is molded a monument 2 of cement or other similar material. The upper end of the receptacle is provided with an aperture 3, which registers with an aperture 4, extending through the top of the monument. This aperture is normally closed by means of a plug 5, having an ornamental head 6, extending above the monument and serving as a cap therefor.

The closed bottom 7 of the receptacle 1 preferably extends a short distance below the cement walls of the monument, and pipes 8 project laterally therefrom and are provided

with perforations 9, whereby water may pass from the pipes and be absorbed by the surrounding earth. A valve 10 is arranged in each pipe, and by means thereof the amount of water supplied to the pipes may be readily regulated.

It is believed that the operation of the device will be obvious from the foregoing description. The plug 5 is removed, the tank is then filled, and the plug returned to its position. The water is retained in the receptacle until one or more of the valves 10 are opened, when it will pass into the pipes 8 and be absorbed by the earth surrounding them.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention; but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I therefore claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A monument, comprising a non-corrosive metallic tank, a covering molded therearound, a detachable cap forming a closure for the tank, and a valved pipe extending laterally from the bottom of the tank and adapted to be embedded in the ground, that portion of the pipe between its outer end and the valve being perforated.

2. The combination with a monument, consisting of a tank, and a covering molded therearound and simulating stone, of a plurality of parallel pipes extending laterally from the bottom of the tank and adapted to be embedded in the ground, and a valve in each pipe, the tops of the pipes between the valves and the outer ends having series of perforations or outlets therein.

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

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