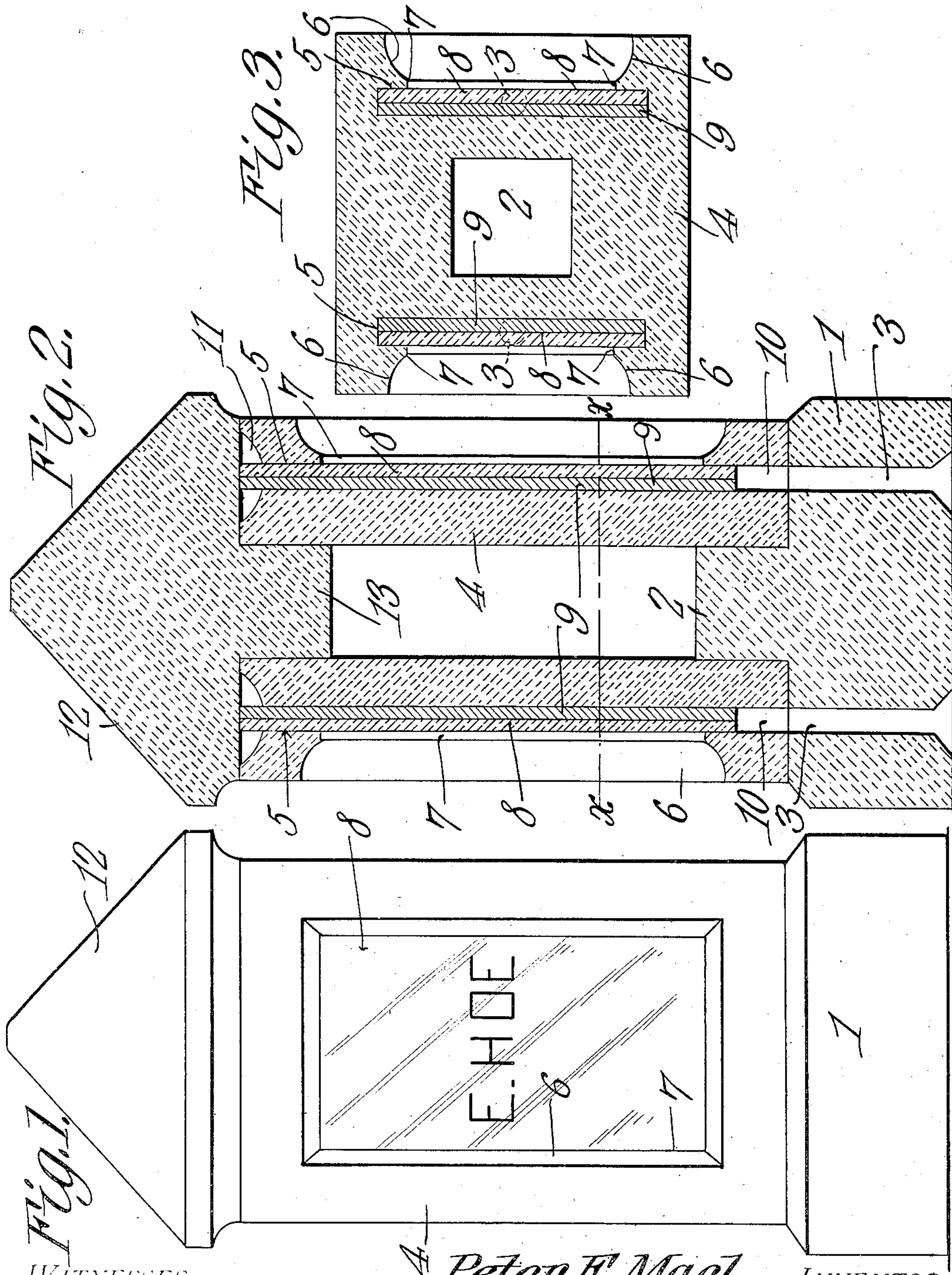


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PETER E. MAEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Horeb, in the county of Dane and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Monument, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to monuments or tombstones and its object is to provide a sectional device of this character constructed of artificial stone and the parts of which can be readily assembled.

A still further object is to provide a device of this character having open-faced pockets designed to receive cards or plates bearing suitable inscriptions visible from the outside.

Another object is to provide means whereby any moisture entering the pockets will be drained therefrom so as to prevent injury to the inscription bearing objects.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings is shown the preferred form of the invention.

In said drawings: Figure 1 is a front elevation of the monument; Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the monument; and Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through the central portion thereof.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 is a base of any suitable contour having a centering projection 2 extending upward therefrom and of any suitable contour and proportions. Extending through the base at opposite sides of the projection 2 are drain openings 3. The base 1 constitutes a support for a hollow body 4 into which the centering projection 2 is adapted to project and formed within this body adjacent opposite faces thereof are pockets 5 which extend downward from the top of the body to a point near the bottom thereof. The outer faces of these pockets are cut away by recessing the body as shown at 6 leaving guard ribs or flanges 7 around the edge portions of the pockets and which constitute retainers for objects inserted into the pockets. Each of these pockets is designed to receive a glass plate 8 and a card or plate 9 on which a suitable inscription appears. The glass plate serves to protect the card or plate 9 from the action of the elements. An opening 10 is formed in the bottom of each pocket and is designed to register with one of the openings 3 so that should any moisture enter the pocket through the recess 6 it would drain therefrom through the openings 10 and 3. Recesses

11 are formed in the upper end of the body and the plates 8 and 9 project into them and can therefore be readily grasped by fingers inserted into the recesses when the body is uncovered. The monument is provided with a cap 12 which may be of any desired contour and which is designed to rest upon the body and to project beyond the faces thereof so as to prevent moisture from entering between the cap and body. The cap is held centered upon the body by a projection 13 which extends into the upper end thereof.

It is to be understood that when the parts are assembled they may or may not be cemented together. It is desirable, however, to cement the body upon the base but if preferred the cap can rest thereon so that it can be removed whenever it might be desired to replace a glass plate or an inscription bearing card or plate. The centering projections 2 and 13 fit snugly within the body so that the parts are held at all times in proper relation. It is to be understood that instead of placing an inscription bearing card or plate back of the glass a photograph may be arranged within the pocket, and in fact any form or arrangement of data or insignia may be placed within the pocket. In very large monuments the pocket can be made sufficiently deep to receive a small statue and the glass will serve to protect it. Where a large monument is to be constructed more than one body section may be employed. The base and cap can also if desired each be constructed of more than one piece. All of the parts of the monument are produced in suitable molds and may be finished in any desired colors and contours.

Although the monument as shown and described is provided with two pockets it is to be understood that the same may have more or less, if preferred.

What is claimed is:

A monument comprising a base having drain apertures therethrough, a body mounted upon the base and having a pocket extending thereinto from the top thereof, said pocket having an open face and an opening extending downward from the bottom of the pocket and registering with a drain aperture in the base, a transparent plate removably mounted within the pocket and constituting a closure for the open face thereof, the upper end of said pocket being recessed at opposite sides of the plate to permit the insertion of fingers for the withdrawal of the plate, and a cap upon the body and closing the upper end of the pocket and the recess therein, said cap extending over the upper end of the plate.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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