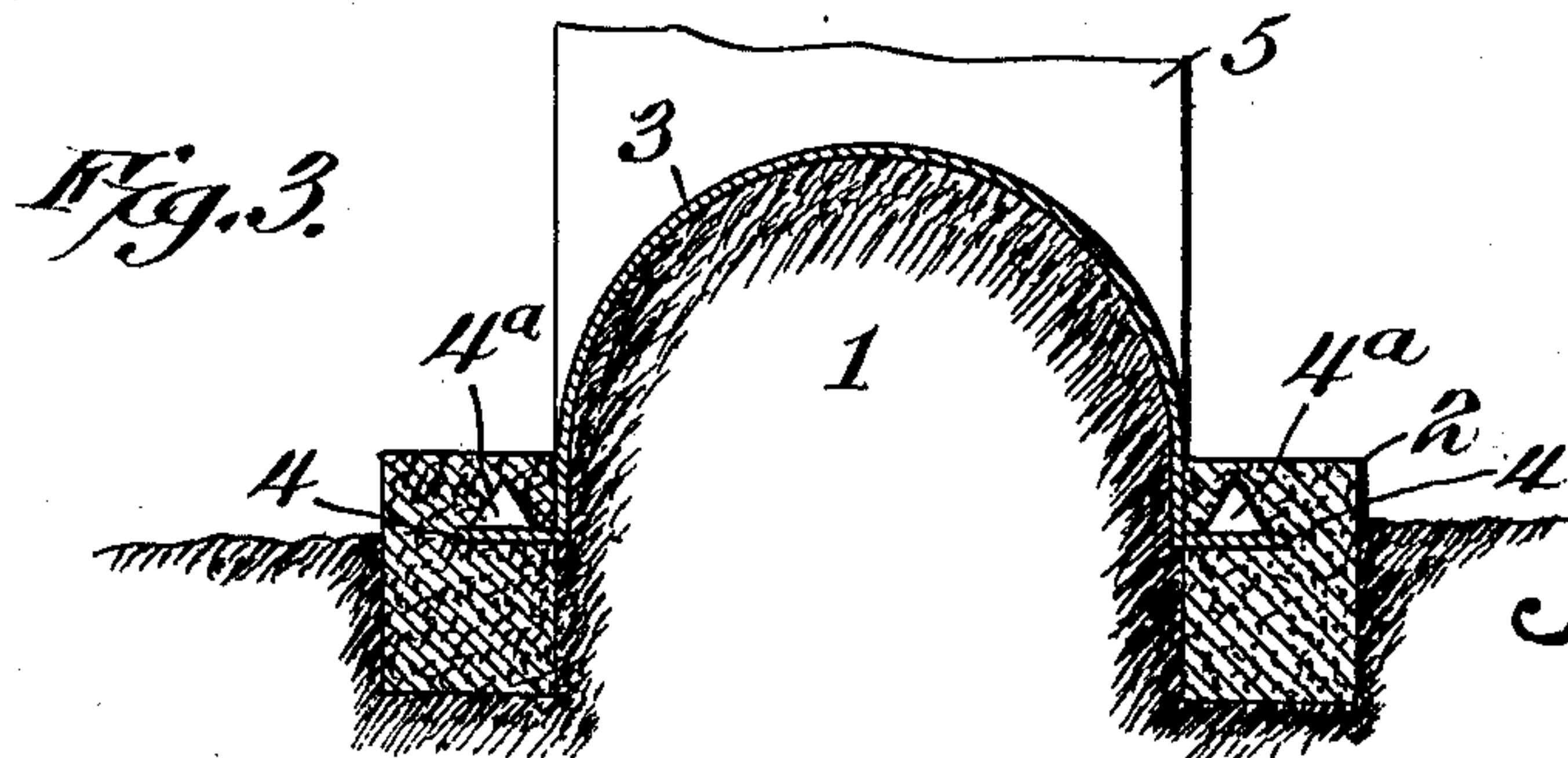
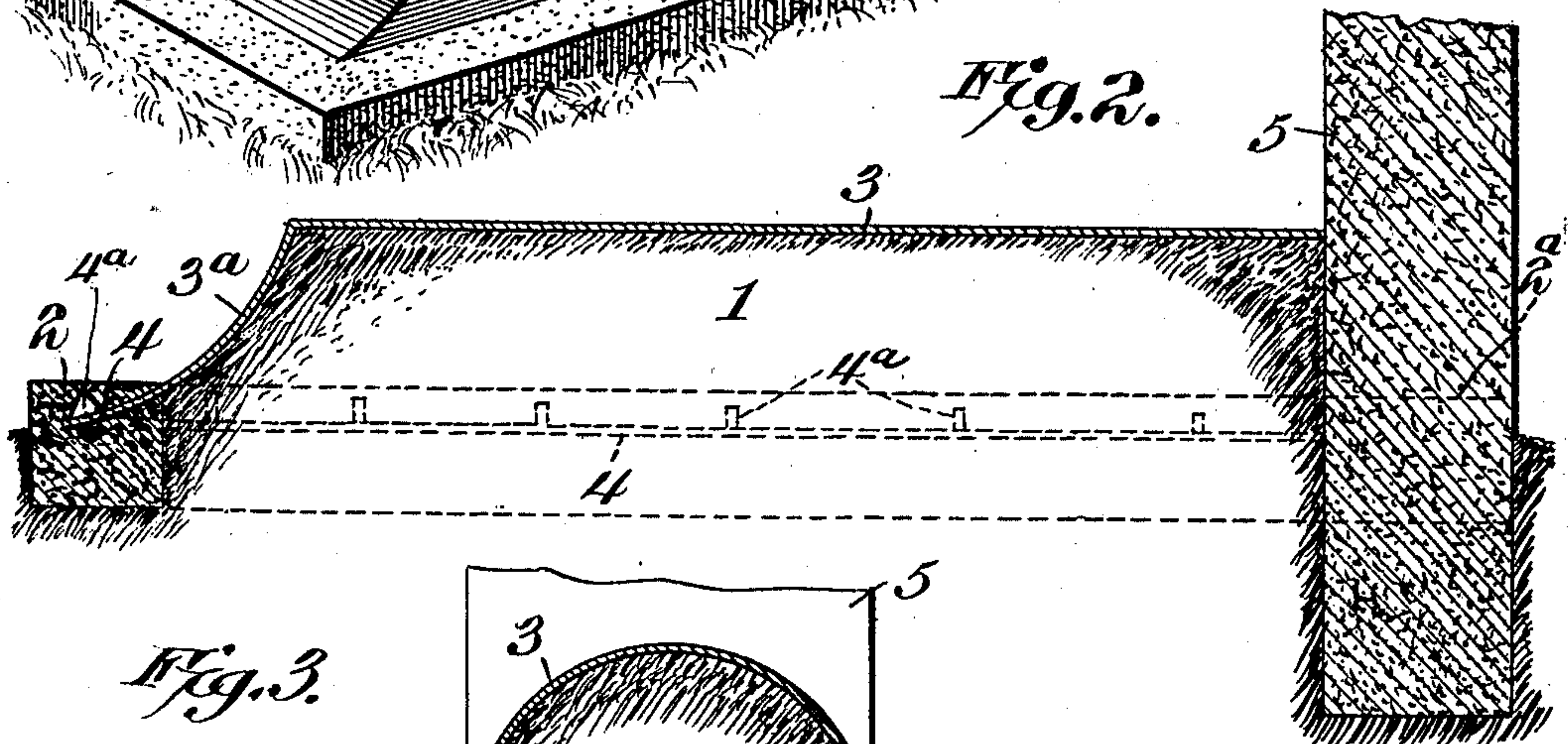
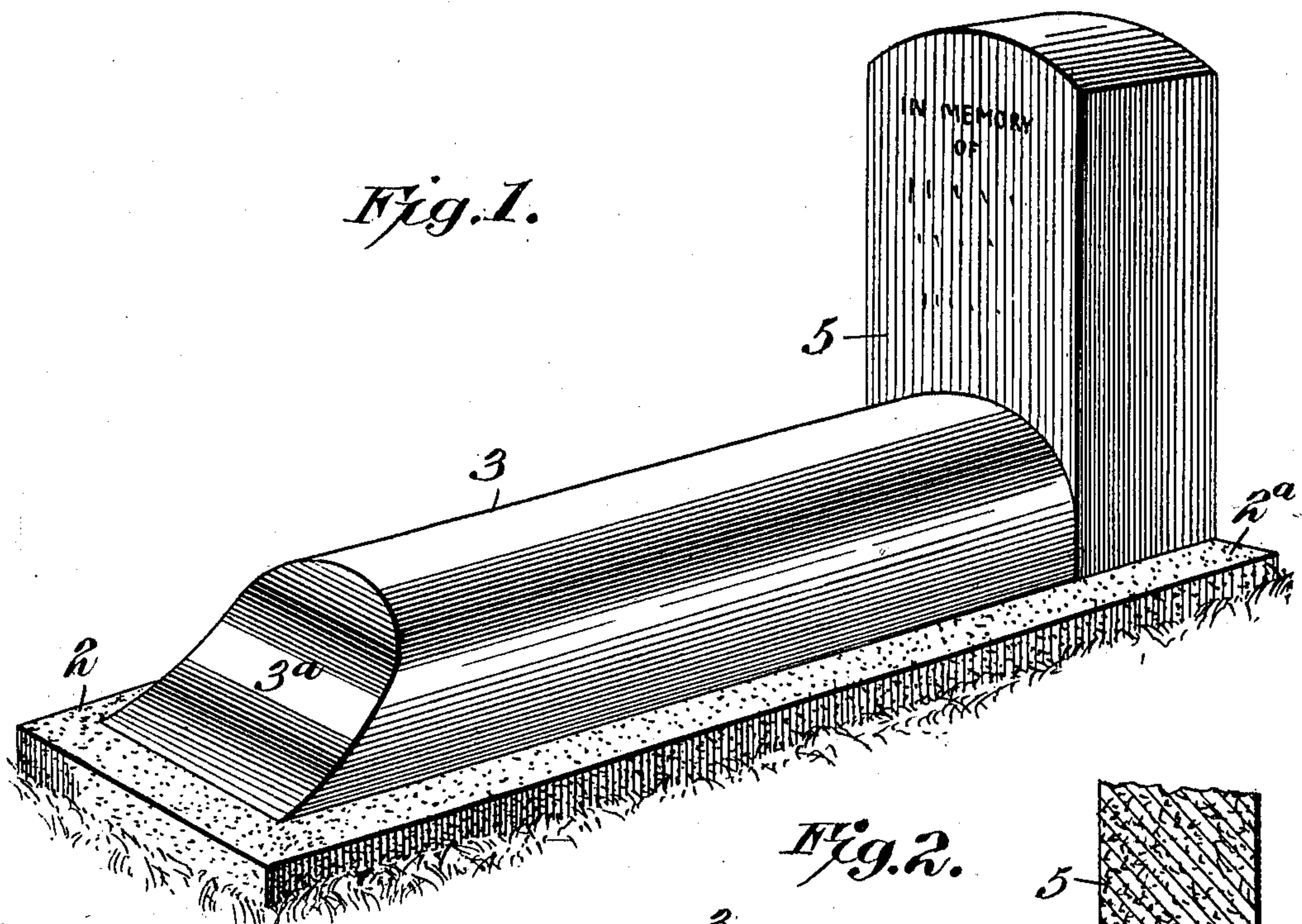


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BIGGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kimball, in the county of Kimball and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Grave-Protector, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to grave protectors, and particularly to that class of devices which are placed over the mound after the grave has been filled in.

The principal object of the invention is to provide an efficient and inexpensive grave protector which will fully cover the mound, keep all vermin out and prevent weeds and grass from growing on said mound.

Another and important object is the construction of the foundation for the protector, which is provided with extensions which serve as guides or anchors for the headstone.

The invention consists of the features of construction and arrangement of parts hereafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification wherein similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the grave protector in position. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a vertical section showing the method of attaching the protector and foundation together.

In the drawings 1 is the grave mound which it is desired to protect. A foundation 2, preferably of concrete and substantially rectangular in shape is constructed along the two longitudinal sides and across the foot of said mound and projects a short distance above the surrounding soil. Its general shape is U-shaped in plan view.

3 is a protector semi-cylindrical in shape, open throughout its bottom and at the front end, and closed at its rear end as at 3^a and of a length sufficient to completely cover the mound. The protector 3 is secured to the foundation by means of outwardly projecting flanges 4, which are preferably continuations of the lower edges of the protector 3 and are provided with struck up lugs 4^a, forming openings in said flanges through which the concrete will extend and form a more perfect bond. The flanges may be in the form of brackets secured to said protector. The protector 3 may be constructed of any material such as copper, brass, aluminum, etc., and is preferably stamped from

one piece of sheet metal, or molded in a solid casting, thus eliminating any joints which might admit water or foreign substances. The closed or foot end portion 3^a of the protector, is preferably made slanting as shown in Fig. 1. This construction provides the protector with all slanting and curved exposed surfaces which will not permit the settling of rain or snow on the same, but will direct all such matter off toward the foundation. The front ends of the foundation 2 may extend beyond the protector as shown at 2^a Fig. 1, such extension serving as an anchor or guide for a headstone 5. If these extensions are not used, it is preferable to use a headstone which will be of a sufficient width to completely cover the ends of said foundation, and thus protect the same from being chipped or broken by the action of the elements. The headstone also provides a means for closing the open end of the protector.

Minor changes in the form, proportion and details of construction of this device may be made, and still be within the spirit of my invention.

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

1. A grave mound protector, consisting of a semi-cylindrical body, having an open bottom, with one end closed and the other end open, and covering said grave, and a foundation for said protector extending around said grave and to which the protector is secured, said open end of the protector being adapted to be closed by a headstone when placed in position.

2. A grave mound protector consisting of a semi-cylindrical body closed at one end and open at the other, and having an open bottom, and covering said mound, a foundation connected to and supporting the body, said foundation extending along the sides and closed end of said protector and projecting at each side beyond the open end thereof so as to fit on opposite sides of a headstone and provide an anchor therefor, said headstone closing the open end of the protector.

3. A grave protector consisting of a semi-cylindrical body closed at one end, open at the other and having an open bottom, and covering said mound, flanges on the lower edges of said protector, a foundation for supporting said protector, said foundation

extending along the sides and closed end of said protector and beyond the open end of said protector, so as to provide an anchor for the headstone, the latter closing the open end
5 of the protector, the flanges on the protector being embedded in the foundation.

4. A grave mound protector consisting of a foundation of plastic material adapted to be partially embedded in the ground and sur-
10 round two sides and one end of the grave, and a metallic body made semi-cylindrical in form, and having its edges at both sides and one end embedded in the foundation, the

body being open along its bottom so as to fit over the grave mound, and having its 15 rear end closed and its front end open, said front end being designed to be closed by the headstone when placed in position.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signa- 20 ture in the presence of two witnesses.

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