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promises, ""You can make mummies with it!"" while a leading

contemporary burial vault is touted as impervious to the elements. A grieving mother, 150 years ago, might spend her days tending a

garden at her daughter's grave. Today, she might tend the roadside memorial she erected at the spot her daughter was killed. One mother wears a locket containing her daughter's hair; the other, a nec