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Sommario/riassunto	Someone dies. What happens next?. One family inters their matriarch's ashes on the floor of the ocean. Another holds a memorial weenie roast each year at a greenburial cemetery. An 1898 ad for embalming fluid 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

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