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## Badge.

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Fig. 1

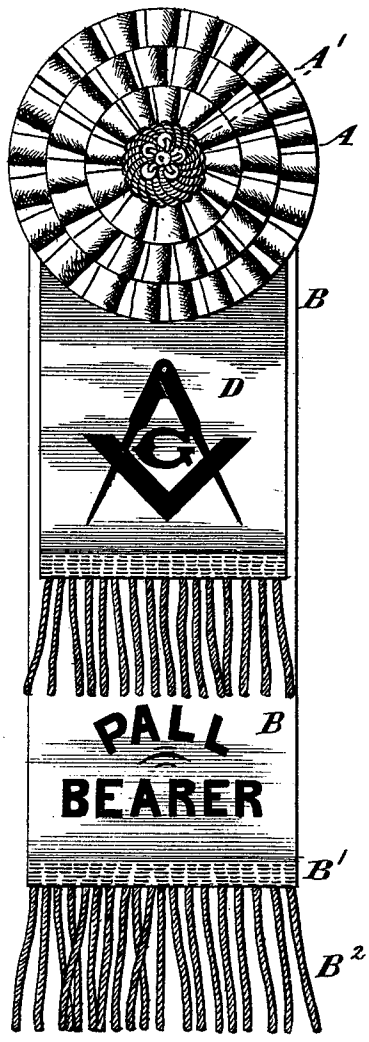



Fig. 2.

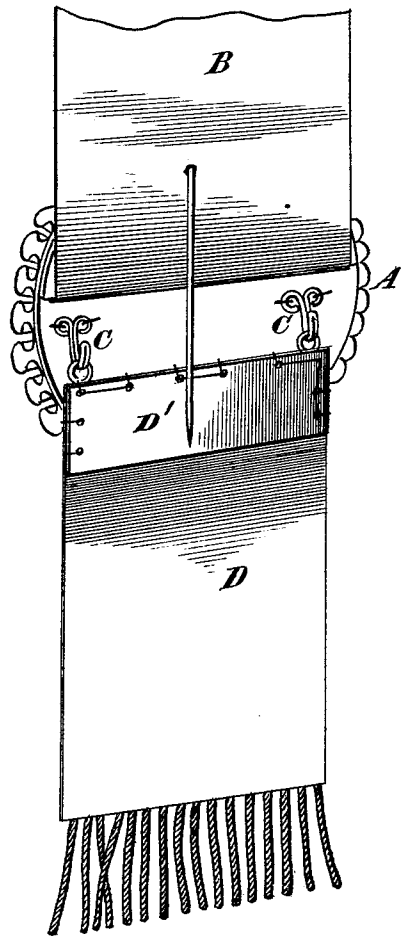
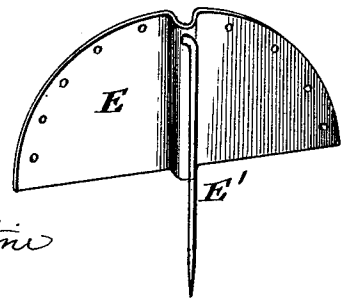



Fig. 3.




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## BADGE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN ROSS SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Badges; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in distinguishing-badges to be worn upon the persons of the members of different societies and orders and upon the persons of pall-bearers and others when it is desirable to distinguish them from other people; and the objects of my improvements are to provide a suitably-ornamented badge to which the insignia of any person, order, or society may be attached in such a manner as to be readily removable, and which may be quickly replaced by any other; second, to provide the necessary means for attaching the badge to the clothing of the wearer, and attaching and detaching the particular insignia which it is desirable to wear upon any particular occasion; and, third, to provide the necessary combinations for the accomplishment of the objects above enumerated. I attain these objects by the devices and combinations thereof illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a badge designed to show that the wearer is a Mason, and that his office at the particular time is that of pall-bearer. Fig. 2 is a rear or inside view, showing how the badge may be attached to the person of the wearer, and also how the particular insignia may be attached thereto; and Fig. 3 is an elevation of the device by which the badge is secured to the garment of the wearer.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In constructing badges according to my improved method I use a rosette, A, or an ornament of any desired configuration, to the back or inside of which there is secured a strip of silk or other suitable material, B, upon the lower end of which there may be secured a trimming, B′, of gold, silver, or other lace, and tassels $B^2$ of the same or similar material. The upper end of strip B is secured to the inner surface of the rosette or other ornament, which may, if desired, have at its center a gold, silver, or other spangle, A′, said strip extending down sufficiently far to admit of its having printed or otherwise placed upon it the word "Pall-bearer," or any other distinguishing characters or words.

In order that the insignia of the person, or order, or society to which he belongs, or the insignia of the different societies or orders to which one person may belong, may be attached to and removed from the badge at any time, there is secured to the inside of the rosette or other ornament A hooks or other suitable forms of fastening, C C; and to the upper end of the material, D, upon which the insignia is printed or affixed is a strip or sheet of metal or other material, D′, to which the material is secured, said strip or sheet of metal or other material being provided with eyes or holes for being placed upon the hooks C C, by which the badge and the insignia will be attached to each other, as shown in the drawings, such hooks and eyes affording ready means for attaching to the badge the insignia of one person, order, or society, and detaching the same and attaching another.

To the lower end of the material, D, carrying the insignia there is attached a trimming of gold or silver lace, and tassels of the same material as is attached to strip B.

For securing the badge to the garment of the wearer there is attached to its inner surface a plate of metal or other material, E, of the form shown in Fig. 3, it having at its center a raised portion, to which there is attached a pin or rod, E′, pointed at its lower end for facilitating its entrance into the garment.

The badge and insignia shown in combination in Fig. 1 are supposed to signify that the wearer is a Mason, and that his office at the particular time is that of pall-bearer; but it is apparent that the part bearing the insignia may be removed and that of any other order or society be substituted for it; and it is also apparent that the badge may be supplied with other words than those shown, by which the office of the wearer may be designated.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A badge designating the office of the wearer, combining in its construction a rosette and spangle, with a strip of material having upon it an insignia of the order to which the wearer belongs, and a plate of metal and a pin for attaching it to the garment of the wearer, the strip and plate being attached to the rosette, and the parts being arranged with reference to each other as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The detachable strip D, having printed upon or otherwise attached to it an insignia, and being provided at its upper end with a plate of metal or other material having eyes or holes for attaching to the badge, substantially as described.

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

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