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[54] CREDENTIAL AND INSIGNIA HOLDING CASE

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A case to hold a credential card and insignia member has a holder with an opening to removably receive the retaining clip of said member. This holder is normally slipped into position in said case with said insignia member mounted there by means of said clip.

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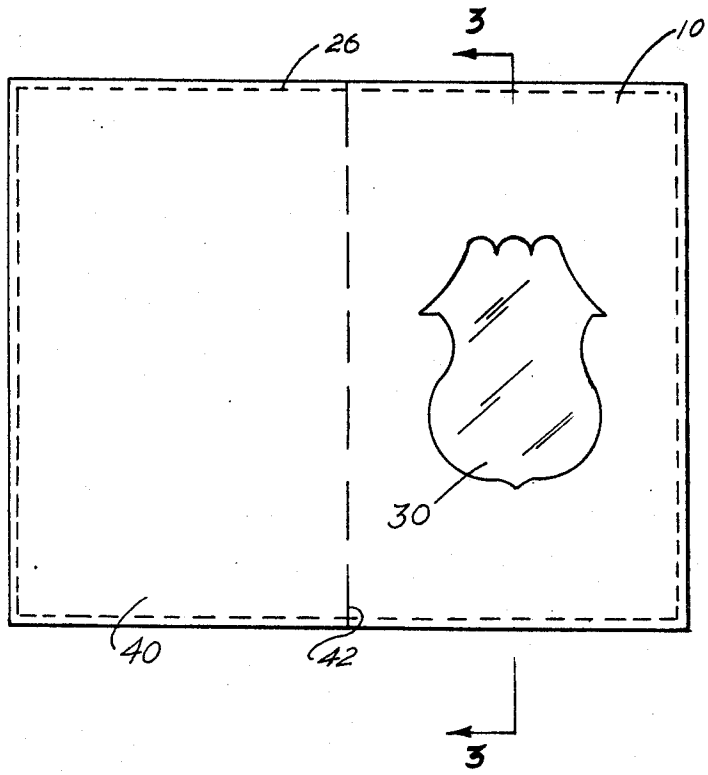


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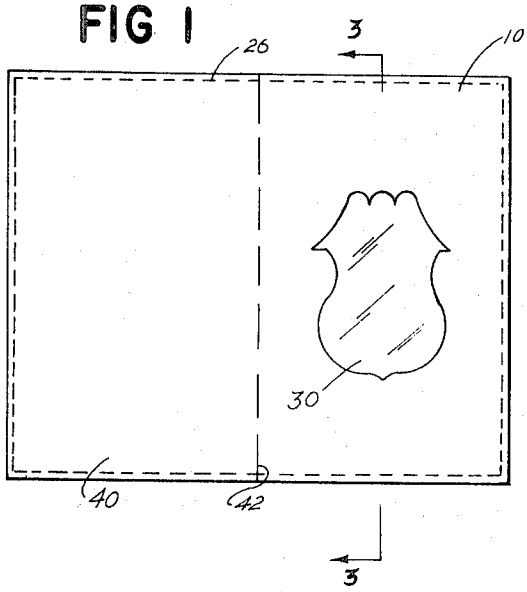
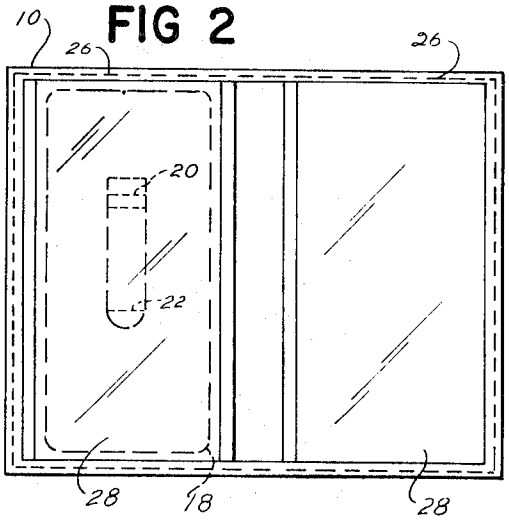


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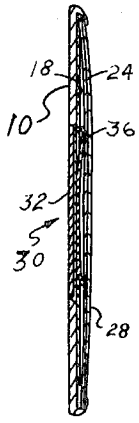


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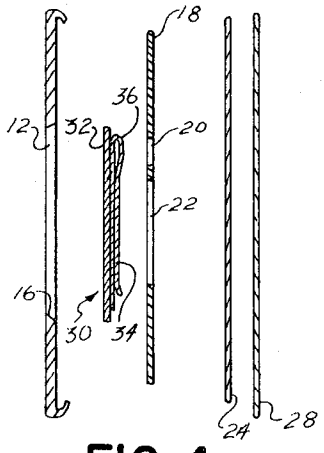


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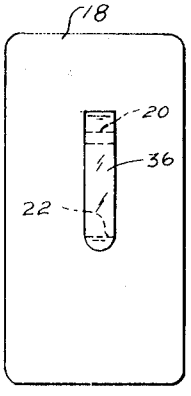


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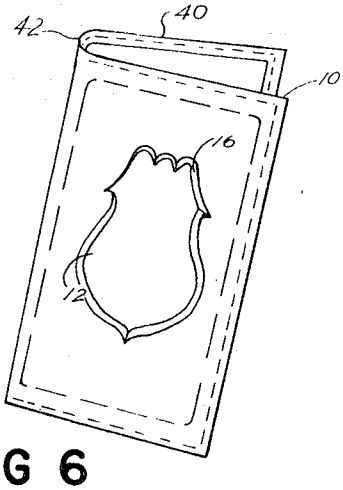
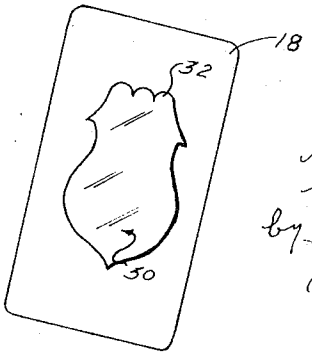


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CREDENTIAL AND INSIGNIA HOLDING CASE

The principal object of my invention is to provide such a case to hold a credential card as well as said insignia member in such a way that the holder can instantly be removed from the case and the insignia member slipped out of said holder and snapped onto the coat of the user.

The foregoing and other objects which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, may be accomplished by a construction, combination and arrangement of parts such as is disclosed by the drawing. The nature of the invention is such as to render it susceptible to various changes and modifications, and therefore, I am not to be limited to the construction disclosed by the drawing, nor to the particular parts described in the specification; but am entitled to all such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of my invention.

In the drawing:

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of my credential case, with the insignia member in mounted position, and showing a foldable cover therefor in open position.

FIG. 2 is a rear elevational view similar to FIG. 1, the holder and the clip for the insignia member being shown in dash lines with the latter being shown in mounted position.

FIG. 3 is a sectional view, slightly enlarged, taken on the line 3—3 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is an exploded view of the parts forming my credential case shown in section.

FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view of the holder for my case, showing the insignia member in mounted position thereon.

FIG. 6 is a front perspective view of my credential case, showing a holder with an insignia member separately and ready to be inserted into said case, and also showing a foldable cover in partially folded position at the rear.

As illustrated my credential case has a front or display member **10** having a cut-out or opening **12** to receive an insignia or decorative member **30** which may be a badge or the like, later described. This cut-out **12** is preferably centrally located. The border portion **16** or outer edge at said cut-out **12** preferably is undercut inwardly or outwardly tapers to prevent any tendency of said insignia member **30** to protrude beyond the front or the outer surface of said front member **10**.

Rearwardly of and parallel with said front member **10** is an insert sheet or holder **18**, having a horizontally extending, oblong-shaped slot at the upper half portion thereof. Preferably below said slot **20** is a vertically extending, opening **22** also preferably oblong-shaped for accommodation of a spring clip **36** later described. This opening **22** may be variously shaped as for accommodation of a well-known pin stem used with a safety catch, not shown.

A backer sheet **24** is directly rearward of said holder **18** and it is stitched as at **26** as shown along its upper and lower edges to said front **10**. Rearwardly of said backer sheet **24** I

preferably provide a transparent sheet of plastic **28** that is likewise attached to said front **10** by said stitches **26**. Said sheets **24** and **28** can provide a space between them to receive an identification card, commission, or other article, not shown, that will be visible through said sheet **28**.

An insignia member **30** has a main body or front display **38** on the back of which is an attaching member having a flat attaching portion **34** soldered, or otherwise united thereto. This portion **34** continues as a spring clip portion **36** that extends from and parallel with and rearwardly of said member **34**. Said clip portion **34** extends through said slot **20** and part of said attaching member **34** extends into said opening **22** thus giving this arrangement a flat appearance.

If a folding case is desired I add a folding cover **40** that is integral with said front **10** and foldable as at **42** to bring said front **10** and cover **40** together when in folded position.

When occasion calls for quick withdrawal of a badge or other insignia member **30** the user slips said holder **18** out of said case. He then separates said insignia member **30** from said holder by withdrawing the clip portion **34** from said slot **20**. Thus the user is able to instantly attach said insignia member **30** to his lapel or to other part of his clothing or otherwise separately display it.

What I claim is:

1. A holder for an insignia member having a slot therethrough and an elongate opening below and spaced from said slot and extending downwardly therefrom, and an insignia member in combination therewith having a main front and an integral attaching member rearwardly thereof embodying a clip portion parallel therewith and extending through said slot whereby said main front and said clip portion are at opposite face surfaces of said holder, parallel portions of said attaching portion being adapted to engage through said elongate opening.

2. A holder as set forth in claim 1 and a case in combination therewith embodying a front member having a cut-out therethrough intermediate the top and bottom and opposite sides thereof adapted to receive said insignia member, and a backer sheet rearwardly of said case front member, said holder extending into said case between said backer sheet and said front member, and said insignia member extending into said cut-out.

3. A holder as set forth in claim 2, the border edge of said front member defining said cut-out tapering in an outward direction, said insignia member being adapted to enter said cut-out at the inner surface of said border edge but being of such size that it cannot pass out the front extremity of said cut-out.

4. A holder as set forth in claim 1, said slot being located at the upper half portion of said holder.

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