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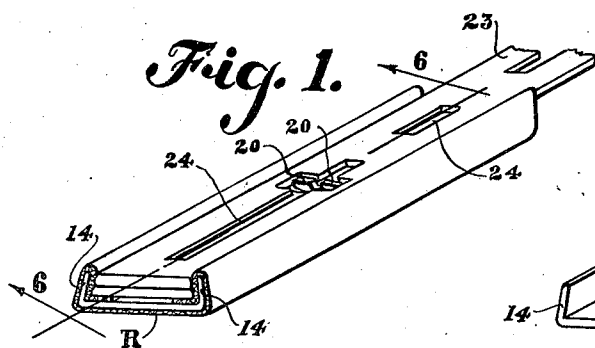


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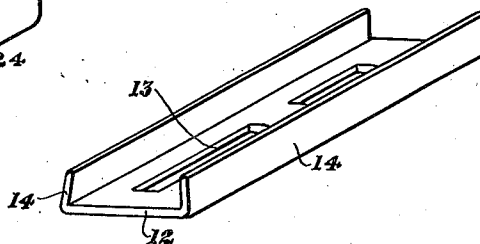
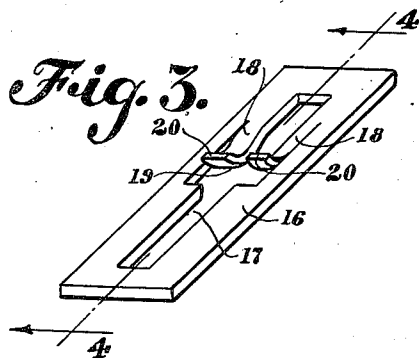


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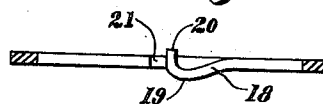
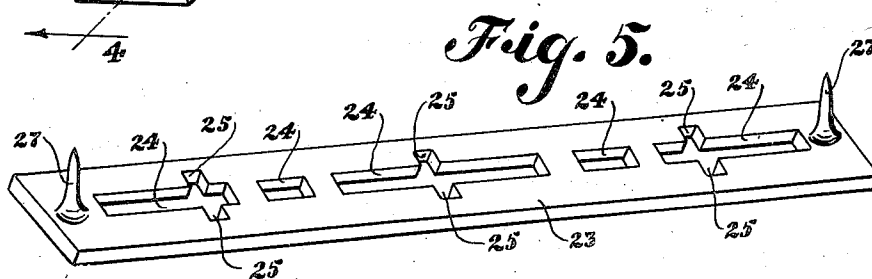
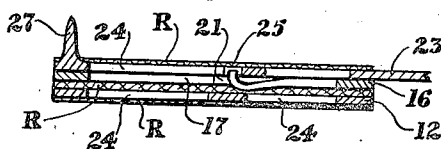


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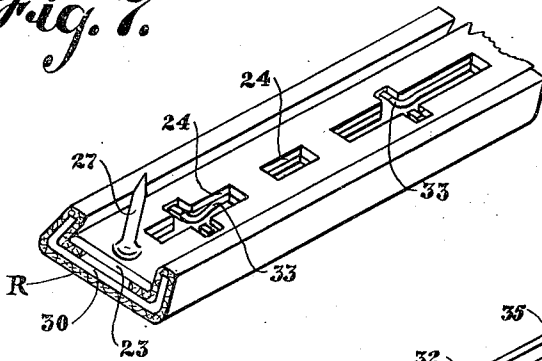


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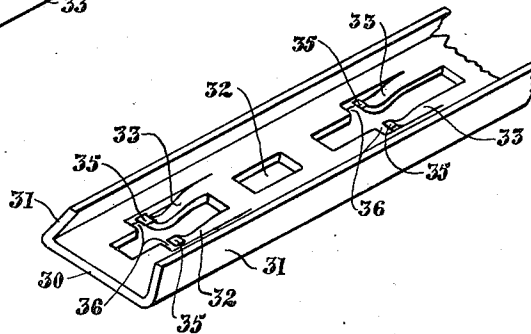


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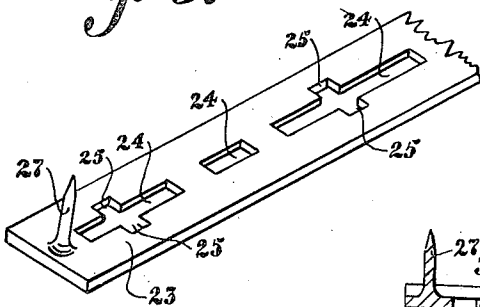
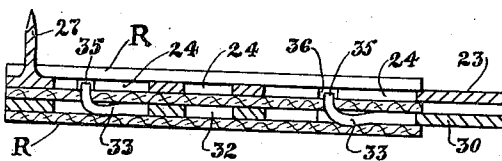


Fig. 10.



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This invention relates to an insignia holding device.

The principal object of my invention is to provide an improved means that will hold a ribbon or other insignia in association with an insignia bar and a supporting base.

Another object is to make said means simple in construction, so that the parts to my device may readily be assembled and disassembled.

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 drawings and specification. 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 said disclosure; but am entitled to all such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of my claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is an enlarged perspective view of my insignia holding device with the parts in assembled position to display an insignia.

Figure 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the insignia holding bar on which an insignia ribbon or the like is placed.

Figure 3 is an enlarged perspective view of my retainer member.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4-4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is an enlarged perspective view of my supporting base.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6-6 of Figure 1.

Figure 7 is an enlarged perspective view of a modified form of my device.

Figure 8 is an enlarged perspective view of a modified form of insignia holding bar and Figure 9 is a similar view of my supporting base.

Figure 10 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device shown in Figure 7.

As illustrated, my insignia holding bar 12 has the usual slots 13 cut therein and has sides 14 that serve as holding means. An insignia ribbon R is ordinarily wrapped around, or partly around, said insignia bar 12.

Adapted to press fit between said sides 14 and bear against portions of said ribbon R is a retaining plate 16 having the usual slot 17 therein. Struck from an intermediate portion of said plate 16 are preferably two fingers or talon-like members 18 which, as shown, are preferably side by side, but spaced apart by said slot 17. Each said talon 18, as shown, has a bulging portion 19 which

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extends outwardly beyond the plane of the outside surface of said retaining plate 16 and is formed in an intermediate portion of said talon 18. Said bulging portion 19 bears against said insignia bar 12 or directly against the ribbon R if a portion of it is between said bar 12 and bulging portion 19. Each said talon 18 has a claw or protruding portion 20 which is formed by bending the end of said talon 18 over so that it extends at an angle to and beyond the plane of that outside surface of said retaining plate 16 that is opposite to that surface which said bulging portion 19 extends beyond. Thus said protruding portion 20 extends outwardly away from said ribbon R and insignia bar 12. Beyond the end extremity of each said talon 18 is a space 21 left in said plate 16.

A supporting base 23 preferably having slots 24 therein is slitted laterally as at 25 to receive therein said protruding portions 20, which extend into said slits 25 to thereby fasten said supporting base 23 and retainer plate 16 together. Said base 23 is held between said insignia bar sides 14 preferably by a press fit. It has the usual fastening pins 27 at opposite end portions thereof.

Since it often is desirable to wear several different insignia ribbons R in my holding device, said supporting base 23 may be of any desired length to serve the purpose hence I have shown it longer than the said bar 12 and retainer plate 16, so that it could accommodate several said bars and retainer plates if desired. If only one ribbon were worn said base 23 would be the same length as said bar and retainer plate. In Figure 5 of the drawings I show it long enough to support three pieces of insignia R, bars 12 and plates 16, hence it has three sets of slits 25 therein to receive three pairs of protruding portions 20.

In Figure 7 of the drawings I have shown a modified construction of my insignia holding device which is especially suitable for an insignia ribbon R that is impregnated with a plastic resin or is made of a firm or hard material. An insignia holding bar 30 shown in Figure 8 of the drawings has side members 31, slots 32, and also has talons 33 struck out therefrom. Each said talon has a protruding portion 35 and directly beyond it is a space 36 on said bar 30. The same supporting base 23 previously shown bears against said insignia R. The latter covers the front face and sides 31 of said bar 30 and extends across two portions of the back face thereof a short distance so that there is a space between the two end extremities of said insignia R as shown in Figure 7 of the drawings. Said

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protruding portion 35 extends through said latter space and into said supporting base slit 25 and locks said bar 30 against sliding relative to said base 23.

What I claim is:

1. An insignia holding device comprising an insignia holding bar embodying side members, an insignia unit associated therewith, a retaining plate in association with said insignia unit and between said side members of said holding bar, and a supporting base in association with said retaining plate and between said side members having a slit therein, said retaining plate embodying a talon having a bulging portion extending beyond the plane of said plate at one outside surface and bearing against said insignia unit and having a protruding portion at the end of said talon extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate that is opposite to the first-mentioned said surface, said protruding portion extending into said supporting base slit.

2. An insignia holding device comprising an insignia holding bar embodying side members, an insignia unit extending across the front and along the side members of said bar, a retaining plate in association with said insignia unit and between said side members of said holding bar, and a supporting base in association with said retaining plate and between said side members having a slit therein, said retaining plate embodying a talon having a bulging portion extending beyond the plane of said plate at one outside surface towards said bar and having a protruding portion at the end of said talon extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate that is opposite to the first-mentioned said surface, said protruding portion extending into said supporting base slit.

3. An insignia holding device comprising an insignia holding bar embodying side members, an insignia unit extending across the front and along the side members of said bar, a retaining plate in association with said insignia unit and between said side members of said holding bar, and a supporting base in association with said retaining plate and between said side members having two slits therein, said retaining plate embodying two talons having bulging portions at an intermediate point extending beyond the plane of said plate at one outside surface and towards said bar and having protruding portions at the end of said talons extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate that is opposite to the first-mentioned said surface, said protruding portions extending into said supporting base slits.

4. An insignia holding device comprising an insignia holding bar embodying side members, an insignia unit extending across the front surface of said bar and partly across the back surface of said bar, a retaining plate in association with said insignia unit and bearing against an insignia unit portion extending across the back surface of said bar, said retaining plate being between said side members, and a supporting base in association with said retaining plate and between said side members and having a slit therein extending laterally, said retaining plate embodying a talon integral therewith and having a bulging portion extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate and bearing against said insignia

unit and having a protruding portion at the end of said talon extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate that is opposite to the first-mentioned outside surface, said protruding portion extending into said supporting base slit.

5. An insignia holding device comprising an insignia holding bar embodying side members, an insignia unit extending across the front surface of said bar and partly across the back surface of said bar, a retaining plate in association with said insignia unit and bearing against an insignia unit portion extending across the back surface of said bar, said retaining plate being between said side members and having a longitudinal slot therein, and a supporting base in association with said retaining plate and between said side members and having slits therein extending laterally, said retaining plate embodying two talons integral therewith at opposite sides of said longitudinal slot and having bulging portions extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate and bearing against said insignia unit and having protruding portions at the end of said talon extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate that is opposite to the first-mentioned outside surface, said protruding portions extending into said supporting base slits.

6. An insignia holding device comprising an insignia holding bar embodying side members, an insignia unit extending across the front surface of said bar and said side members and partly across the back surface of said bar, a retaining plate in association with said insignia unit and bearing against a portion of said insignia unit extending across the back surface of said bar, said retaining plate being between said side members and having a longitudinal slot therein, and a supporting base in association with said retaining plate and between said side members and having a longitudinal slot therein and slits therein extending laterally and in communication with said base slot, said retaining plate embodying two talons integral therewith and having bulging portions extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate and bearing against said insignia unit and having protruding portions at the ends of said talons extending beyond the plane of an outside surface of said plate that is opposite to the first-mentioned outside surface, said protruding portions extending into said supporting base slits, said retaining plate having openings therein immediately beyond the end extremities of said talons which are in communication with said retaining plate longitudinal slot.

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