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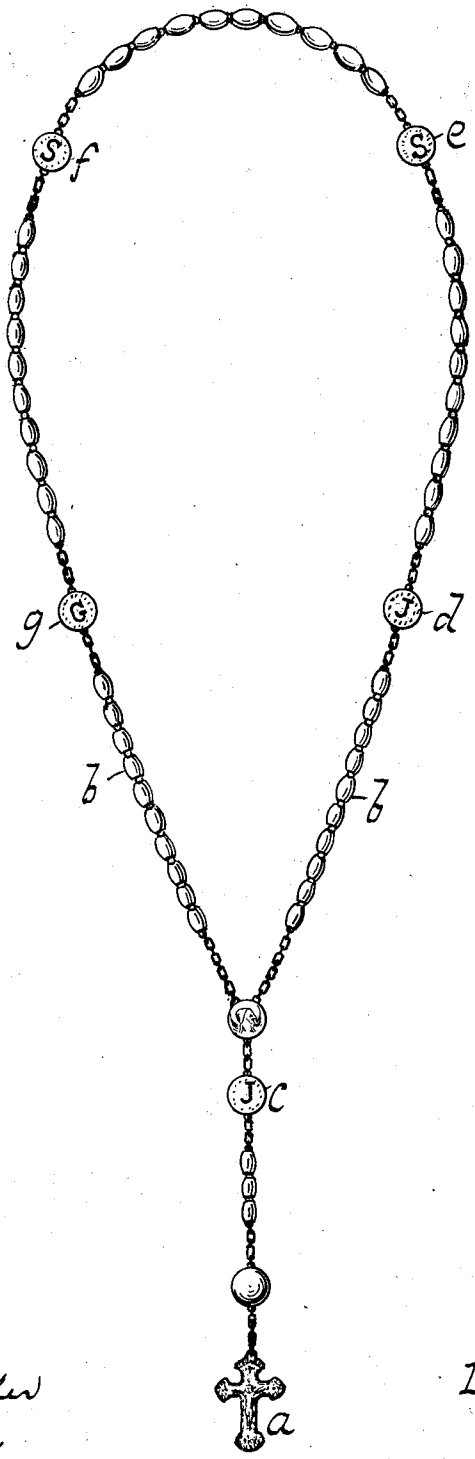
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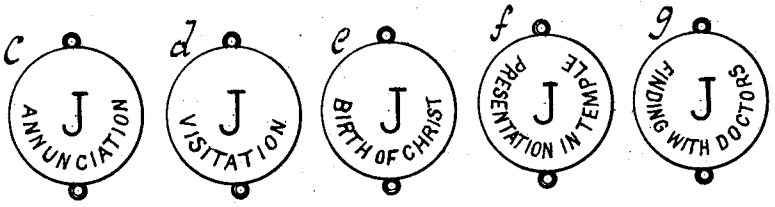


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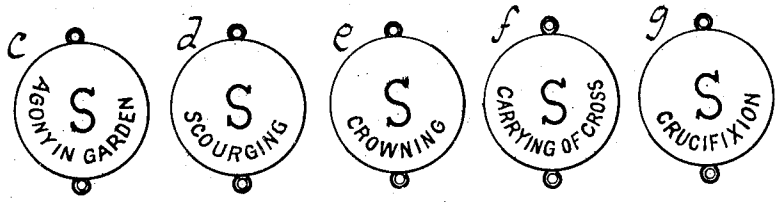


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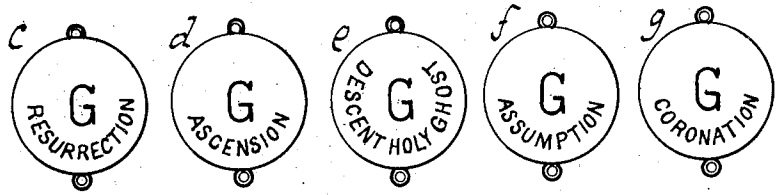


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DENNIS H. McBRIDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Indicating-Rosaries, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and improved form of rosary, the object of the same being to enable a devotee to memorize the mysteries of the rosary with very little mental effort.

As is well known the rosary when practised consists of two distinct modes of prayers used together in one exercise, or in other words, it is a combination of mental prayer or meditation with vocal prayer. The meditation or mental prayer is made by the consideration of the most memorable or touching "mysteries" of the life, passion and victory of Jesus. The vocal prayer consists of the recitation on the beads of the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary and the Gloria Patri or doxology.

The mysteries to be meditated upon number fifteen, and are divided into three parts, which are named the five joyful, the five sorrowful and the five glorious mysteries. The rosary beads on which the vocal prayers are recited, are also divided, in a corresponding manner, into three parts, and each part into five decades (or tens) each decade consisting of one bead for the pater and ten for the aves.

As is well known the five joyful mysteries are the annunciation, visitation, birth of Christ, presentation in the temple, and finding with doctors, in the order named. The five sorrowful mysteries are the agony in the garden, scourging, the crowning with thorns, the carrying of the cross and the crucifixion in the order named and the five glorious mysteries are the resurrection of our Lord, the ascension, the descent of the Holy Ghost, and assumption of Our Blessed Lady and the coronation, in the order named.

Heretofore a rosary was comprised of simply a string of beads with a crucifix attached. On this string was included five or fifteen decades. Each decade was preceded by a pater noster or large bead, followed by ten Ave Marias or smaller beads. Each decade represents a religious mystery. It will therefore be apparent that it is necessary for a person in order to properly recite the rosary to commit to memory the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. This is extremely difficult with the great majority of people, many of whom do not have the time and many of whom are unable to memorize each one of the mysteries in its order and meditate upon the same.

My invention obviates these difficulties for the reason that I provide a rosary with large pater noster beads with three faces on each bead. These beads contain an inscription denoting each mystery in its proper order, so that the user of same can readily tell by an inspection of the beads the name of each mystery in its proper sequence.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of a rosary made according to my invention. Fig. 2 are enlarged detail views of the sides of the larger beads indicating the five joyful mysteries. Fig. 3 are enlarged detail views of other sides of the larger beads indicating the five sorrowful mysteries. Fig. 4 are enlarged detail views of other sides of the larger beads indicating the five glorious mysteries. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a bead.

In the accompanying drawings the rosary consists of a cross *a* attached to a string or series of ave beads *b* all of which are of uniform size. At the beginning of the string is a large pater noster bead indicated at *c* having a letter J thereon, indicating that it represents one of the joyful mysteries, then follow ten ave beads after which is another large pater noster bead *d* showing the letter J likewise indicating one of the joyful mysteries. Then follows, a decade or ten more beads and at *e* is indicated another large pater noster bead having the letter S thereon indicating one of the sorrowful mysteries; after the following ten ave beads, comes another bead indicated at *f* with the letter S thereon, indicating also that it is another one of the sorrowful mysteries. Then follows ten more ave beads and at *g* is another large pater noster bead with the letter "G" thereon indicating it is a glorious mystery. It will of course be understood that as shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4 each pater noster bead will have the proper inscription indicated on it and they will be arranged in the order pointed out.

As shown in the drawing each pater

noster bead is provided with three faces so that one bead will denote by means of symbolic designs the three mysteries.

I do not limit or confine myself to the exact arrangement shown nor to the inscription shown. For instance instead of having large pater noster beads, I may have the mysteries indicated on metal or suitable material of some sort, which may be of any shape. Furthermore I do not confine myself to the wording shown to indicate the mysteries, as if desired the mysteries may be indicated by any suitable pictures formed or stamped either on a bead or other device within the scope of the claims or the law of equivalents.

I claim:

1. A rosary comprising a plurality of connected devotional devices a minority of which are provided with a series of illustrations representing religious meditations.

2. A rosary comprising a plurality of devices denoting a series of devotions, and means connected to the devices provided with a series of illustrations representing religious meditations.

3. A rosary comprising a plurality of connected beads denoting a series of devotions, and a series of indicators connected to the beads having inscriptions representing religious meditations.

4. A rosary comprising a string of beads, a number of which are provided with inscriptions representing religious meditations.

5. A rosary comprising a string of beads denoting a series of sacred devotions, a series of larger beads carried by the string having inscriptions representing the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries.

6. A rosary comprising a string of beads of different dimensions, the larger beads being provided with the names of the mysteries.

7. A rosary comprising a string of beads denoting a sequence of ave prayers, a series of pater noster beads carried by the string provided with inscriptions representing the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries.

8. A rosary comprising a string of beads denoting a sequence of ave prayers, a series of pater noster beads carried by the string each having a plurality of faces with inscriptions representing the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries.

9. A rosary comprising a string of ave beads, indicators of different size and shape from the ave beads, and inscriptions on the indicators denoting the mysteries.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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