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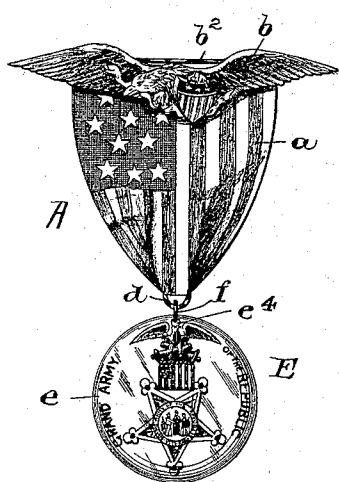


FIG. 1

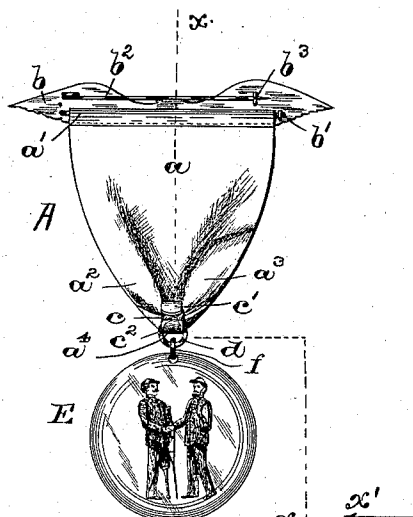
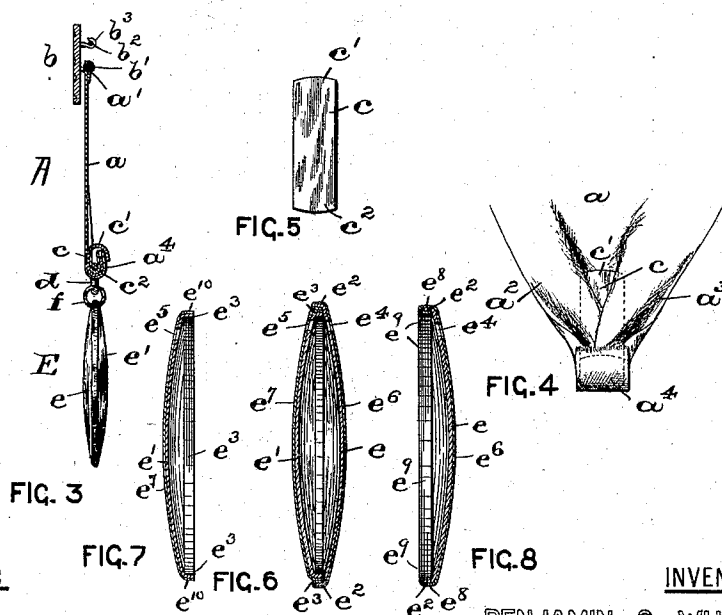


FIG. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN S. WHITEHEAD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, 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 of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has reference to a novel form and construction of ribbon badge and medallion therefor, and has for its primary object to provide a novel construction of medallion, and also a novel means for detachably connecting the medallion with the ribbon portion of the badge, said connecting means at the same time serving to secure the lower portion of the ribbon in certain ornamental folds.

The invention therefore consists in the novel construction of badge herein shown and described, and also in the novel arrangement and combinations of parts to be hereinafter fully set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

The medallion or pendant to be used in connection with my present invention consists, essentially, of two shells of sheet metal, each shell being provided with annular flanges, adapted to fit into one another, substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and a flexible material over said shells, bearing an inscription, insignia, design, emblem, &c., said material being made to cover the outer surfaces of both of said annular flanges of said shells, and also the inner surface of the larger of said two flanges, whereby when the shells are clamped together said flexible material is firmly drawn over the shells and prevents the puckering of the material at or near the joint of the two shells. Said shells may be perforated and provided with a loop or ring, whereby the medallion can be loosely connected with the lower portion of the ribbon.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the obverse side, and Fig. 2 a view of the reverse side, of my novel

form of badge embodying the principles of the present invention. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section of the badge, said section being taken on line *x* in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the lower portion of the ribbon of the badge, when looking at the back thereof, said view also illustrating the arrangement of the clamping device in its proper position ready to be connected with the ring attached to the medallion. Fig. 5 represents a blank of sheet metal, illustrating said clamping means just prior to being bent into shape for connecting the medallion with the ribbon portion of the badge. Fig. 6 is a vertical cross-section of the medallion, on an enlarged scale, to illustrate the arrangement and combination of the two shells and their coverings; and Figs. 7 and 8 are two vertical sections of said shells and coverings before being formed into a medallion, to more clearly show the arrangement of the material over the annular flanges of the shells.

Similar letters of reference are employed in each of the above-described views to indicate corresponding parts.

In said drawings, A represents the complete badge, which comprises therein a ribbon *a*, of any desirable color and any suitable material, such as silk, satin, &c., and which may be provided with any suitable design, insignia, or inscription, as will be clearly evident.

Extending through a loop *a'*, formed at the top of said ribbon, is a holding bar or pin *b'*, hinged to the back of a top bar *b*, of any suitable configuration in outline and ornamentation or design on its face. Said bar *b* is also provided with the usual form of spring-pin *b²* and hook or holding-clasp *b³*, whereby the badge can be securely attached to the coat or dress of the wearer, but said top bar may be omitted, if desired.

As will be clearly seen from Figs. 1, 2, and 4, the ribbon portion of the badge is folded at its lower end, as shown, and in order to secure or retain said folded portions in their proper positions I have provided a suitable clamping-plate *c*, which is made of sheet metal. The folds *a²* and *a³* of the ribbon *a* are turned over to form an upwardly-turned ribbon portion *a⁴*, and behind which I arrange the bent portion *c²* of the clamping-plate *c*, with the main body portion of said plate ar-

ranged between the back of the ribbon and folds a^2 and a^3 , as clearly shown in Fig. 4. This arrangement forms a suitable hook which can be passed into a ring d , with which
 5 is connected the medallion E. - After the said hook has been passed through the ring d then the upper portion c' of said clamping-plate c is bent over against the upper edge of the hook c^2 on said plate, whereby said ring d is
 10 securely arranged in said hook c^2 and the folds a^2 and a^3 of said ribbon a retained in their proper folded positions.

The medallion E, as will be seen more especially from Figs. 6, 7, and 8, is made from
 15 two sheet-metal shells e and e' , the shell e being provided with an annular flange e^2 and the shell e' with a similar flange e^3 . One of said shells is of a slightly-smaller diameter than the other, whereby the flanges on said
 20 shells can be fitted one into the other and closed down or clamped together to form the complete body of the medallion. On the faces of each shell I have arranged a flexible material e^6 and e^7 , forming coverings which are
 25 provided with suitable inscriptions, designs, emblems, &c. As will be seen from Fig. 8, said flexible covering e^6 has its free edges e^8 and e^9 entirely covering both the inner and outer surfaces of the annular flange e^2 of the
 30 shell e , while the shell e' , which is provided with the flexible covering e^7 , has its outer surface of the flange e^3 covered by the surrounding edge e^{10} of the material e^7 .

When the covered shells are fitted together,
 35 then their annular flanges e^2 and e^3 can be firmly clamped down, and during this operation the edges e^8 and e^9 of the covering e^6 and the edge e^{10} of the covering e^7 are drawn in
 40 between the metal portions of the shells, which prevents the puckering of the surrounding edge of the coverings, and a well-finished medallion will be the result, having the appearance as if made entirely from the material of which the coverings are made.
 45 To connect said medallion with the ribbon portion a of the badge, I have provided said shells e and e' with the perforations e^4 and e^5 , respectively, and into which I have secured a ring f . By this means said medallion E can
 50 be connected to the ring d and swing freely thereon.

From the above description it will be seen that I have devised a ribbon badge provided with a novel means of connecting the me-
 55 dallion with the lower end of the ribbon, and said clamping means being used to retain

said lower portion of the ribbon in ornamental folds, whereby the beauty of the badge is greatly enhanced and an extra expense of ribbon is saved. 60

I have also provided a novel and cheap construction of medallion of the arrangement and combination of parts as hereinabove set forth, and which can be readily attached or
 65 connected with the lower end of the ribbon portion of the badge.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A badge, comprising therein, a ribbon, having a lower folded portion, combined with
 70 a medallion or pendant, and means for securing said medallion to said folded portion, consisting, essentially, of a sheet-metal clamping-plate, as c , having hook-shaped ends adapted to be clamped down against the ribbon, and
 75 a ring or loop in one of said hook-shaped ends, said ring also being connected with said medallion or pendant, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A badge, comprising therein, a ribbon, 80 having a lower folded portion, combined with a medallion or pendant, and means for securing said medallion to said folded portion, said medallion comprising a pair of shells, as e and e' , having annular flanges adapted to fit one
 85 into the other, a flexible covering on each shell having an inscription, design, emblem, or the like, said coverings having their free edges arranged over the outer surfaces of the flanges of said shells, and the free edge of
 90 one of the said coverings also extending over the edge of the flange of one of the shells and being arranged on the inner surface of said flange, whereby the flexible coverings are drawn taut when the shells are clamped to-
 95 gether, said means for attaching the medallion to the ribbon portion of the badge, consisting of a sheet-metal plate, as c , having hook-shaped ends adapted to be clamped down against the ribbon, and a ring or loop
 100 in one of said hook-shaped ends, said ring also being connected with the said medallion, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the invention set
 105 forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of December, 1895.

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