This invention relates to an identification assembly unit which will serve for the mounting of insignia of a character to identify the user.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a device for mounting of different insignia, such for instance as the initials of a person's name, in such a manner that the initials may be placed in position by the retail sales clerk at the time of selling the assembly.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an identification unit which will be of inexpensive construction and simple manufacture.

Another object of the invention is to provide an identification unit in which the letters will appear as if embossed or raised from their surrounding background.

Another object of the invention is to provide an arrangement in which the letters will serve to lock the carrier in which the letters are mounted in position after sliding into the frame in which they are assembled.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

With reference to the drawings:

Figure 1 is an elevation illustrating an identification assembly as attached to a chain of a cravat holder.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a sectional view showing the carrier for the letters, slid partly out of its holding frame, with one of the letters completely assembled in position, another of the letters depressed as it is slid beneath the face plate of the holding frame, and a third letter in a position where it is about to be placed in the carrier.

Figure 5 is a perspective view illustrating the structure of Figure 4.

In proceeding with this invention, I provide a face plate having an opening therein, and a back plate which is spaced from the face plate. A carrier slides between the plates, and when withdrawn from between the plates, exposes an area for the reception of initials which, after assembly in the carrier, may be slid into the frame by sliding the carrier into the frame. A spring which is located in the bottom of the carrier urges the initials outwardly through an opening in the face plate so as to cause the letters to protrude beyond the face plate in an embossed relation, and this protrusion also serves to lock the carrier in the face plate so that the carrier cannot again be slid from position without depressing the letters or characters.

With reference to the drawings, 20 designates generally a clip with a front portion 11 and a back portion 12 to clip the shirt beneath a cravat, depending from the ends of front 11 are chains 13 which support an identification assembly which I designate generally 14. Although I have shown this identification as suspended from chains for use in retaining a cravat in position, it will be readily appreciated that this unit may be otherwise suitably supported or attached to such other articles of jewelry for personal wear, as may be resided by the manufacturer.

The assembly 14 comprises a body member 15 and a carrier or slide 16 which may be slid into this body member. The body member comprises a face plate 17 which is cut out as in 18, providing a marginal peripheral edge 19 about this opening 16. A back plate 20 is secured in spaced relation to the front plate 17 such as by means of a side wall 21, which extends about one end of the plates 20 and 17 while the other end is left open at 22. This back plate 20 may be cut out as at 23 so as to provide a lighter construction, while at the same time, serving as an opening through which a means for limiting the movement of the carrier is provided.

Carrier 16 is in the form of a tray having a bottom wall 25, and flanges 26 on its opposite sides, while these flanges extend about the outer end of the tray as at 27. A spring 28 rests upon the bottom 25 of the tray and has a natural contour bulking upwardly. The spring may be forced downwardly by pressure of the letters or characters 30 thereon. This spring is also in the shape of the tray. Character 30 may be in the shape of a letter of the alphabet, as shown, or in any other desired insignia shape, with flanges 31 extended from its top and bottom edges, leaving a dimension of the letter or insignia raised from the flanges in an amount substantially that of the width of the opening 18 in the front plate.

In order to limit the movement of the carrier tray, a stop 36 is secured to the tray and extends downwardly into the opening 23, and will engage the end bar 38 of the back plate when the carrier is moved into the position shown in Figure 4.

The first of these letters which are inserted is placed in the carrier and then pressed inwardly, beneath the bar 39, and allowed to move inwardly by being slid to the inner end of the carrier. Additional letters are placed in the tray upon the spring 28 and then by pressing these letters toward the bottom wall 25 of the
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tray or carrier, and at the same time by moving the carrier inwardly from the position shown in Figures 4 and 5 to the position shown in Figure 2, the letters will be moved beneath the end 33 of the body member and then will be forced forwardly into the opening 18 as shown in Figure 4. Figure 4 shows one of the characters 30 beneath the bar 33 and the other character is shown as already having been moved beneath the bar, and as protruding into the opening 18. In order to complete a three letter assembly, the third character, which is shown in perspective as not having yet been placed in the tray or carrier, is in position on the spring 28 and the carrier is moved to the left while the letter is pressed rearwardly so as to pass beneath the bar 33.

After all the letters have passed beneath the bar 33, and are forced forwardly by the spring 28, as shown in Figure 2, the raised portion of the last letter inserted would engage the bar 33 and prevent outward sliding of the carrier or tray from the position shown in Figure 2.

I claim:

1. An identification assembly comprising a face plate having an opening therein with marginal sides and ends, a back plate spaced from said face plate, a carrier between said plates and slidable from such position for the reception of identification members, identification members of a size to be slidably received in said opening and of a thickness to be slid between said plates and provided with oppositely disposed flanges of lesser thickness to extend beneath the plate and engage the plate along the opposite margins of said opening, said members being positioned in said carrier and spring means between said carrier and members to urge the members outwardly through said opening and cause their flanges to engage the back of the face plate, said members being movable rearwardly from the face plate against the spring means to move under the marginal ends of said face plate opening.

2. An identification assembly as in claim 1 wherein said carrier has side flanges to prevent lateral sliding of said members and end flanges to prevent the end members from sliding off said carrier.

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