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Fig. 1.

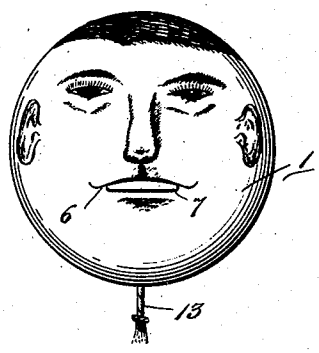


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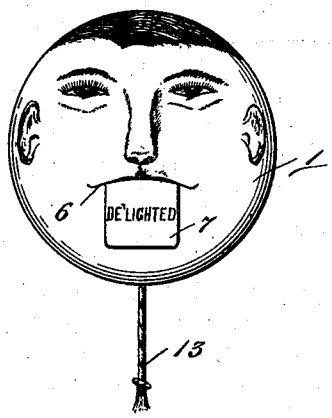


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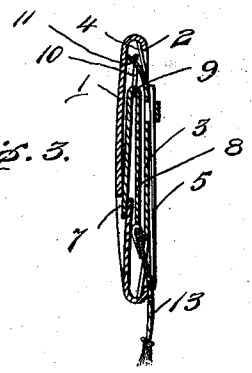
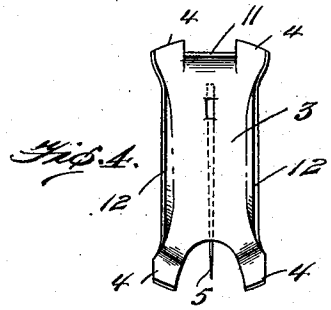


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES B. McDONALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buttons or Badges, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in buttons or badges, and has for its object the provision of a device of this sort which shall be neat and attractive in appearance, and which shall be of novel configuration and provided with one or more movable members or portions which may be operated to change the appearance of the badge to render the same entertaining and amusing.

Another object of my invention is the provision of the device of the character set forth which will be useful for a variety of purposes such as a campaign badge, an advertising novelty or a toy, which may readily be manufactured at a low cost and which will be practical and desirable in every particular.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists of a badge having suitable means for securing it in position, the badge having one or more movable elements adapted to alter the appearance of the same.

The invention further comprises a button or badge embodying certain other novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts substantially as disclosed herein and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1, is a face view of a badge embodying the features of my invention, with the parts thereof in their normal position. Fig. 2, is a like view of the same showing the movable element in the extended or protruding position. Fig. 3, is a cross sectional view through the operating mechanism of the device. Fig. 4, is a detached detail view of the back plate.

In the drawings: The numeral 1, designates the body of the button which is in the form of a plate or shell of circular or other formation having the rearward inturned edge or rim 2, which acts as a retaining means to hold the back plate 3, in position, the back plate having corner lugs or extensions 4, which are engaged beneath the overturned rim of the button. A pin or other suitable fastening 5, is carried by the back plate so that the button may readily be secured in any desired position either upon the apparel of the wearer or otherwise. The button is of any desired size or shape, ornamental or otherwise and is preferably provided with a face or other designation, and one or more slots or openings 6, are formed in the button, these openings designating one or more of the features of the figure shown on the face of the button. A movable element 7, is adapted to slide through the opening across the face of the button, the element in this case representing a tongue as shown and a word of greeting or other designation may be imprinted on the tongue piece as desired. This movable element is in the form of a flat plate doubled back upon itself to provide a guiding portion or slide 8, and having a loop 9, at its upper end. A spring 10, of elastic or the like material has its bight engaged in the loop of the movable element and the upper end of the spring is caught over a projection 11, at the top of the back plate so that by means of the spring, the movable element is normally retained in the upper position, the front portion of the slide being hidden from view in the back of the button. In this upper or withdrawn position, the lower front edge of the slide slightly protrudes through the slot to act as a guide and the rear parallel or doubled-back portion of the slide is slidably confined between the parallel inturned or flanged edges 12 of the back plate to serve as guiding means to cause the movable element to slide straight up and down and to prevent it from binding or sticking. The rear or guiding portion of the slide is preferably longer than the face or protruding portion thereof and is adapted to contact against the lower rim of the button to limit the downward sliding movement of the slide, the slide being limited as to its upward movement by the projection 11, on the back plate. A cord or other suitable connection 13, is attached to the lower end of the guiding portion of the slide and serves to operate the same.

The button may be made in a great variety of styles and to represent persons or things of popular interest and the button may be made with one or more movable elements. The slide may as well be used to designate other features than the tongue as described.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the drawings it will be ap-

parent that I have produced a useful and entertaining device or novelty which fully accomplishes all the results herein set forth.

I claim;

1. A button comprising a shell having an inturned rim, a back plate having its ends confined under said rim, fastening means carried by said back plate, the button having a slot formed in its face, a double slide adapted to have its front portion protrude through the said slot, the back plate having inturned edges to form a guideway for the rear portion of the slide, a retracting spring connected between the back plate and the top of the slide, and means for actuating the slide connected to the rear portion thereof.

2. The combination with a hollow shell having a slot in the face thereof, of a double slide adapted to have its front portion projected through said slot, a back plate having angular corner extensions secured to the shell and provided with inturned parallel sides to form a guideway for the slide, the back plate having an inwardly projecting lug at its upper end, a spring connected to the slide and caught over said lug, and a depending connection for operating the slide.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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