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Fig. 1

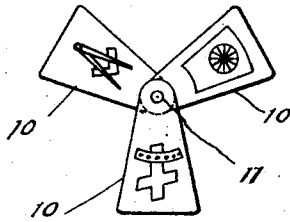


Fig. 2

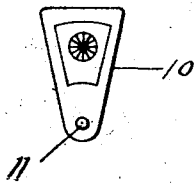
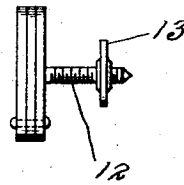


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD L. WEED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Badges, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved construction of badge, emblem, or the like, and has for its object to provide a badge of this character which comprises a plurality of symbol carrying blades connected together to swing one upon the other from a common center, whereby either a single symbol or those carried on any number of the different blades, may be exposed.

A further object of this invention is to pivot a plurality of blades on a base plate which plate is provided with garment attaching means, the blades being of substantially the same size and shape as the base plate to cover the same when in a certain position.

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 claim.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 shows a front view of my improved badge illustrating three segmental blades pivoted together and swung into position to expose the symbols thereon.

Figure 2 shows all of the blades as folded or swung back into alignment so that only the symbol on the front blade is exposed.

Figure 3 is a side elevation illustrating the blades as swung to folded position and a supporting device with a screw and nut attached to the rear blade.

It is found in the practical use of badges of this character, of advantage to provide a plurality of blades or plates, each of which is adapted to carry a symbol or other insignia and to connect all of these blades on a single pivot whereby they may be folded into a single unit to expose the symbol on the front blade only or they may be spread or extended to expose the symbols on each of the blades and any desired number of such blades may be mounted on a single pivot. In this way, a single unit of several blades employed to represent any harmoni-

ous group of different lodges in a single badge, may be employed, for instance, a plurality of these different blades may be employed to represent the different insignia of different lodges to which the wearer may belong, or the symbols on the different blades may be employed to indicate or show the different harmonious groups of lodges, organizations, or associations to which the owner may belong, all in a single unit, and all or any number of these insignia may be exposed at once, as desired; and the following is a detailed description of the present embodiment of my invention showing one construction by which these advantageous results may be accomplished:—

With reference to the drawings, 10 designates three different plates or blades of segmental shape which are connected together at one end by a pivot 11, whereby the different blades are all connected in such a way that each blade may be swung independently of the other blades to expose the symbols on their faces or they may all be swung back into alignment as illustrated in Figure 2, whereby the symbol on the front plate or blade only will be exposed. In most instances, where a person is a member of several lodges or organizations, these lodges or organizations are often indicated, one by wearing a ring, the second on a charm, and perhaps a third by wearing a lapel button, but by my improved construction all of these different organizations or lodges may be designated in a single unit of attractive appearance and any one or all may be exposed at once as desired.

The pivot pin 11 is preferably riveted sufficiently snug or tight so that the different blades will be frictionally retained when moved in any set position relatively to the others.

My improved badge is usually provided with a threaded spur or pin 12 on the rear face of the rear blade or base plate and on this spur is mounted a nut 13 whereby it may be readily secured to the buttonhole of the wearer, or any other suitable means for supporting this badge may be employed.

The device is very simple and practical in construction and by its use any desired number of symbols or emblems indicating different lodges or associations, or other insignia may be employed.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the
5 mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claim.

I claim:

- 10 A badge comprising a base plate, garment attaching means secured to the rear of said

plate, a pivot pin carried by said plate adjacent one edge thereof, and a plurality of blades mounted on said pin, to swing relatively to each other and relatively to said
15 plate whereby the front face of each may be exposed, the pivot pin being riveted sufficiently snug so that the blades and plate are frictionally retained in different desired
20 positions.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
EDWARD L. WEED.