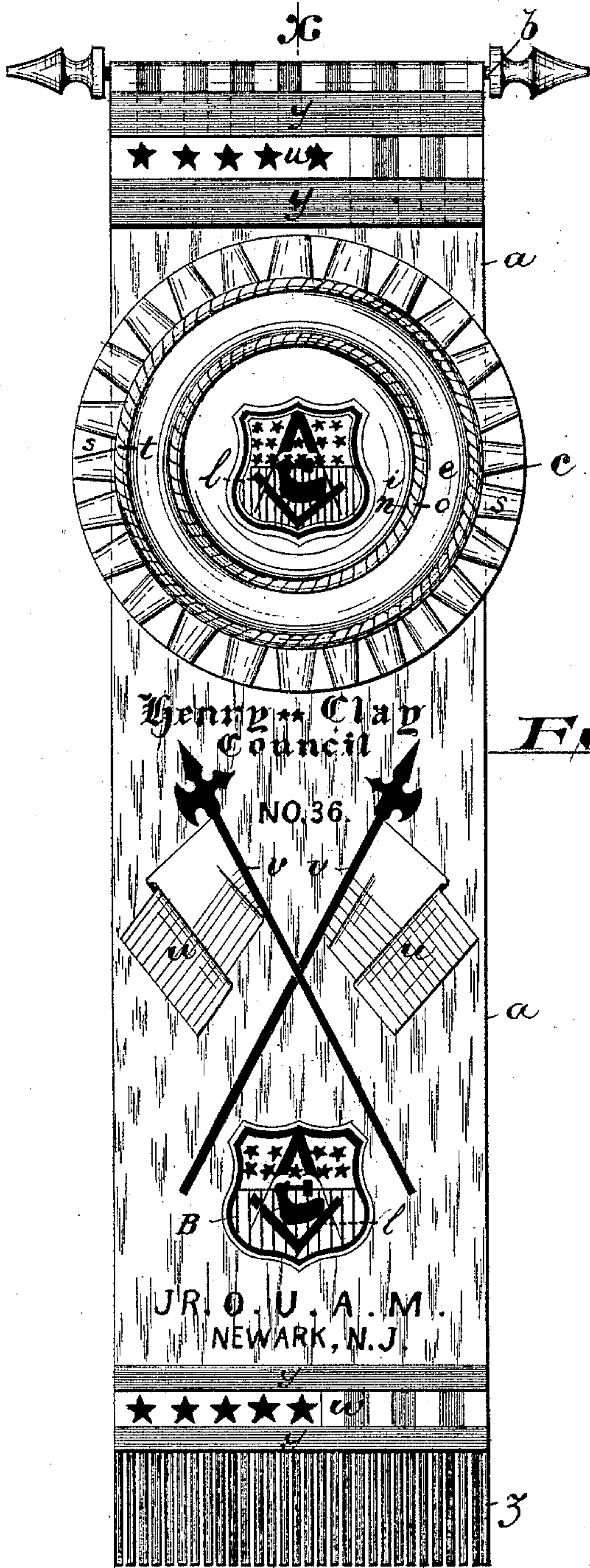


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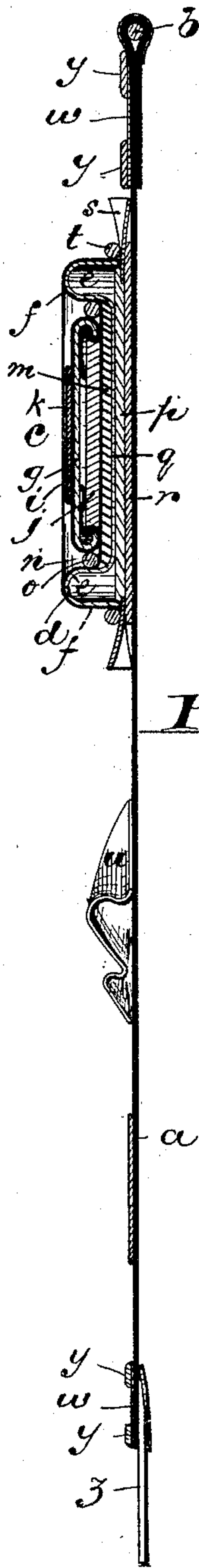
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*Fig. 1.*



*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 Emblematic Society Badges and Rosettes; 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.

The object of this invention is to secure an emblematic society-badge of greater attractiveness and beauty, to reduce the cost of manufacture, and to obtain a more durable and substantial article than has heretofore been produced.

The invention consists in the improved emblematic society-badge and in the arrangements and combinations of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in each of the figures, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved badge, and Fig. 2 is a section of the same, taken on line *x*.

In said drawings, *a* indicates a foundation-ribbon, on which the emblems, &c., are imposed. *b* is a bar, from which the ribbon is suspended, and *c* is a rosette of peculiar construction, forming one of the especial features of the badge. Of said rosette, *d* indicates a metallic plate, which is pressed up by means of suitable formers to produce or make an annular bead *e* on the outside edge of said plate and form a central shallow cavity on the outer face. On the surface of this plate is fastened, by cement or other adhesive material, a textile fabric *f*, preferably satin, the rough cut edges of which are turned and held behind the plate, as indicated in the sectional figure, and the surface of the said fabric being made to lie smooth and close to the plate by stretching and pressing tools. Within the central cavity formed by the bead *e* is arranged the insignia-carrier. This consists of a smaller disk or plate *g*, with its edges backwardly turned, and on it a piece of fabric *i*,

stretched thereover by presses or other suitable tools and held by cement, the concave rear side of said plate *g* having the rough edges of the fabric turned thereagainst and covered by a back piece or disk *j* of pasteboard or other suitable material sufficiently firm and stiff to properly support the said plate and hold the edges of the fabric *i*. The said disk or piece *j* is forced into the concavity and held therein by cement, so that there will be no danger of separation when the complete device is in use.

The insignia may be printed directly on the fabric *i* prior to or after being brought into permanent connection with the plate *g*; but I prefer to form the insignia of a section *k* of an American flag and paste or cement the same upon the fabric, the said section *k* being in the form of a shield and having an imprint in gilt thereon of a symbolical figure or figures *l*, such as the square, compass, and hammer bearing arm shown.

To give more perfect smoothness and stability to the fabric *f* where it covers the annular protecting-ridge *e*, I prefer to press and cement into the central recess or cavity a stiffener or supporting disk or piece *m*, of pasteboard or similar material, and on this is pasted the back piece or disk *j*, carrying the insignia-plate. An annular groove *n* is formed between the peripheral edge of the covered insignia-plate *g* and the annular ridge or bead, and to so secure a neat finish and to cover the rough edge of the disk *m* I insert a silk or similar cord or other ornamental filling-piece *o*. This may be of a uniform color with the adjacent pieces of covering material or may contrast with the same, as taste may dictate.

Back of the plate *d*, holding the turned edges of the fabric *f* in position, is a stay plate or disk *p*, of pasteboard or other material, which is centrally held in place by glue or cement against the flat bearing *q* of the plate *d*, and against this is a back plate *r*, either of plain pasteboard suitably finished or, and preferably, pasteboard covered with satin or other suitable textile fabric. Between the plates *p* and *r* is secured by cement, under pressure, a ruffling *s* of stiffened silk which is held between said plates at the inner edge and projects outwardly beyond the peripheries of said plates, forming radial corrugations.



gations very effective from an ornamental standpoint. The arrangement of these parts, taken in connection with the process employed in holding the parts together, produces a structure of great firmness and strength. A cord *t* gives a finish to the outer angle formed by the ruffling and bead and conceals any paste or cement forced out by pressure at this point.

It may be here noted that by the construction thus described I dispense entirely with sewing and stitches and the objections attending the same.

The rosette thus constructed is cemented to the ribbon *a* in suitable position, as taste may dictate, sufficient space remaining uncovered to admit of the name of the lodge, chapter, or society and other matter to be printed.

Below the rosette is an ornament of peculiar construction, consisting of a flag *u*, of woven silk or other fabric, the stars and stripes being formed in the weaving. This is wrinkled or waved as shown, to secure a projection or relief and effect of motion, and fastened to the foundation-ribbon by either stitches or cement, or both. One edge of the flag is fastened onto said ribbon coincident with a printed line *v* in gilt or other contrasting ink. Thus the appearance of a flag waving from a flag-staff is secured without the inconvenience of an actual staff secured upon the ribbon, which would tend to render the ribbon cumbersome and wrinkled because of the weight. The upper and lower terminals of the ribbon are finished by applied flag-sections *w w*, pasted to the said ribbon and having the cut edges covered and protected by transverse bands *y*, and the lower extremity of the badge is finished with fringe *z*.

The badge thus constructed provides an article of great firmness and durability. The construction admits of the parts being assembled quickly and easily, and machinery, with dies, pressers, or formers, to be employed with advantage, and withal a badge of beauty and effectiveness is produced.

I prefer to apply by glue or cement in many cases the shield insignia, as shown on the rosette, direct to the ribbon, as at B, the flag-section of woven silk bearing the imprinted

symbol *l*, as in the case of the insignia on the rosette.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The combination, with a suspensory ribbon, of a printed line or staff thereon, and an applied wrinkled or waved flag, one edge of which is fastened coincident with said line or staff, substantially as set forth.

2. In a badge, the rosette combining a covered metal plate *d*, having an annular bead at the periphery, and a central recess, a covered insignia-plate arranged in said recess, and a bordering, substantially as set forth.

3. In a badge, a ribbon *a*, providing space for the society-name, &c., and at the ends having applied flag-sections *w w*, and transverse bands at the edges thereof, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with the suspensory ribbon, of an applied flag *u*, having one edge secured to an imprinted line on said ribbon, and said imprinted line having the form of a flag-staff, substantially as set forth.

5. In a badge, the combination, with a suspensory ribbon, of the insignia consisting of an applied flag bearing stars and stripes and cut in the form of a shield and bearing an imprinted symbol *l*, substantially as set forth.

6. In combination with a suspensory ribbon having a society-name imprinted thereon, a shield pasted upon said ribbon, the said shield consisting of a woven flag-section having a symbol printed thereon, substantially as set forth.

7. In a badge, a rosette having at its back two plates or disks holding therebetween a bordering-ruffle and cement for uniting said parts, substantially as set forth.

8. In a badge, a rosette having at its back two plates or disks between which a ruffling *s* is secured, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of September, 1891.

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