

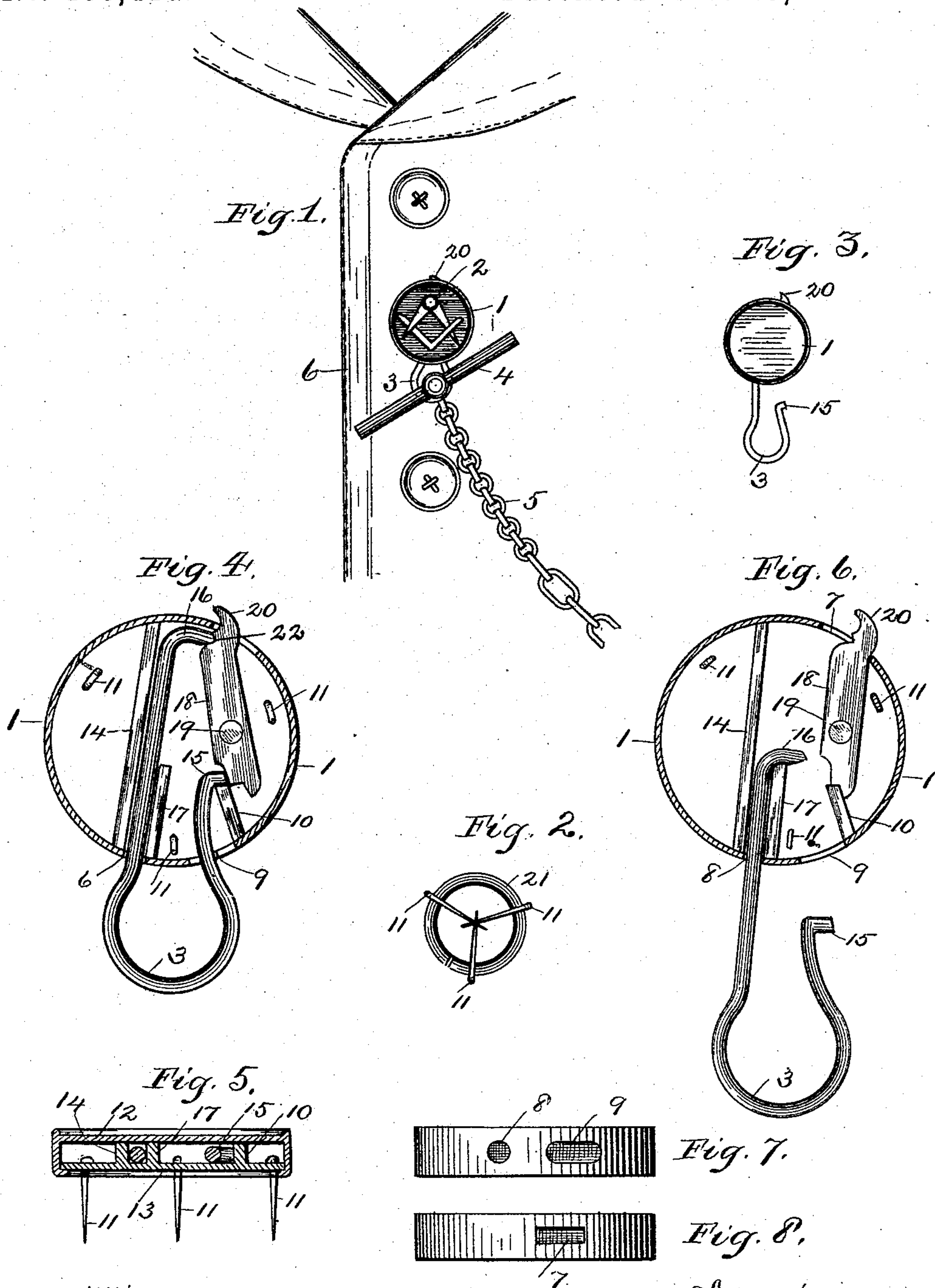
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES B. PEARSON, of
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gheny, county of Allegheny, State of Penn-
sylvania, citizens of the United States, have in-
vented certain new and useful Improvements
in a Combined Watch-Chain Holder and
Badge; and we do hereby declare the follow-
ing to be a full, clear, and exact description
of the invention, such as will enable others
skilled in the art to which it pertains to make
and use the same, reference being had to the
accompanying drawings, which form a part
of this specification.

Our invention relates to an improved de-
vice for holding watch-chains to the vest or
clothing and at the same time answer the pur-
pose of a badge to represent signs of various
secret societies and such like purposes; and
it consists in a button, a means for attaching
the same to the clothing, and a device whereby
the bar or hook of a watch-chain may be con-
nected thereto, together with certain details
of construction and combination of parts, as
will be fully described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is
a face view of our improved combined watch-
chain holder and badge, showing the same at-
tached in position to a portion of clothing and
having the bar end of a watch-chain con-
nected thereto, together with the figures of a
compass and square, representing a Masonic
badge. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the fastening
device. Fig. 3 is a face view of the device
open to receive or release the watch-chain.
Fig. 4 is an exaggerated face view of the de-
vice having the front plate removed to show
the inner working parts and showing the de-
vice locked to hold the chain. Fig. 5 is a sec-
tional plan view of the same. Fig. 6 is a face
view having the front plate removed and
showing the altered position of the parts, the
said parts being in a position to receive or re-
lease the chain. Fig. 7 is an inverted plan
view of the casing. Fig. 8 is a plan view of
the same.

To put our invention into practice, we pro-
vide a casing equal in size to a small badge,
consisting of an annular plate 13, provided
with outwardly-extending ribs 14 17, which
serve as guides to a looped bar 3. One of

these ribs 14 extends across the entire plate
13 and the other 17 but a short distance, which
serves as a stop or check to the said bar 3.
This plate 13 is formed with another short
rib 10, arranged at an angle with those be-
fore described for the purpose of forming a
catch to engage with a hook 15, formed on
one end of the bar 3. Attached to the plate
13 in a suitable manner are three sharpened
pins 11, which extend rearwardly and are
adapted to pass through the clothing and be
bent about a ring 21, and thereby provide a
means for attaching the said plate 13 to a gar-
ment. Pivoted to the plate 13 is a movable
lever 18, one end of which extends through
an opening 7, formed in the surrounding cas-
ing 2, and the other or lower end used as a
means of disengaging the hook 15 from its
catch 10. This lever 18 is also provided with
a notch 22, located near its upper end, which
engages with the hook 16, formed at the up-
per extremity of the bar 3. This bar consists
of a piece of spring-wire, having a loop 3, a
long straight portion having a hooked ex-
tremity 16, and a shorter portion, also pro-
vided with a hook 15, and the said bar oper-
ating partly within the casing 12, as will be
seen by reference to Figs. 4 and 6. The sur-
rounding casing 12 consists of a plate having
an inwardly-projecting flange adapted to be
clamped about the plate 13 and provided with
an oblong opening 7, through which the end
20 of the lever projects, and two openings 8 9
at the base, through which the bar 3 operates.

In operation the loop 3 of the bar engages
with the bar 4 of a watch-chain 5, and may be
opened, as shown at Figs. 3 and 6, by moving
the end 20 of the lever 18 to the right. This
movement of the lever 18 forces the hook 16
away from its catch 10, and the tension thus
placed on the loop 3 will cause the same to
spring out until stopped by the hook 16 coming
in contact with the upper end of the short rib
17. The bar 4 or chain 5 is now placed within
the loop 3 and the same forced upward until
the hook 15 has again engaged with its catch
10. It will be noticed that the hook 16 also
engages with a notch 22, formed near the up-
per extremity of the lever 18, which serves as
a means of preventing the loop 3 from being
withdrawn without operating the lever 18, as

the said lever is inclined slightly toward the hook 16. Any pressure brought against the loop serves to enter the said hook more firmly into the notch 22.

5 The face of the device may be engraved with emblems or signs denoting various societies or may be engraved with the name or monogram of the owner, or the same may be simply carved, stamped, or plain and will be
10 found useful for holding watch-chains, eyeglasses, &c.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

15 1. A combined watch-chain holder and badge consisting of a casing constructed as described, means for attaching the same to the clothing, a bar having a loop projecting from said casing, hooks formed on the ends
20 of said bars, catches within the casing to engage with the said hooks, and means for releasing said hooks to permit the bar to move

partly out of the casing, as and for the purpose described.

2. A watch-chain holder consisting of the 25 plate 13, the inner ribs 14 17, attached to or integral therewith, the pins 11 and ring 21 to attach the same to the clothing, the flanged casing 12, having openings through its edges or sides, the loop 3, formed of spring-wire and 30 provided with hooked extremities 15 16, the catch 10 to engage with one of said hooks, the lever 18, pivoted to the plate 13 and having a portion 20 projecting beyond said casing, and the notch 22, formed near the top of said 35 lever 18 to engage with the hook 16, all arranged and combined for service substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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