

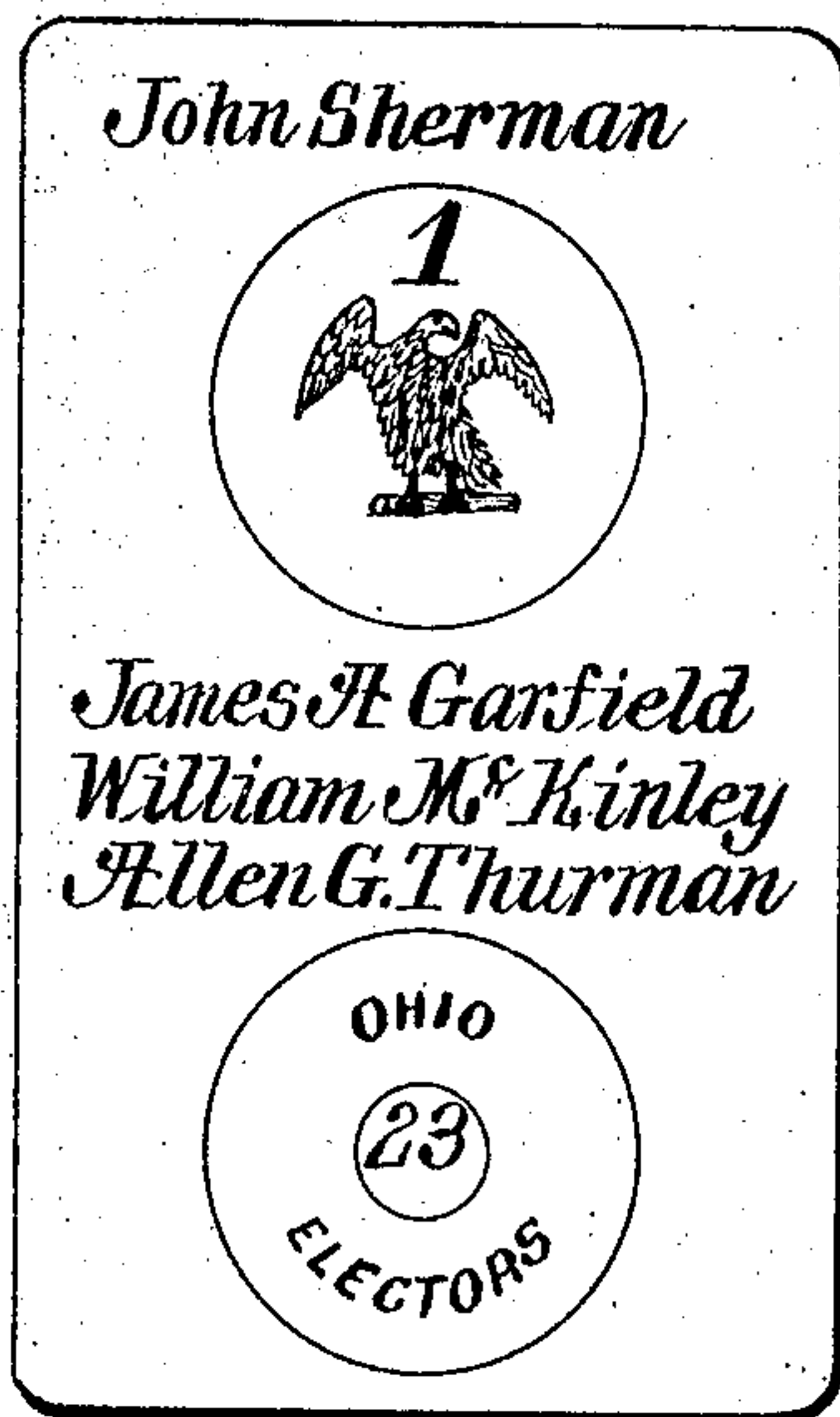
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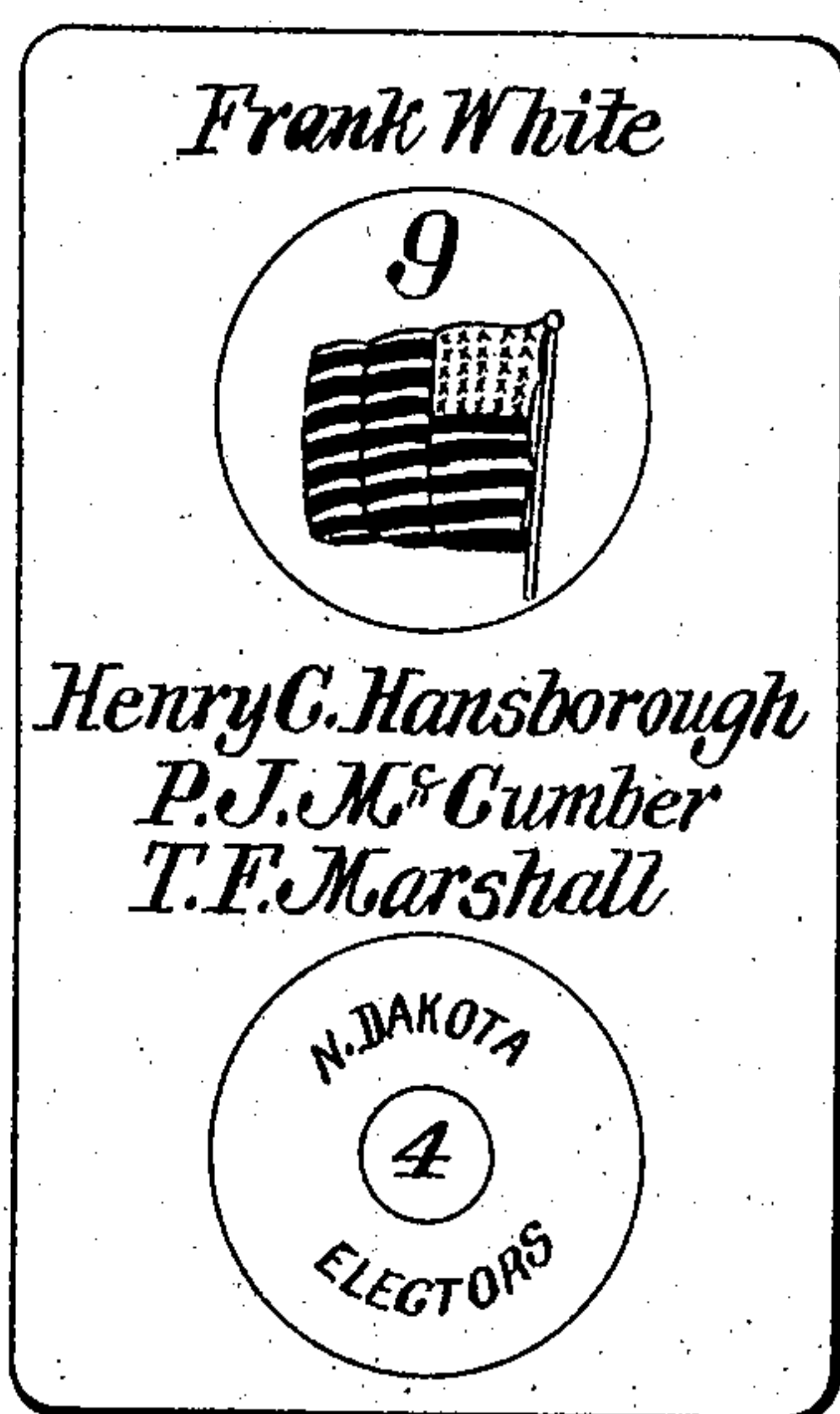
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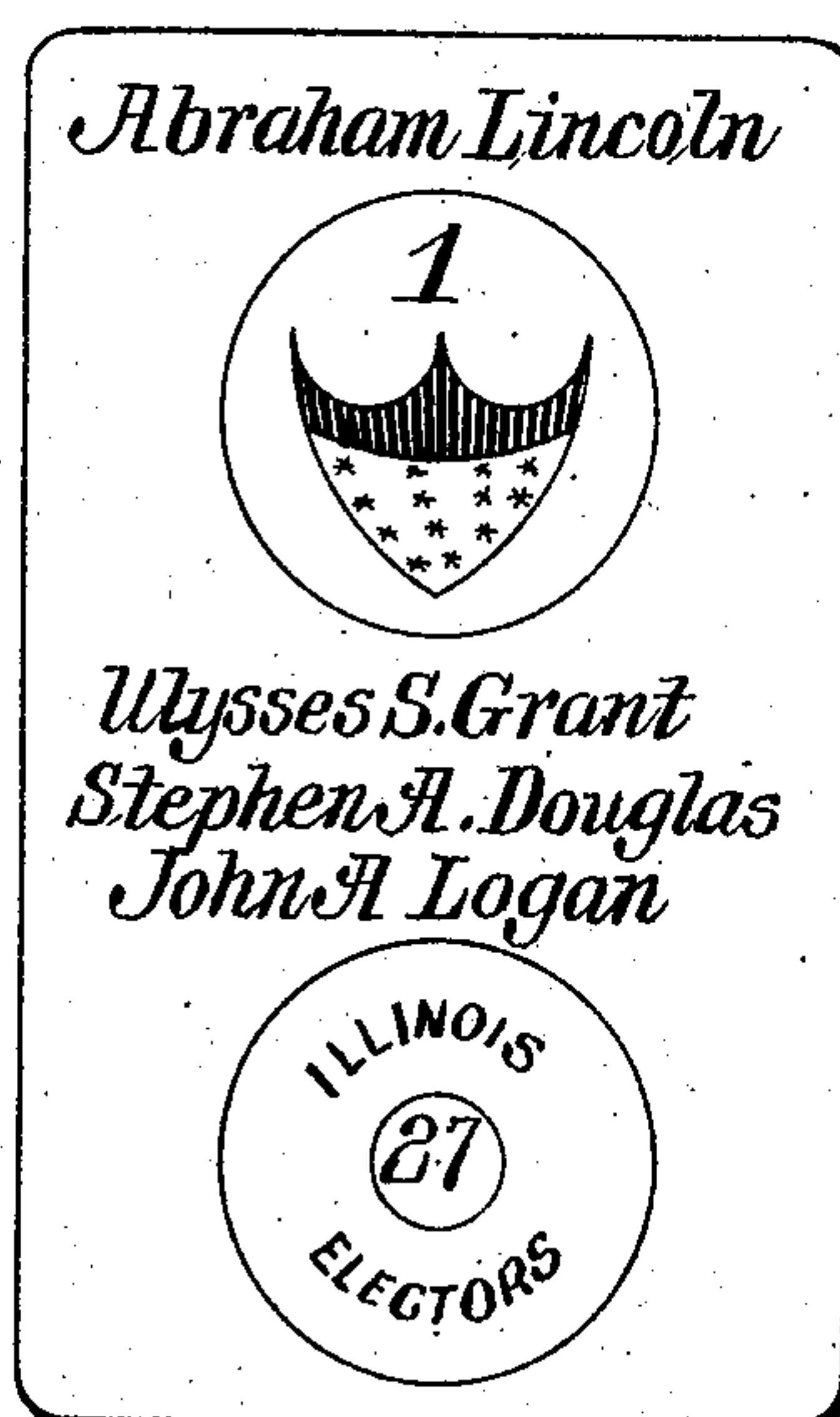
*Fig. 1.*



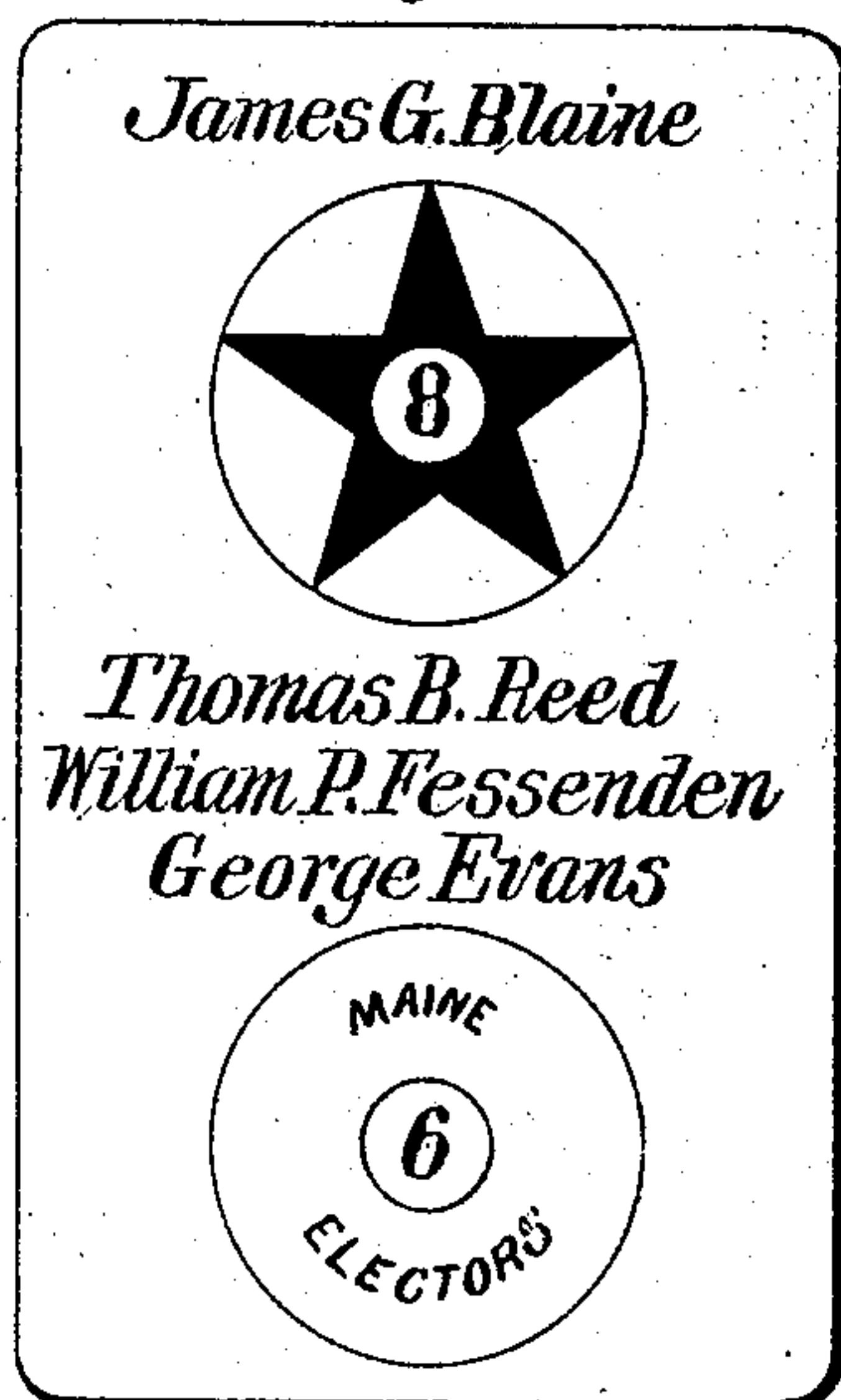
*Fig. 2.*



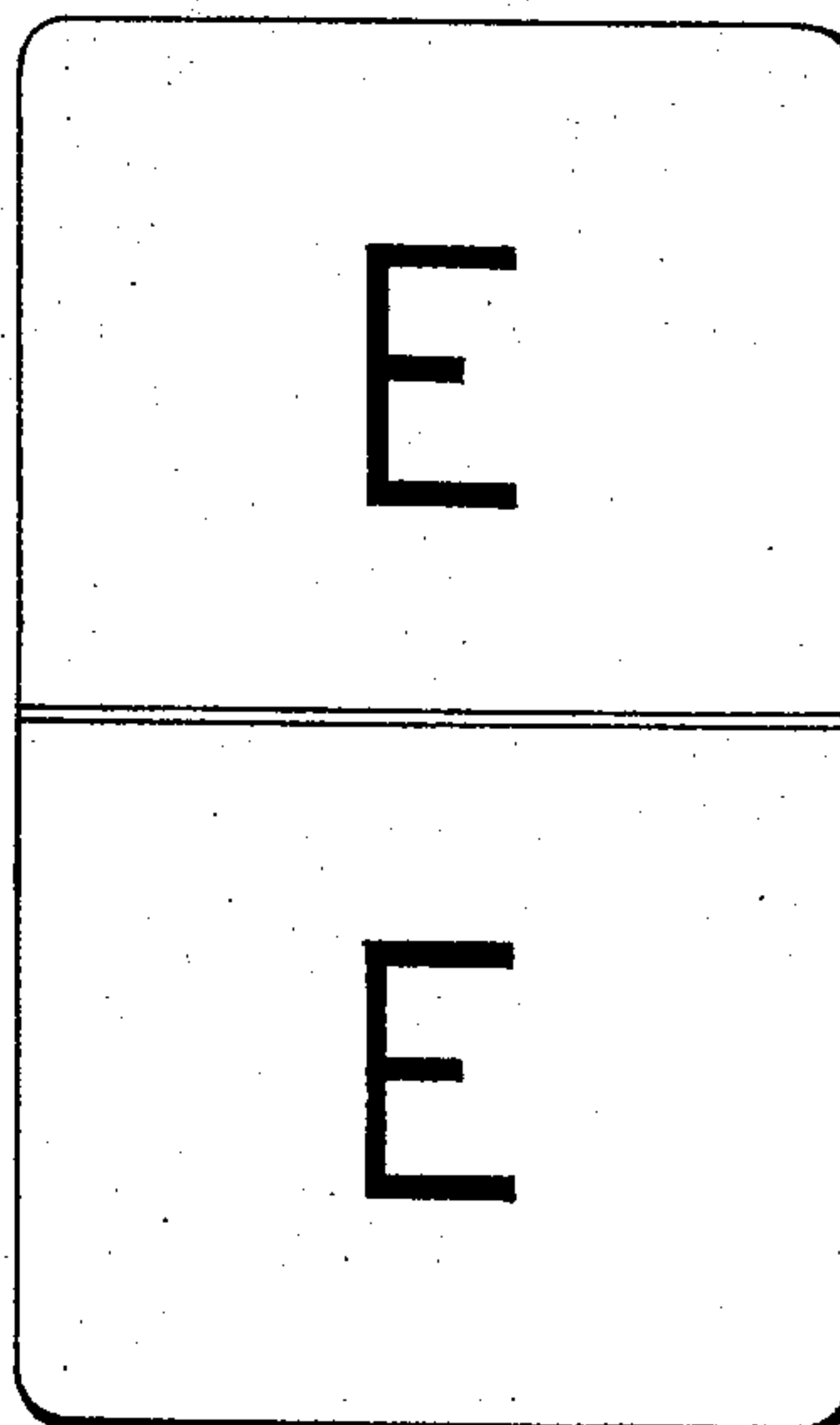
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES HARRISON NOONAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Diego, in the county of San Diego and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Playing-Cards; and I do 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.

My invention relates to card games of that character designed to impart information of a historical and political nature and at the same time to amuse, entertain, and engage the players in a contest involving the election of candidates of their own choice for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency.

One of the principal objects of my invention is to provide a card game in which the players are called upon to display political judgment of a character similar to that required of delegates in national conventions or electors in the electoral college and at the same time to render the game sufficiently complex to hold the interest of the players to the election of the candidate of their choice.

To this end my invention consists of a pack of two hundred and eight cards, divided into four sets, each set comprising fifty-two cards, and each card representing a State or Territory of the Union.

To better explain the arrangement and use of the cards, reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a card to be known as an "eagle" card, to be hereinafter referred to. Fig. 2 shows the face of a "flag" card. Fig. 3 illustrates a "banner" card. Fig. 4 shows a "star" card, and Fig. 5 illustrates a letter-block which forms one of the accessories to the game.

The two hundred and eight cards of a full pack being divided into four sets of fifty-two cards each provides a number sufficiently to accommodate several players. Each one of the fifty-two cards contains the name of a State or Territory, the District of Columbia and the unorganized Indian Territory being added to the States and Territories to make up the complement—fifty-two cards.

By referring to the accompanying drawings, which represent four cards of different values, it will be seen that Fig. 1 contains at the top the name of John Sherman. Under this name is an eagle within a circle con-

taining the numeral 1. Below the circle are the names of James A. Garfield, William McKinley, and Allan G. Thurman. Within a circular border below these names are the words Ohio—twenty-three electors. From this card it will be understood that this is the Ohio eagle card No. 1. The other three Ohio eagle cards will contain the same subject-matter, but the names will be transposed on each card, so that each one of the names will appear at the top of one card in the series.

Fig. 2 illustrates one of the North Dakota cards, flag card No. 9, and contains four names of representative men from that State, together with the number of electors and subject-matter corresponding to that given in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 represents the face of the Illinois banner card No. 1, and Fig. 4 indicates the face of Maine star card No. 8.

In each set of fifty-two cards there are thirteen eagle cards, thirteen flag cards, thirteen banner cards, and thirteen star cards. Each of the eagle cards is numbered serially from "1" to "13," while each of the flag cards, banner cards, and star cards is numbered in like manner, the purpose of which is to aid the player in determining what card to call for in order to complete his hand in playing the game. The purpose of defining the cards as "eagle," "flag," &c., is to give a sufficient number of cards to permit several players to participate in the game and to give a certain variation in values to said cards. The States selected as the eagle States are those in which the entire set of thirteen cards will represent one hundred and twenty-five electors when added together. The same system is also applied to the flag States, the banner States, and the star States. To illustrate this system—

### *The Eagle States.*

No. 1, Ohio.....	23 electors.	
No. 2, Texas.....	18 electors.	
No. 3, Georgia.....	13 electors.	100
No. 4, North Carolina.....	12 electors.	
No. 5, Alabama.....	11 electors.	
No. 6, Kansas.....	10 electors.	
No. 7, California.....	10 electors.	
No. 8, Louisiana.....	9 electors.	
No. 9, Washington.....	5 electors.	
No. 10, Florida.....	5 electors.	
No. 11, Idaho.....	3 electors.	105
No. 12, Alaska.....	3 delegates.	
No. 13, Arizona.....	3 delegates.	
Total.....	125 electors and delegates.	

From the foregoing it will be noted that the four sets of cards known as "flag," "banner," "star," and "eagle" each represent one hundred and twenty-five electoral votes,



and a total of five hundred votes for the four sets, and since there are four hundred and seventy-six votes to be cast in the national electoral college the votes of the territorial cards will not be counted in playing the game.

In playing the game the cards are properly shuffled and four cards are dealt out to each player. Should any one of the players hold the four cards of a State—that is to say, one eagle card, one flag card, one banner card, and one star card—he may count the electoral vote of such State for any candidate he may choose. Should none of the players get a full set, each player in turn may call for the card desired of any player he thinks may have it, and if he gets the card wanted he is entitled to another call for a card, and so on until he fails, when he is entitled to a draw from the deck or pack of cards. If he should fail to draw the card he desires, then the play passes to the next player, who proceeds in like manner. During the progress of the game if any player should secure enough votes to elect a candidate of his choice he stops the game and counts out his majority vote by adding up the total of his cards. The names on the cards are intended to include persons likely to be chosen as Presidential candidates at the national conventions.

When the game is played with the letter-blocks, (shown in Fig. 5,) procedure may be as follows: There are fifty letter-blocks used, and this number of letters is sufficient to spell out the names of all the States and Territories, one at a time. These blocks are shuffled with their faces down, and each player selects four blocks. Then the cards are shuf-

fled and placed on the table, face down. Now should one of the players have the letter-blocks "t," "x," "a," "s," he turns over the top card of the deck, and should it be a "Texas" card he would be entitled to a draw from the blocks in the endeavor to secure the letter "e" to complete the word "Texas," and should he receive it he would be entitled to count the eighteen votes of that State for a candidate of his choice. Should he fail to complete the spelling of the State by the block drawn, the play passes to the next player, and so on.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that my game is one which will be interesting to many persons, since it permits each player to select a candidate and endeavor to elect him by means requiring both judgment and skill. Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A card apparatus comprising a deck of cards, each card having thereon the name of a State or Territory, the number of electoral votes and a designating symbol, the names of four representative men, said cards being subdivided into separate sets or series, and a series of letter-blocks containing the number of letters necessary to spell all the names of the States and Territories, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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