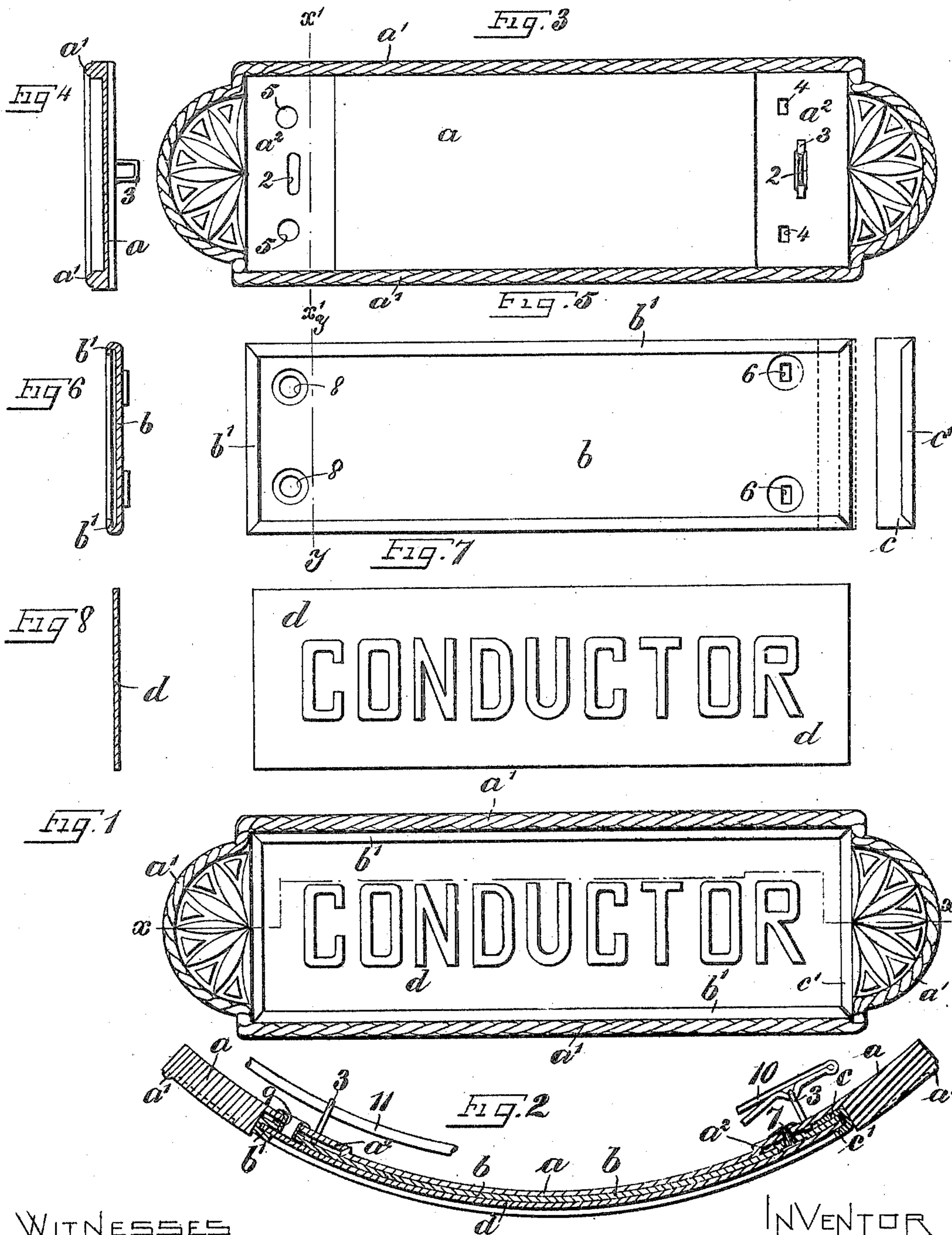


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NELSON STAFFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at the borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Badges, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a badge, name, or designation plate such as are worn especially on the caps by conductors, baggagemen, motormen, starters, or other employees as evidence of their position or employment. Heretofore these devices have usually been of cheap construction and flimsy character and not possessed of such lasting qualifications as to recommend or make them desirable or durable, and in these badges the fastening devices were not only visible, but in such a position as to prevent the badge lying close to the article upon which it was fastened.

In the device of my invention the badge, name, or designation plate is made of separable parts which when assembled and connected present a unitary structure of pleasing appearance adapted to lie flat against the material or article to which it is secured and in which the fastening devices are invisible and the useful life of which is greater than the name thereon or the strip of material connected thereto and on which the name is impressed.

I prefer to employ a recessed ornamental base-plate and provide the same with means for connection to material or to an article and with openings to receive the fastening devices of a frame-plate adapted to fit in the recess of the base-plate and to be connected thereto by said fastenings. The name is preferably impressed or placed upon a strip of celluloid or similar suitable material slipped into the frame-plate before the same is placed in and secured to the base-plate. These parts after assembling present the appearance of a unitary structure.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation representing the device of my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal and horizontal section at the dotted line  $xx$  of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an elevation, and Fig. 4 a transverse section, at the dotted line  $x'x'$ , Fig. 3, of the recessed base-plate. Fig. 5 is an elevation, and Fig. 6 a transverse section, at the dotted line  $yy$ , Fig. 5, of the frame-plate. Fig. 7 is an ele-

vation, and Fig. 8 a transverse section, of the name-plate.

$a$  represents the recessed base-plate. This may be straight, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, or curved, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and it is preferably provided with an ornamental border and ends  $a'$  and with depressed end portions  $a^2$  and with apertures 2 near the ends in the depressed portions  $a^2$ . As a means of attaching this base-plate to a cap or other article or material I prefer to employ the wire loops 3, which from the outer surface drop into and through the apertures 2 and project from the back of the name-plate. I prefer also to employ apertures, such as 4 or such as 5, through the base of the name-plate and in the depressed ends  $a^2$ , as hereinafter described.

The frame-plate  $b$  may be flat, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, or curved, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. It comprises a plate of metal with a rolled-over or overturned edge adapted to receive the name-plate  $d$ , which is preferably slipped into the said frame-plate from one end, the said overturned or rib edge  $b'$  of the frame-plate forming a slideway. For the purpose of introducing the name-plate  $d$  and yet preserving the outer appearance or continuity of the continuous frame-plate I prefer to provide a removable end  $c$ , with an overturned or rib edge  $c'$ , the ends of which are beveled to coincide and form a miter with the free beveled ends of the rib edge  $b'$ , the plate portion of this removable end in use sliding behind or back of the frame-plate  $b$  and when in this position the rib edge  $c'$  matching with the rib edge of the frame-plate. This frame-plate is provided with recessed openings 6 or 8. This frame-plate is adapted to fit down into the recess of the base-plate, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and the openings 6 of the frame-plate and 4 of the base-plate are provided for metallic fasteners, such as the McGill fasteners, of bent-up flat strips of metal which pass through said openings, the heads remaining in the recesses of the frame-plate surrounding the openings 6 and the points of the fasteners being bent back against the under side of the base-plate  $a$ . The openings 8 are also recessed and provided for the use of an eyelet passing through the same and through the openings 5 of the base-plate and being upset on the under or against the back surface of the said base-

plate. I have shown these forms of openings, as it is obvious that such fastening devices as the McGill fasteners may be employed, or such fastening devices as eyelets  
 5 may be employed, at the discretion of the party making the badge, such devices being the equivalents of one another for fastening the two parts together. It is of course apparent that where the eyelets are employed a  
 10 much more rigid form of fastening is the result than where the McGill fasteners are employed, and it is also equally apparent that the eyelets may be employed on the left-hand end, as shown, and the McGill fasteners on  
 15 the right-hand end, thus providing for detaching or separating the parts for the removal of the McGill fasteners, so that the right-hand end of the frame-plate may have a certain free movement by which it may be  
 20 lifted out of the recessed base-plate for the removal of the end *c*, so as to slip out one name-plate *d* and insert another in the place thereof, after which the parts are pressed down into place and the points of the McGill  
 25 fasteners again overturned against the back of the base-plate.

The McGill fasteners are shown in Fig. 2 at 7 and the eyelets are shown in Fig. 2 at 9. As a convenient manner of fastening the badge  
 30 in position to a cap or other article or to material I have shown in Fig. 2 at 10 a well-known form of fastening device adapted on the under surface of the cap to be slipped over the wire loop 3, and I have also shown a  
 35 rod 11, which may be slipped through both of the wire loops on the under side of the article to which the badge is to be connected. These are equivalent fasteners.

From the foregoing description it will be  
 40 apparent that the recessed portions of the frame-plate surrounding the apertures 6 and 8 provide beneath the surface of the name-plate *d* for the heads or projecting parts of the fastening devices, and it will be apparent  
 45 also that the depressed ends *a*<sup>2</sup> of the base-plate *a* form receptacles for the free ends of the loop-wire, so that when the frame-plate *b* is in position in the base-plate it will contact with the inner surface of the base-plate and  
 50 extend over the depressed ends, coming above the free ends of the loop-wire, so as to hold said loop-wires in position in the apertures 2 and prevent their accidental displacement, the fastening devices thus being not  
 55 only effective, but concealed from view.

I claim as my invention—

1. A badge, name or designation plate, comprising a recessed base-plate, a frame-plate fitting and received in the base-plate, a  
 60 name-plate received into the frame-plate and fastening devices connecting the frame-plate and base-plate, concealed by the name-plate, and other devices for connecting the base-plate to an article for support.

65 2. A badge, name or designation plate,

comprising a recessed base-plate, a frame-plate fitting and received in the base-plate, said frame-plate being composed of a strip of metal with an overturned rib edge on three  
 70 sides, a removable end thereto comprising a plate adapted to set behind or back of the frame-plate and having a rib edge with beveled ends adapted to fit the beveled rib ends of the frame-plate and complete the continuity thereof, a name-plate received into the  
 75 frame-plate and fastening devices connecting the frame-plate and base-plate, concealed by the name-plate, and other devices for connecting the base-plate to an article for support.

3. In a badge, name or designation plate, a recessed base-plate having depressed end portions and apertures therein for connection with a frame-plate, and other apertures to receive devices for connecting the said base-  
 85 plate to an article for support, in combination with a frame-plate comprising a strip of metal with overturned rib edges forming a slideway, said frame-plate having recessed portions with apertures therein adjacent to  
 90 the ends coinciding with the first-named apertures in the depressed ends of the base-plate, the said apertures providing for fastening devices of suitable character passing through the apertures of the frame-plate and  
 95 the apertures of the base-plate to connect said two parts together when the frame-plate is fitted into the recessed base-plate.

4. In a badge, name or designation plate, a recessed base-plate having depressed end portions and apertures therein for connection with a frame-plate, and other apertures to receive devices for connecting the said base-  
 100 plate to an article for support, in combination with a frame-plate comprising a strip of metal with overturned rib edges forming a slideway, said frame-plate having recessed portions with apertures therein adjacent to the ends coinciding with the first-named apertures in the depressed ends of the base-  
 105 plate, the said apertures providing for fastening devices of suitable character passing through the apertures of the frame-plate and the apertures of the base-plate to connect said two parts together when the frame-  
 110 plate is fitted into the recessed base-plate, and a name-plate of celluloid or other similar suitable material adapted to be slipped into the said frame-plate and when in position to cover over and conceal the fastening devices  
 115 connecting the frame-plate to the base-plate.

5. In a badge, name or designation plate, a recessed base-plate having depressed end portions and apertures therein for connection with a frame-plate, and other apertures to receive devices for connecting the said base-  
 120 plate to an article for support, in combination with a frame-plate comprising a strip of metal with overturned rib edges forming a slideway, a removable end thereto comprising  
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gether when the frame-plate is fitted into the  
recessed base-plate.

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