

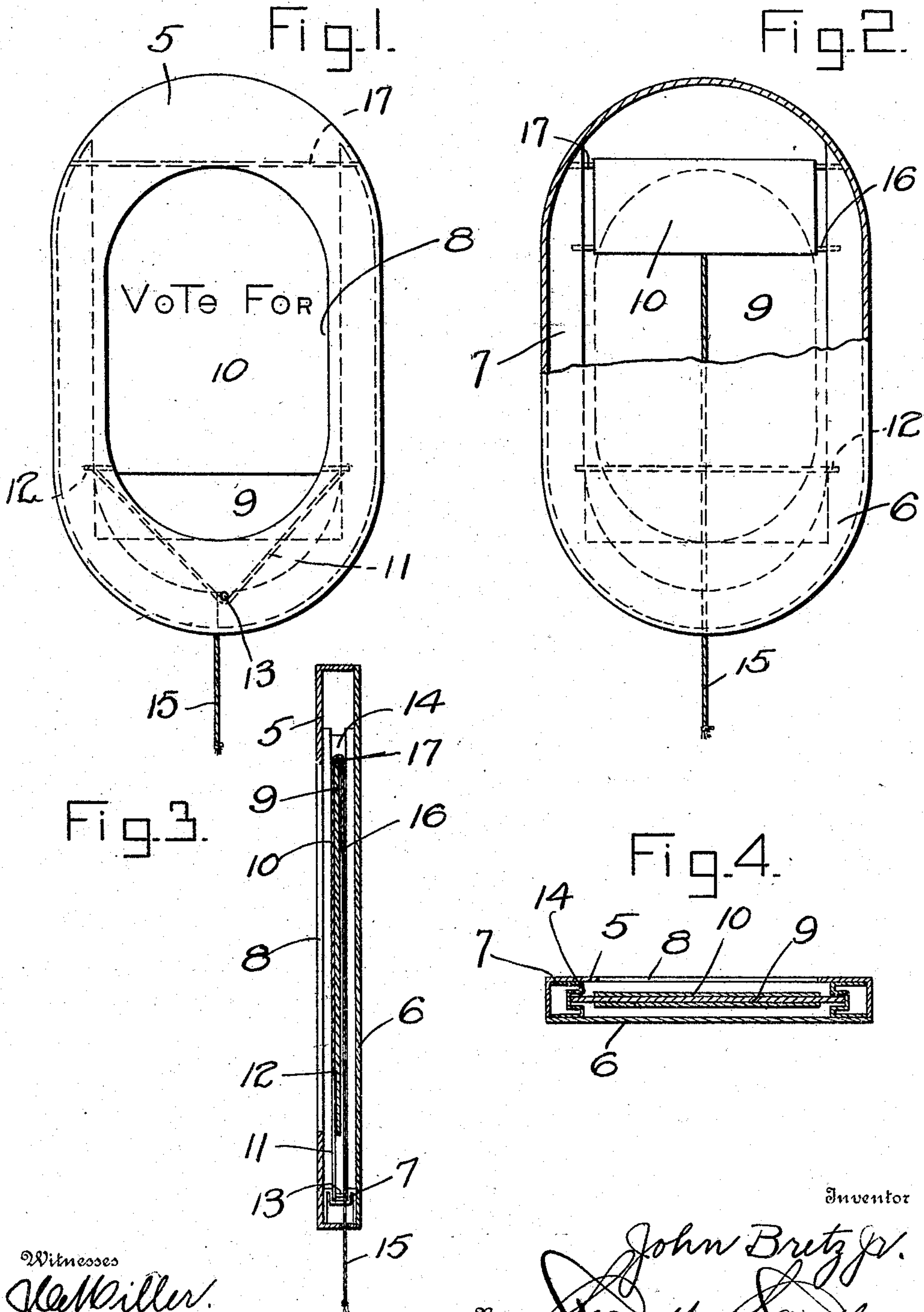
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BRETZ, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Badges; 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.

The present invention has reference to badges and it aims generally to provide an exceedingly simple, attractive, and inexpensive device of the class designed especially for campaign purposes.

More particularly, however, the invention resides in the provision of a lapel carried badge including a sliding curtain held normally in lowered position, as as to cover the portrait of the candidate which is fitted in or printed upon the body of the badge, the portrait being disclosed when the curtain is raised.

The invention further consists in the particular construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, all as hereinafter fully described, specifically claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which like parts are designated by corresponding reference numerals in the several views.

Of the said drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the badge, with the curtain partly raised. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation partly in section. Figs. 3 and 4 are respectively, longitudinal and transverse sections through Fig. 1.

In its practical embodiment, the badge comprises a celluloid shell consisting of front and rear sections 5 and 6, respectively, held in spaced relation to each other by means of strips 7, so as to provide a chamber between said sections. The spacing strips, which are preferably constructed of sheet tin, are disposed adjacent to and parallel with the vertical edges of the shell and may be secured to the shell sections in any desired manner. The sections themselves are stamped from sheet celluloid and are continuously connected at their edges, the opposite ends of said sections being rounded, so that the finished shell is approximately oval-shaped, the lower edges of the spacing strips being likewise curved in conformity therewith.

The front section is provided with an oval

opening 8 through which the portrait of the candidate printed upon a celluloid card 9 slipped into the chamber between the shell sections may be visible. The portrait, however, is normally hidden by a curtain 10 which slides within the chamber and is held in lowered position by an elastic strap 11 which is connected at opposite ends to the ends of a wire 12 secured to the lower edge of the curtain, the strap being attached intermediate its ends to a pin 13 which passes through the meeting lower ends of the strips. The length of the wire 12 is such that its opposite ends extend through longitudinal slots or grooves 14 which are formed in the inner sides of the spacing strips and serve as guides, said slots terminating at their lower ends slightly below the opening 8 so as to permit the curtain, when lowered, to completely cover the portrait.

The curtain is raised against the action of the elastic straps by means of a cord 15 which is secured at its upper end to a wire 16 attached to the upper edge of the curtain, and passes downwardly between the card 9 and the rear shell section 6, extending through an opening in the lower end of the shell adjacent the pin 13, the curtain, in its movement from one position to the other, traveling over a wire 17 disposed transversely of the shell and having its ends passing through openings formed through the spacing strips 7 in alinement with the slots 14. It will therefore be apparent that the curtain normally hides the portrait, but may be raised so as to disclose the same by the application of downward pressure to the cord 15, the curtain returning to its normal position when the pressure is removed.

The outer face of the curtain preferably bears some such inscription as "Vote for" or "Our choice" etc.

The badge is worn upon the lapel of a coat, and may be held in place thereon either by a pin or by a button, as preferred.

While the badge is designed for campaign purposes, it is to be understood that it may be utilized with equal facility as an advertising medium.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination, in a badge, of a shell including connected front and rear sections; spacing strips interposed between said sections to hold the latter in spaced relation to each other and provide a chamber, each

spacing strip having a longitudinal slot
formed in one side thereof; a printed card
disposed within the chamber, the front sec-
tion being provided with a sight-opening di-
rectly opposite the printing; a curtain mov-
able within the chamber between the card
and the front section; wires secured to the
opposite ends of the curtain, one of the wires
having its ends extending into the slots in
said spacing strips; an elastic member con-
nected with the last mentioned member, for
holding the curtain in one position, to cover
the printing on said card; and a cord secured
to the wire, for moving the curtain against
the action of said elastic member to disclose
the printing.

2. The combination, in a badge, of a shell
including connected front and rear sections;
spacing strips interposed between said sec-
tions, to hold the latter in spaced relation to
each other and provide a chamber, each
spacing strip having a longitudinal slot
formed in one side thereof, and an opening
formed through its upper end in alinement

with said slot; a printed card disposed with-
in the chamber, the front section being pro-
vided with a sight opening directly opposite
the printing; a wire disposed transversely
within the chamber and having its ends
fitted in the openings in the spacing strips; a
curtain movable within said chamber be-
tween the card and the front section, said
curtain passing over said wire; wires secured
to the opposite ends of the curtain, the lower
curtain-wire having its ends extending into
the slots in said spacing strips; an elastic
member connected with said lower curtain-
wire, for normally holding the curtain in one
position, to cover the printing on said card;
and a cord secured to the upper curtain-wire,
for moving the curtain against the action of
said elastic member, to disclose the printing.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature,
in presence of two witnesses.

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