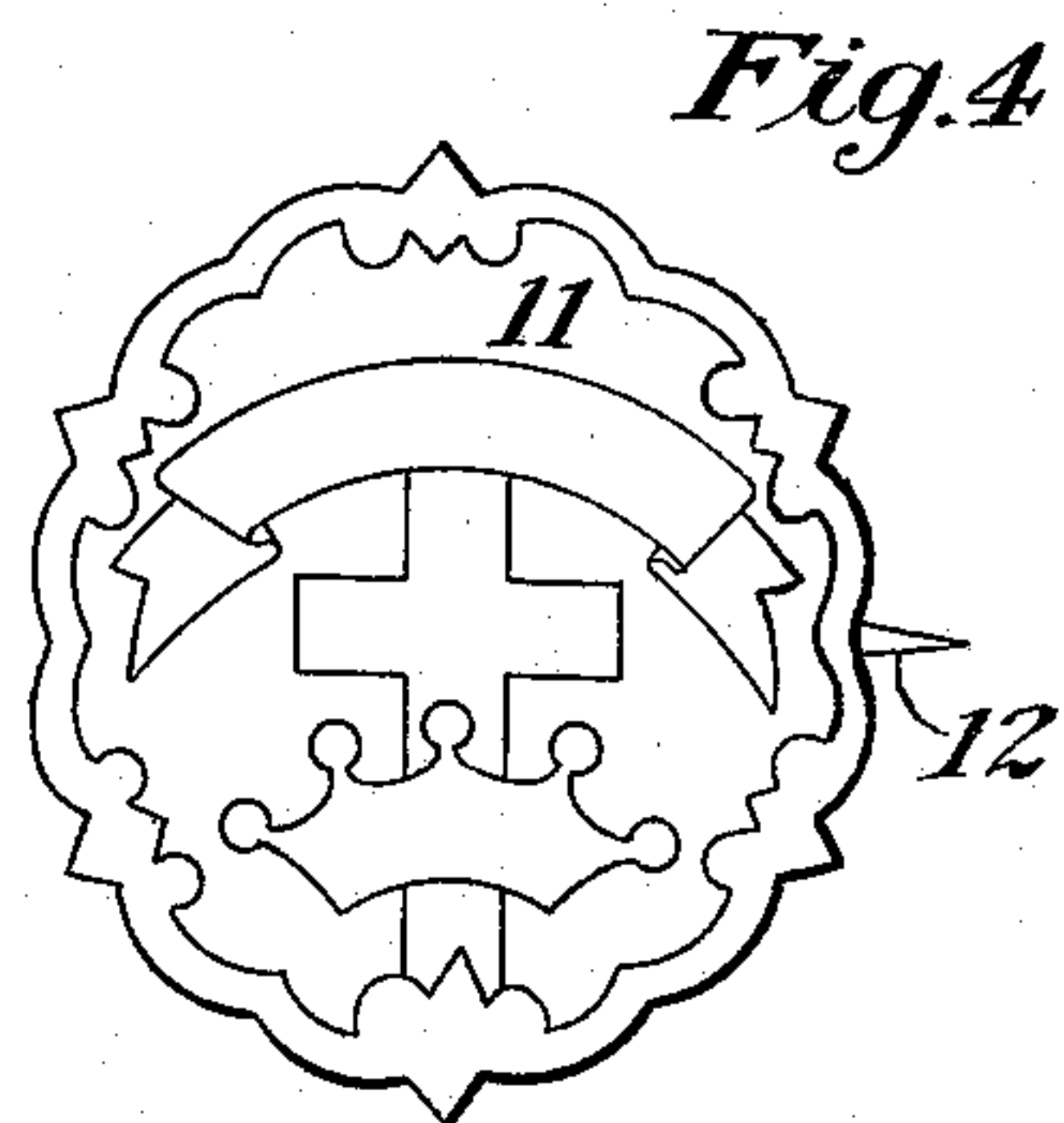
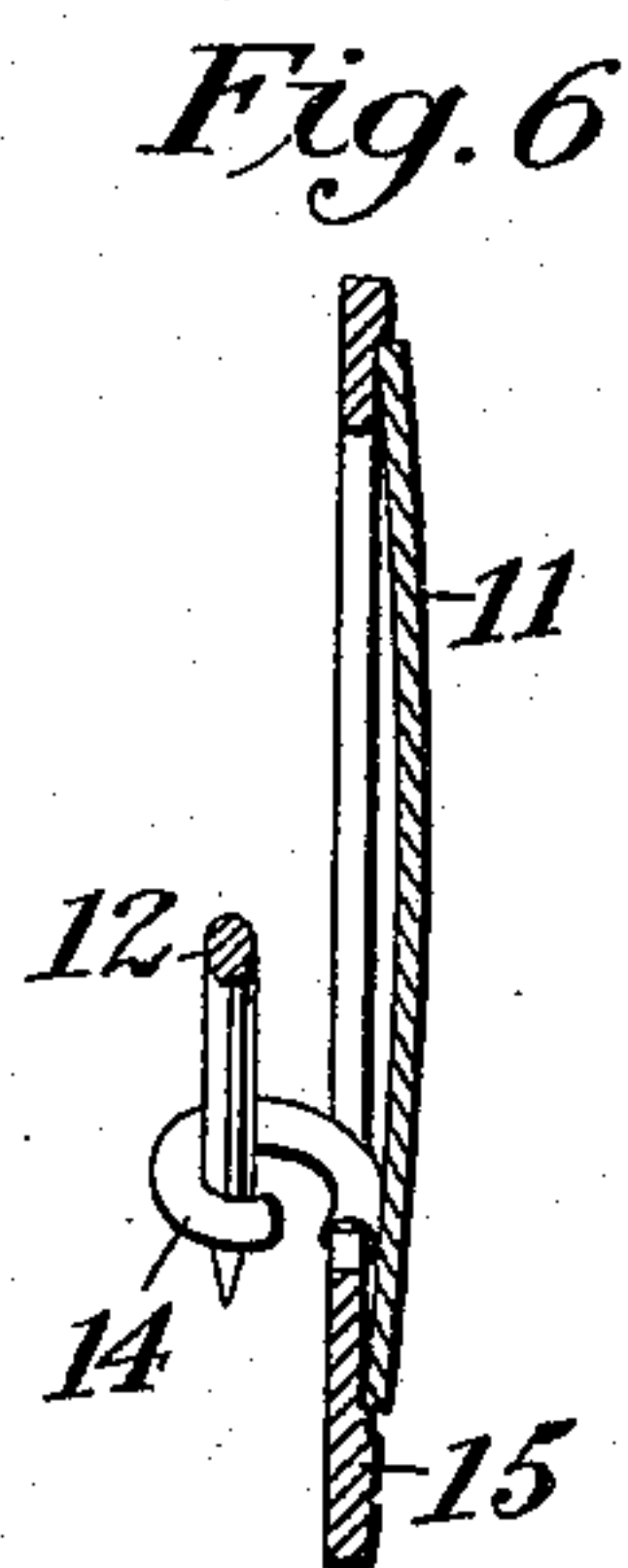
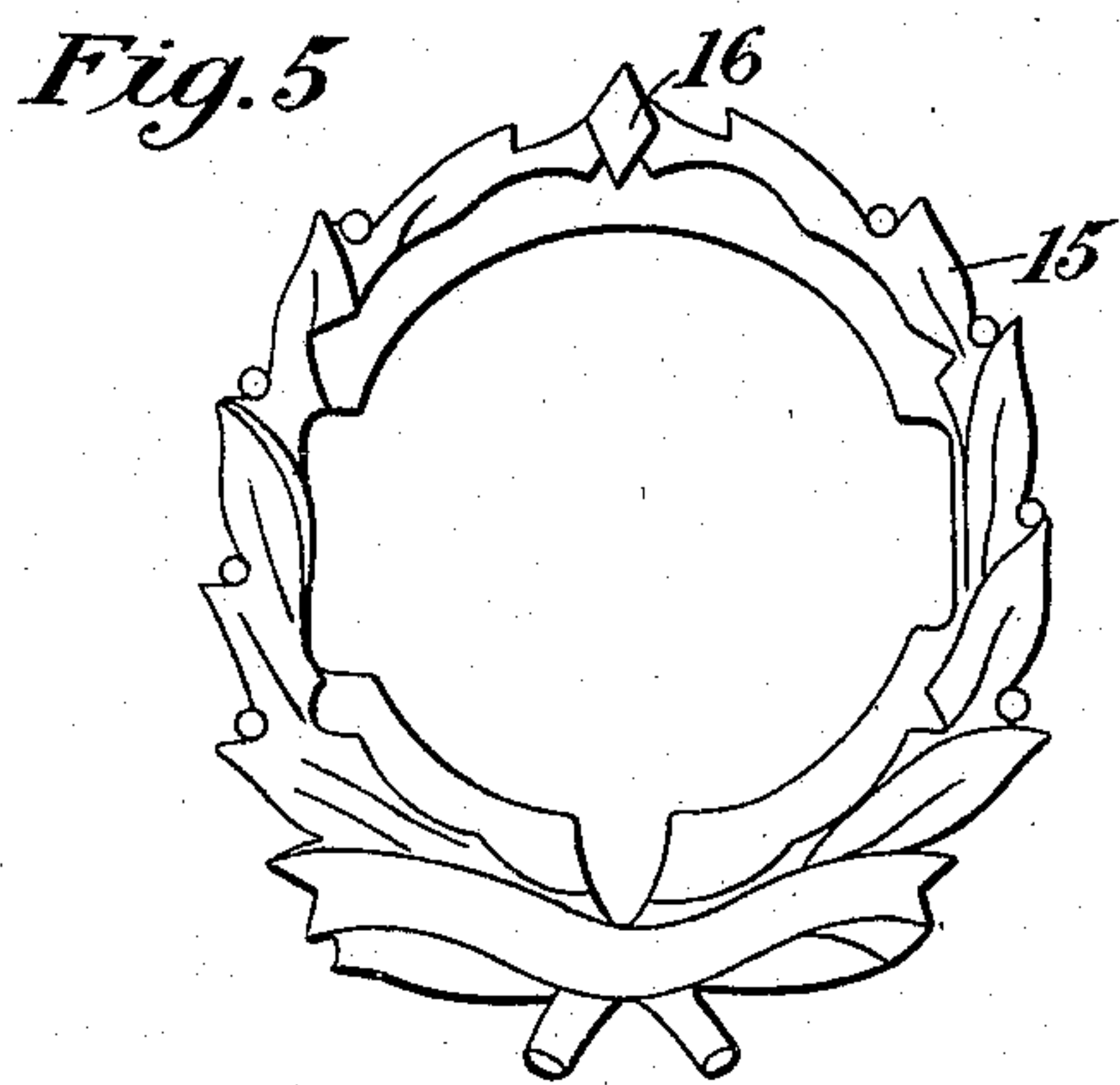
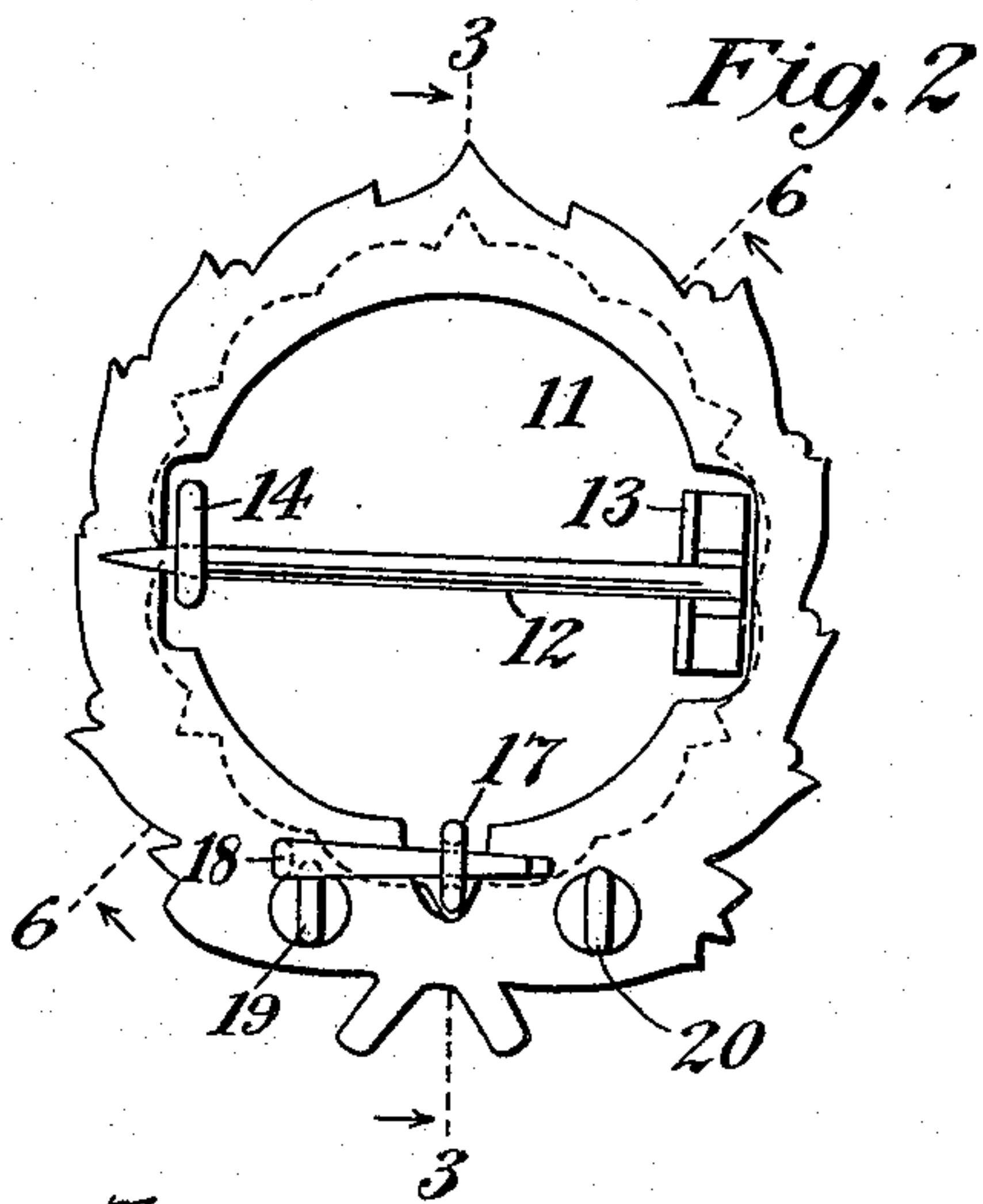
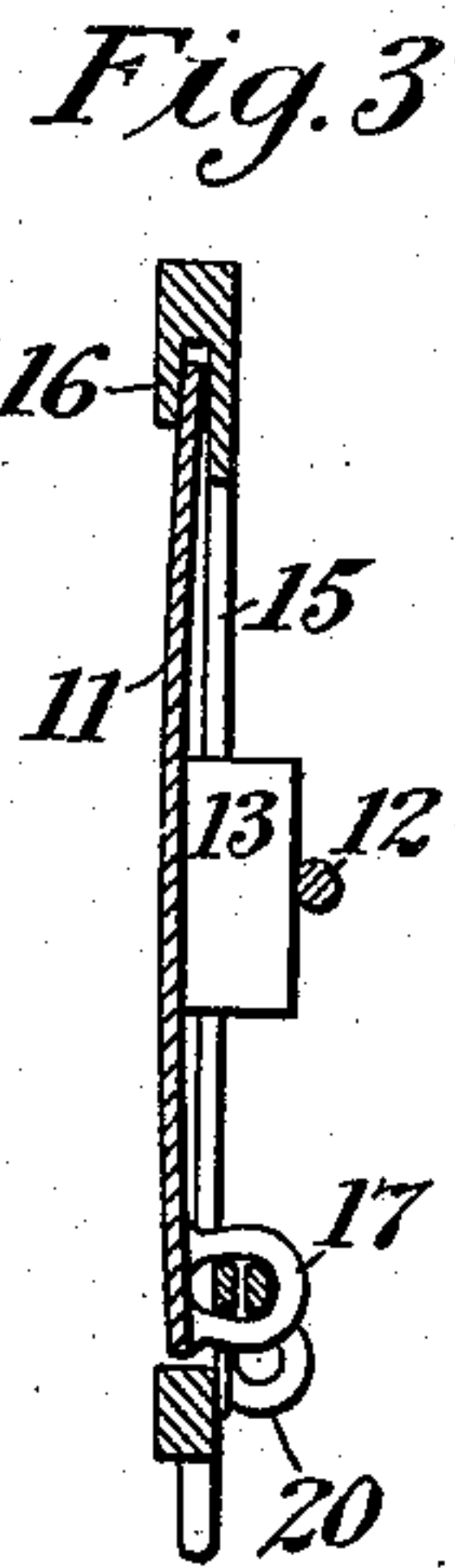
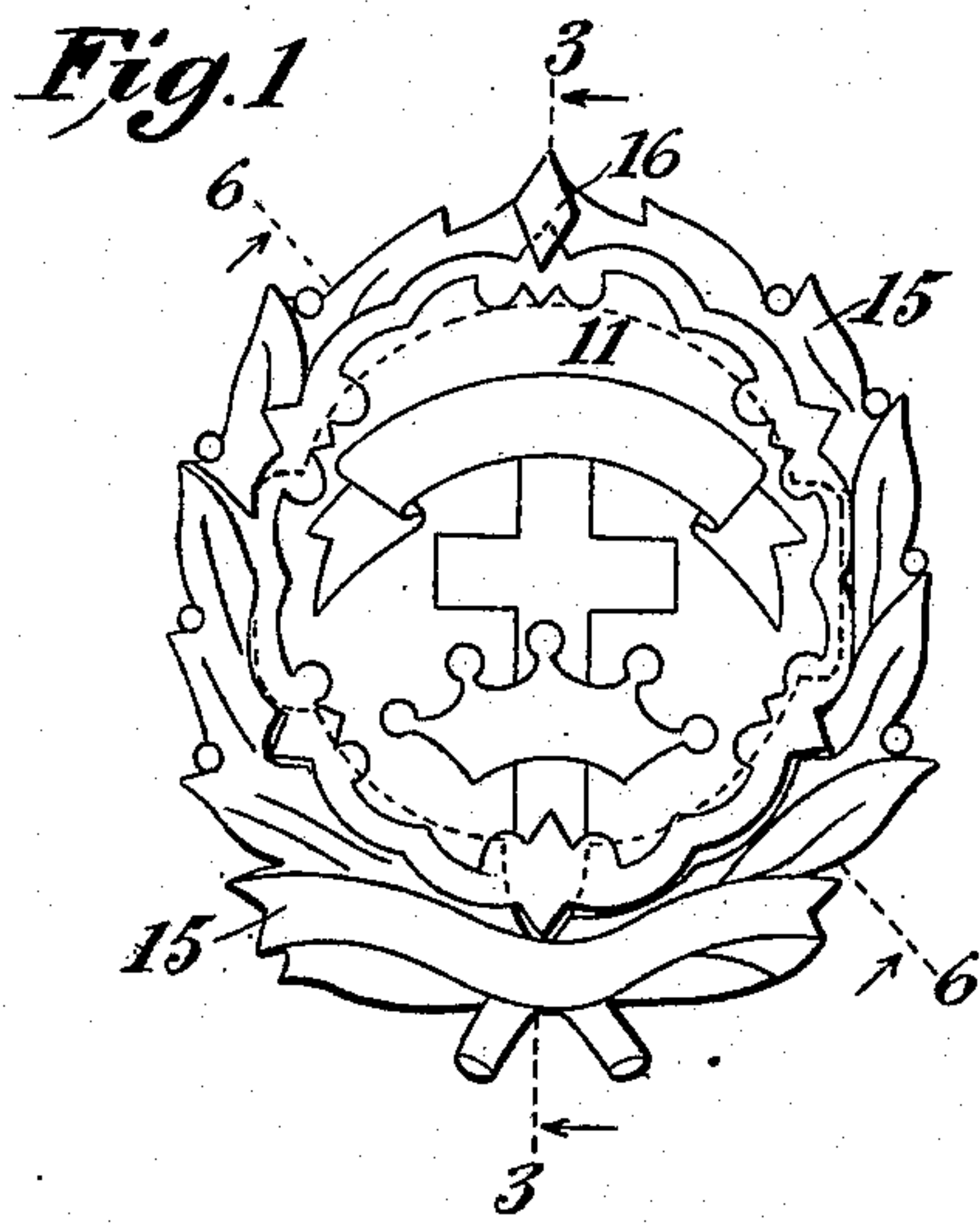


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CALVIN W. LITTLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Montclair, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Badges, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

My invention relates generally to badges and the like, and relates particularly to badges for encouraging attendance at Sunday schools.

The general objects of my invention are economy and convenience, and a particular object of my invention is to produce a convertible badge adapted to have separate auxiliary or supplementary portions added thereto to produce a new badge having a different significance, for example, signifying greater honor, higher rank, or continued faithfulness.

My invention also has other objects and advantages which will appear from the following description.

Heretofore when a badge was given for a certain merit and afterward a higher merit was attained which it was desired to recognize, it became necessary to confer a second and separate badge. This involved additional expense and also rendered the first medal substantially valueless. My invention is directed to overcoming these difficulties and to these ends includes a central portion forming a complete badge in itself to which an outer or border portion may later be added to produce a second badge of different appearance and representing a higher degree of merit.

My invention also includes several other details and advantageous features, as will hereinafter appear.

I will now describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings and will thereafter point out my invention in claims.

Figure 1 is a face view showing the front or obverse side of the badge in its final complete form. Fig. 2 is a rear view showing the reverse side of the same. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section on a plane indicated by the lines 3—3 of Figs. 1 and 2, looking to the left in Fig. 1 and to the right in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a face view showing the obverse side of the badge in its original and simpler form. Fig. 5 is a face view showing the obverse side of the separable surrounding border which is

adapted to be attached to the simpler original badge shown in Fig. 4, to produce the final form of badge shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 6. Fig. 6 is a diagonal section on a plane indicated by the line 6—6 of Figs. 1 and 2 looking upward and to the right in Fig. 1 and upward and to the left in Fig. 2. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the spring key used for connecting together the two parts of the badge.

In the embodiment of my invention illustrated in the drawings a badge plate 11 is provided which may be of any desired ornamental outline or configuration and which may bear on its front or obverse face any appropriate design, such plate being adapted to be worn on the person and to constitute in itself a complete badge having a certain significance determined by the general appearance or identifying marks of the plate, including the device, design or superscription thereon. The plate 11 is provided with means for securing it upon the person of the wearer such means being shown as a pointed securing pin 12 at the reverse side of the plate 11, the pin 12 being hinged to an ear 13 fixed at one edge of the reverse side of the plate 11 and adapted to engage near its point with a second ear 14 fixed at the opposite edge of the plate 11 and forming a hook for receiving the pin 12. The plate 11 together with its securing means constitutes a complete original or first badge, adapted to be given, to indicate a certain fixed degree of merit, in the same manner as an ordinary badge, and has in itself a recognized significance, similar to that which a certificate of merit would have. For example, this original badge pin may be given to indicate steady attendance for one year at Sunday school.

When it is desired to confer a further indication of merit upon a person who has already been the recipient of the original or first badge, then, instead of giving a new and additional complete second badge, an additional separate part is given which is adapted to be added to the original badge to produce, when combined therewith, a new badge of substantially different appearance and having a recognized signification of higher merit. Such separate additional part is shown as an encircling wreath or surrounding border 15 (separately illustrated in Fig. 5) which is adapted to be added to the original and simpler badge illustrated in Fig. 4 to form the final and more elaborate badge illustrated in

obverse view in Fig. 1. The wreath or border 15 fits against the outer part of the reverse side of the plate 11 and extends outwardly beyond such plate, to form a surrounding border or extension, most clearly seen in Fig. 1. The line of juncture or of demarcation between the central plate 11 and the wreath or border 15 is concealed by the ornamentation on each and is further concealed by the fact that the central plate 11 is countersunk into the border 15, as best seen in Fig. 6, the front face of the plate 11 being substantially flush with that of the border 15. The inner edge of the border 15 is provided with lateral notches (Figs. 2 and 5) for permitting the pin-securing ears 13 and 14 to extend rearwardly back of the border 15.

Means are provided for readily and quickly attaching the wreath or border 15 to the plate 11 and for firmly though detachably retaining it in place thereon. Such means include an overhanging lug or catch 16 at the top and front of the border wreath 15 and adapted to engage with or fit over the top edge of the central plate 11. On its reverse side and adjacent to its lower edge the plate 11 is provided with an eye 17 which is adapted to pass through an opening, shown as a notch, in the lower inner edge of the bordering wreath 15 (Figs. 2 and 5). A spring key or cotter-pin 18 passes through the eye 17 and is adapted to press against the back of the border 15 to maintain the plate 11 and the border 15 firmly pressed together and to obviate rattling movement between these parts. The plate 11 is prevented from slipping from under the lug 16 by the eye 17 and ears 13 and 14, and the countersunk arrangement also contributes to prevent relative edgewise displacement of the plate and border. The spring key 18 is inserted in the eye 17 in a manner so as to exert its greatest springing or resilient action to draw together the plate 11 and the border 15, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Rotational displacement of the key 18 is prevented by a lug 19 extending from the back of the border 15 alongside of and in contact with the head portion of the key (Fig. 2). The head of the key is formed into an eye (Fig. 7) and the lug 19 partially enters this eye in the key and thus also guards the key against working out of the eye 17. The lug 19 may be (as indicated in Fig. 2) formed into an eye, and then a second similar eye 20 is provided and the two eyes 19 and 20 may serve for the attachment of any sort of pendant desired.

The original badge pin shown in Fig. 4 when combined and united with the separate attachable wreath shown in Fig. 5 produces the more ornate badge pin shown in front or face view in Fig. 1. It is to be noted that the badges illustrated in obverse views in Figs. 4 and 1, respectively, are easily distinguishable from each other and that the

one would never be mistaken for the other, so that virtually a new badge is produced by attaching the wreath of Fig. 5 to the badge of Fig. 4. The respective degrees of merit indicated by the original badge as one decoration and by the original badge with the wreath added thereto as the other decoration may be steady attendance for one year at Sunday school for the original badge and continued steady attendance for a second year for the combined original badge and wreath, and the original medal may be worn for a year or more and then combined with the wreath. Thus a desirable performance may be encouraged in a convenient and comparatively inexpensive manner.

It is obvious that various modifications may be made in the construction shown and above particularly described within the principle and scope of my invention.

I claim:—

1. In a badge, a central plate constituting in itself a badge and provided with means for securing it to the person of the wearer, in combination with an inclosing border for the central plate adapted to fit against the back of such plate and extending beyond the edges of the plate, such border being provided at one edge with an overhanging lug adapted to fit over the corresponding front of the central plate, means for detachably securing together the edges of the plate and border opposite to said lug and means for preventing the plate from slipping from beneath the lug.

2. In a badge, a central plate constituting in itself a badge and provided with means for securing it to the person of the wearer, in combination with an inclosing border for the central plate adapted to fit against the back of such plate and extending beyond the edges of the plate, such border being provided at one edge with an overhanging lug engaging the front of the central plate and having an opening in proximity to its opposite edge, the central plate being provided with an eye adapted to extend through such opening, and means passing through the eye for retaining the inclosing border to the central plate.

3. In a badge, a central plate constituting in itself a badge and provided with means for securing it to the person of the wearer, in combination with an inclosing border for the central plate adapted to fit against the back of such plate and extending beyond the edges of the plate, such border being provided at one edge with an overhanging lug for engaging with the edge of the central plate and having an opening in proximity to its opposite edge, the central plate being provided with an eye adapted to extend through such opening, a spring key passing through the eye and pressing against the border so as to draw tightly together the

plate and the border and obviate their rattling.

4. In a badge, a central plate constituting in itself a badge and provided with means for
5 securing it to the person of the wearer, in combination with an inclosing border for the central plate adapted to fit against the back of such plate and extending beyond the edges of the plate, such border being
10 provided at one edge with an overhanging lug for engaging with the corresponding edge of the central plate, and having an opening in proximity to its opposite edge, the central plate being provided with an
15 eye adapted to extend through such opening, a spring key passing through the eye and pressing against the border so as to draw tightly together the plate and the border and obviate their rattling, the border being
20 provided with a lug adapted to engage the key to hold the key in place.

5. In a badge, in combination, a central plate constituting in itself a badge and provided at laterally opposite ends of its rear

face with raised portions forming ears, a pin 25 hinged to one of the ears and adapted to engage with the other ear to retain the medal upon the person, an inclosing border for the central plate adapted to fit against the back of such plate and extending beyond the 30 edges of the plate and provided at its upper portion with an overhanging lug for fitting over the top edge of the central plate, the ears being adapted to abut against the inner edge of the border to prevent relative 35 lateral displacement of the plate and border, the border having a notch at its inner lower edge, the central plate being provided with an eye adapted to fit in the notch and project rearwardly from the back of the border, and 40 retaining means passing through the eye.

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

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