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MASONIC-BADGES.

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Fig: 1.

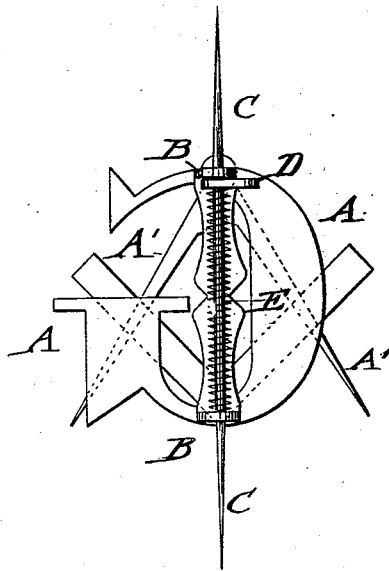
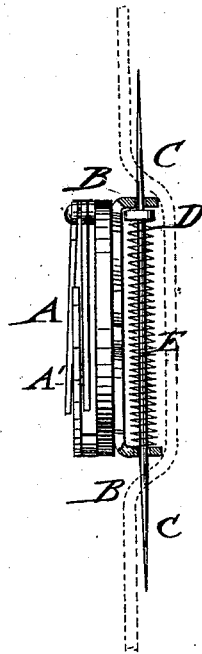


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MASONIC BADGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES McCOY, of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Masonic Badge, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a rear view of my improved masonic badge, and Fig. 2 a side elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to an improved masonic badge, that may be readily applied to the coat and adjusted to indicate the special degree of the wearer, or, when applied to a lodge-jewel, the degree on which the lodge is working.

The invention consists of a masonic badge in which the legs of the compasses are pivoted to be carried above or below the square. It consists also of a badge provided with a spring-acting pin, that slides by a thumb-piece in guide projections at the back, to be readily attached to the coat.

In the drawing, A represents a badge of the well-known masonic emblems arranged on a letter G, or directly on the fastening device of the same. The legs A' of the compasses are pivoted instead of being rigidly riveted, as in the common badge, and may thereby be brought above or below the firmly-riveted square, so as to indicate in a convenient man-

ner the degree of the wearer, or, when applied to a lodge-jewel, the degree on which the lodge is working.

The badge A is applied by a fastening-pin, C, pivoted at both ends to the coat, vest, or shirt, the pin sliding in perforated guide-lugs or projections B at the back of the badge. A thumb-piece, D, at the upper part of the pin C allows the forcing down of the lower pin-point, while a spiral spring, E, between the thumb-piece and lower projection, forces the pin in upward direction, to enter the fabric above the badge as soon as the thumb-piece is released. The spiral pin produces a reliable double fastening of the badge in perfectly secure manner, so as to avoid the loss of the same, and admit also its quick detaching, by simply pressing on the thumb-piece and releasing the pin ends.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A masonic badge, consisting of a back plate, to which are rigidly secured a square and compass, the latter provided with the pivoted legs e, arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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