

DESIGN.

I. Y. KNIGHT.
Medal.

No. 8,377.

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Fig. 2.



Fig. 1.



Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1875.
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DESIGN FOR A MEDAL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISRAEL Y. KNIGHT, of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a Design for a Medal, of which the following is a specification:

My design is for a medal intended to be commemorative of the centennial of American independence.

In the accompanying illustration, Figure 1 represents the obverse side, and Fig. 2, the reverse of the medal which I have designed.

On the obverse is represented the head or bust of George Washington, underneath which the dates of his birth and death are given, to wit: Born Feb. 22, 1732. Died Dec. 14, 1799.

The following motto is arranged in a circle around the head, to wit, "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen," the space between the beginning and end of said motto being occupied by the masonic emblems, the compass and square. The words are surrounded by wreaths of laurel or bay united at the bottom by a knot, and separated at the top by a five-pointed star, the whole being inclosed in a suitably raised edge.

On the reverse side is represented the celebrated incident in the youthful life of Washington, viz., his truthful confession of having chopped down his father's favorite cherry-tree with his little hatchet. On the left, the figure of the father is represented with his dexter hand pointing toward the fallen tree, which occupies the right side of the medal. The

youthful Washington occupies the center, and holds the hatchet in his hand. In the background a rustic fence and groups of trees are shown. Immediately beneath the picture are the words "I cannot tell a lie." Above the figure of the boy there is a monogram of the initials of his name, "G. W.," surmounted by the all-seeing eye, and surrounded by wreaths of oak and laurel. Around the upper portion of this side of the medal is the motto "Magna est veritas et prevalebit," and on the under side at the base are the figures 1876, the whole being surrounded by a suitably raised border, as on the obverse side.

This design I intend to have suitably engraved on dies from which the medal is to be struck, either in alto-relievo or bas-relief in the usual way.

I do not confine myself to the particular words or mottoes I have employed, nor to the minor accessories shown in the main design; but

What I do claim as my invention, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The design for a medal, having on one side a representation of the head or bust of George Washington, and on the reverse side, a fallen tree, Washington's father, and Washington himself as a little boy, substantially as specified and shown, the same relating to the incident in his life hereinbefore described.

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