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ROSETTES FOR HARNESS.

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Fig. 1.

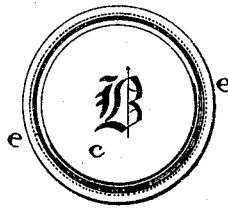
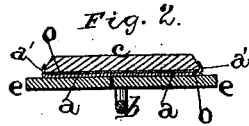


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ROSETTES FOR HARNESS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARK W. CROSS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Harness Rosettes; 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to a harness-rosette of that class called "initial fittings;" and consists in the construction whereby the initial is protected from being worn or washed off, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

The accompanying drawing represents my invention.

The backing *a* of the rosette is made from a sheet-metal disk, and has its outer edge *a'* turned up, forming a narrow flange, which is at right angles to the main part *a*. Upon the rear of this backing, and midway thereof, is soldered or otherwise secured a metal loop, *b*, by means of which the rosette is held to the bridle or other place upon the harness, by passing a strap through the same, in the usual manner. The purpose of the upturned edge or flange is to catch over the edge of a glass disk, *c*, placed on the upper face of the sheet-metal backing. Upon the inner surface of the glass face or disk is painted, gilded, or otherwise placed, any desired initial or design. I lay a mat or disk of paper or cloth, *o*, having a colored, gilded, or otherwise ornamented face, so that the background may present a neat and tasteful appearance.

In the rear of the metal disk or backing I place a patent-leather washer, *e*, by slipping it over the metal loop *b*, which I am enabled to do by means of a slit in the washer. Around the other face of this washer, where it projects beyond the metal and glass disks, I either stitch or otherwise form an ornamental border. This rosette, made as set forth, is inexpensive and beautiful, and can exhibit any initial or monogram desired, and can, if desired, be changed for glasses carrying other initials in a moment.

One of the principal advantages, both as regards looks and economy, is that by this manner of forming the initial upon the inner face of the glass disk and inclosing the said disk, the initial is protected from wear or being washed off.

The general principle of marking initials I do not claim, or the manner of securing the parts; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A harness-rosette consisting of the plate *a*, flange *a'*, loop *b*, glass disk *c*, and an interposed disk, *o*, arranged substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of April, 1876.

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