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IMPROVEMENT IN STEP-COVERS FOR VEHICLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MELLON, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Step-Covers for Wagons and Carriages, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a top view of my improved step-cover. Fig. 2 is a detail cross-section of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved cover for the steps of wagons, carriages, and other vehicles, for preventing the slipping of the feet of persons getting into and out of the vehicle in wet, muddy, and snowy weather, and which shall be simple in construction, inexpensive in manufacture, conveniently applied, and reliable in use.

The invention consists in an improved step-cover formed of the pad or mat, and the metal straps or plate provided with the downwardly-projecting flanges, to adapt it to be applied to a vehicle-step, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents the pad or cover proper, which may be made of Manila, hemp, or flax fiber, twisted and coiled into a mat or pad of the shape and size of the step to be covered.

The mat A is attached to metal straps B by rivets D. The ends of the metal straps B project beyond the edge of the mat A, and are bent downward to form flanges C.

The metal straps B may cross each other at right angles, or at any other angles, or they may be arranged parallel with each other; or, if desired, the straps B may be replaced by a plate having downwardly-projecting flanges C formed upon its edges.

In applying the cover to a vehicle-step, the flanges C are bent inward beneath the said step to secure the said cover in place.

The straps or plate B must be made of such metal that the flanges C may be bent around the edge of the step without any danger of being broken.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a step-cover for vehicles, consisting of the coiled rope A, the plate or metal straps B, having flanges C, and rivets D, as shown and described.

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