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DESIGN FOR PISTOL-HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL B. WESSON, of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have originated and designed a Pistol-Handle, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a full, clear, and accurate description.

The novel features of my design are confined chiefly to the cheek-piece.

Figure 1 represents, in side elevation, a handle and attached cheek-piece; Fig. 2, a rear-end view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents the cheek-piece removed, and Fig. 4 a cross-section thereof.

The cheek-piece A, preferably composed of a moldable compound, is curved or concaved at its inner edge, as shown at *b*, is concaved at the upper portion *c* of its outer edge, and then convexed, as at *d*, down to the extreme lower edge *e* of the cheek-piece, which, next the metal of the frame, is and will preferably be made substantially straight. This outline *b e d c* of the cheek-piece corresponds and is fitted flush with the metallic portion *f* of the frame, between the cheek-pieces of the opposite sides of the handle. The cheek-piece commencing substantially at the corner 2 has a small bead, *h*, which extends along the edge *b*, and merges into the wider smooth butt portion 3, curved as at 4; and from the opposite end of the butt portion the bead *h'* extends substantially to the corner 5.

The cheek-piece is thickest near the diamond-shaped escutcheon *i*, which is formed in the diced or checked field or ground *k*, and from such thickest portion the cheek-piece is rounded or curved to meet the beads *h h'*, as shown in cross-section, Fig. 4.

The butt portion 3 of the handle is rounded from the line 4, substantially to the metal *f*. (See Fig. 2.) At the upper portion of the

cheek I have placed a substantially circular name-plate, *l*, surrounded by a border, *m*, within which is placed the monogram "S. & W." The groundwork *n* of the name-plate will preferably be different from the ground *k*, so as to afford a groundwork to contrast with groundwork *k*. The face of the name-plate is concaved, as shown in Fig. 2.

The name-plate, if made as an oval, would be included within my design.

I claim—

1. In combination, the groundwork *k*, the diamond-shaped escutcheon having a contrasting finish or face, and the beads *h h'*.
2. The groundwork, and the diamond-shaped escutcheon placed therein, in combination with the edge-beads *h h'* and the smooth butt portion 3 *e* 4, as shown and described.
3. The groundwork of the cheek-piece, and the bordered name-plate *l* arranged at its upper end, as shown and described.
4. The groundwork *k* for the main portion of the cheek-piece, and the name-plate at the upper portion of the cheek-piece, such name-plate having a different ground, *n*, to contrast with the ground *k*.
5. The name-plate *l*, placed at the upper end of the cheek-piece, and concaved, as shown at Fig. 2.
6. As a design for a cheek-piece, a ground, *k*, a diamond-shaped escutcheon, *i*, located therein, beads *h h'*, and butt portion 3, and a name-plate, *l*, at top inclosed within a border, as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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