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Fig: 2.

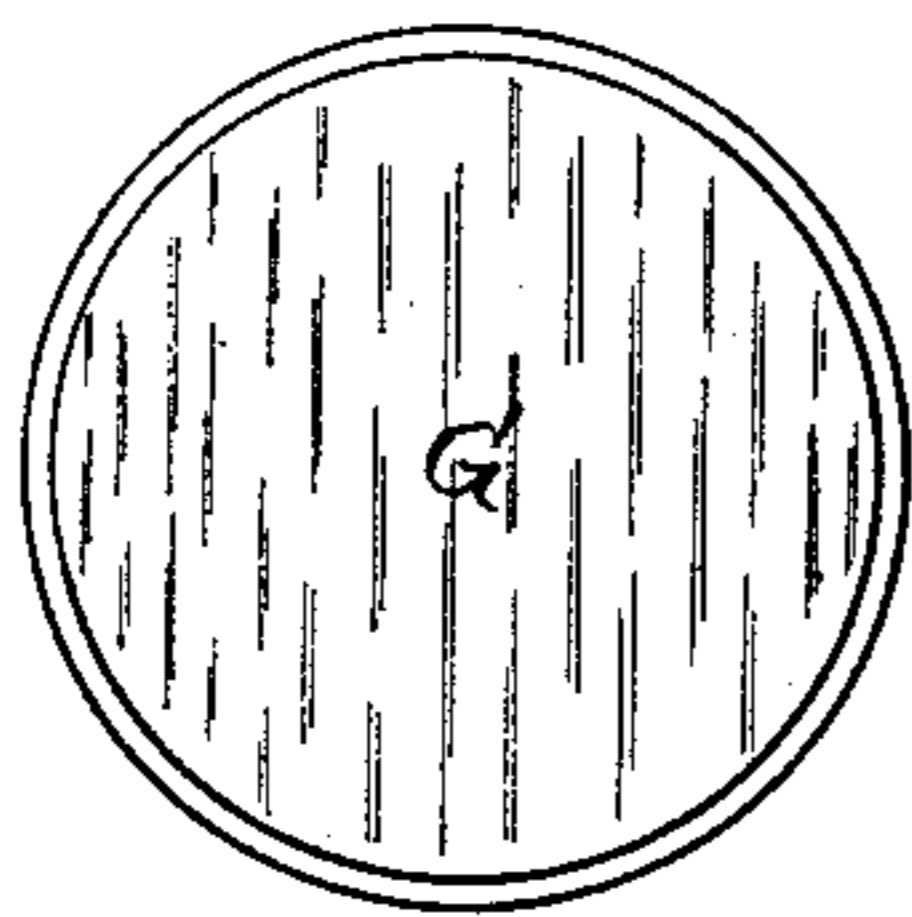


Fig: 3.

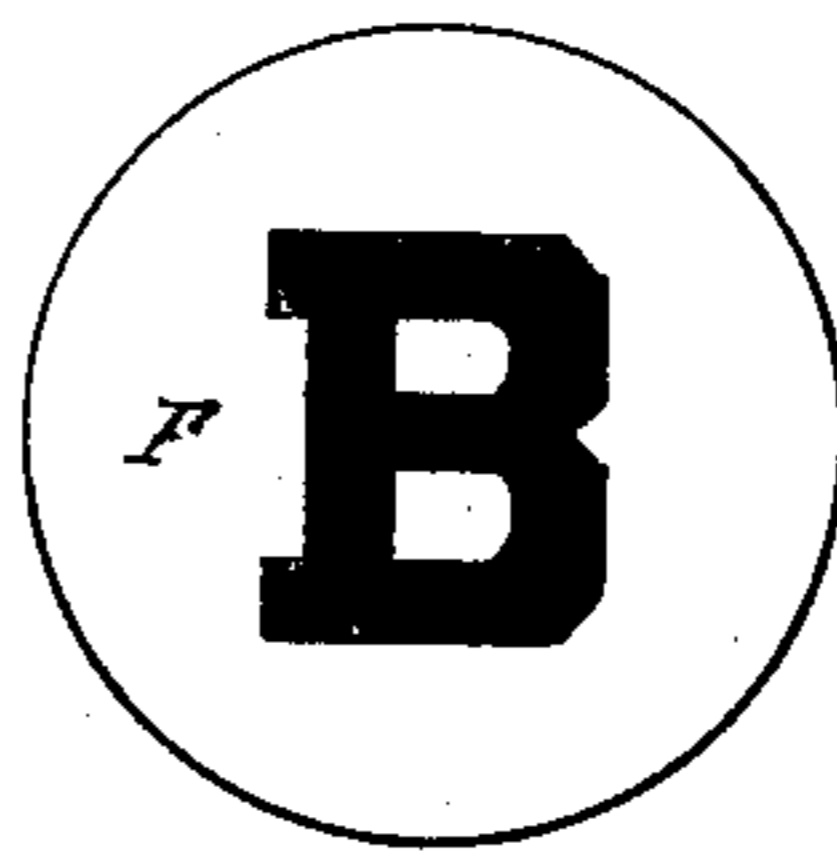
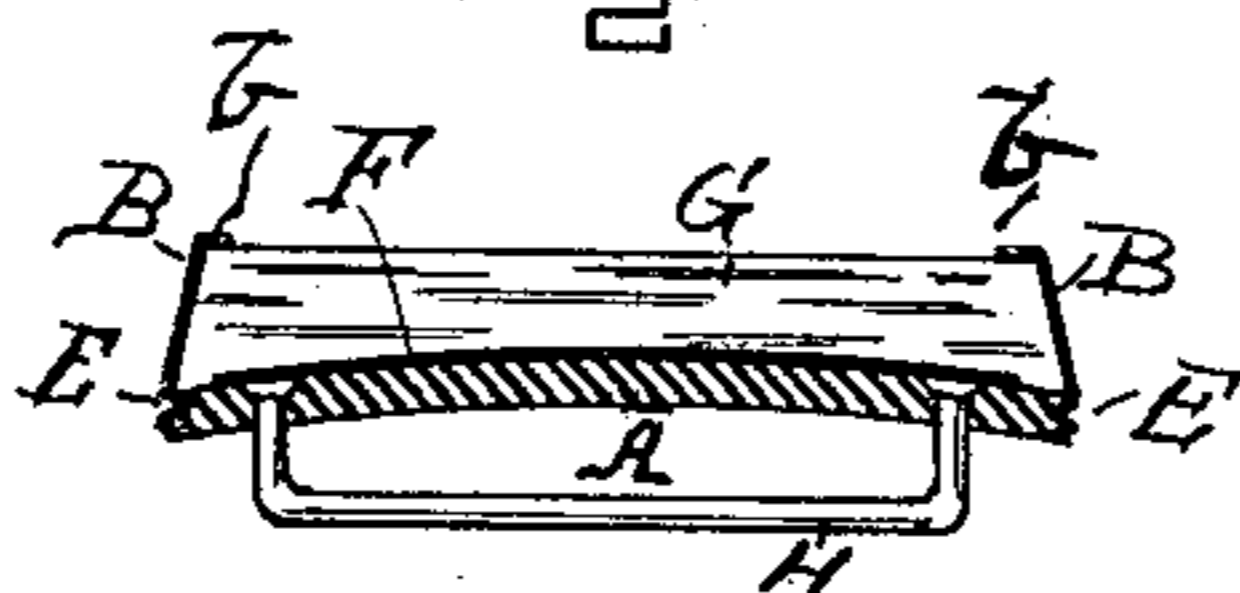


Fig: 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. GRAHAM, of Wakefield, Washington county, Rhode Island, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Changeable Initial Harness Ornaments or Rosettes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part hereof.

Rosettes and harness ornaments have heretofore been made with letters, figures, or ornamental devices on a suitable background behind a protecting glass front, and with a metallic frame permanently uniting said parts in one complete article. A practical difficulty in the general introduction of such articles is that the dealer, in order to supply his customers, must keep a full stock of the complete rosettes or ornaments of the different letters and figures and in various sizes or styles. This necessitates a large outlay and considerable space devoted to such stock, and it is apt to become tarnished or shop-worn, and consequently undesirable; hence many dealers in harness-trimmings refuse to handle rosettes and ornaments of this class. My improvement contemplates furnishing the letters, figures, or ornamental devices distinct from the glass and frame, which parts are provided with screw-threads, so that they may be opened to receive and closed to protect and retain the letters, &c. This enables the dealer to keep a few of the frames or bodies on hand with a varied assortment of letters, figures, and the like to be inserted in such frames, as desired. These letters and figures will ordinarily be printed on paper or other material, and when selected will be cut out and attached to the background or the under face of the glass. Being cheap, a variety can be kept on hand at little or no expense.

My invention consists in the changeable rosette or ornament, as set forth in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical section through a frame complete with rosette, background, and glass inserted. Fig. 2 shows the glass adapted to fit snugly within such frame, and Fig. 3 shows one of the letters such as I place beneath the glass when the frame or case is open.

Like letters of reference mark the same parts in all the figures.

Referring to the drawings by letters, A is a back plate or disk, either flat or dished, provided with a loop, H, by which the whole device may be attached to the harness.

B is a ring, cast or struck up of metal, provided with an inwardly-projecting flange, b.

G is a disk or lens of glass, shaped to fit within the ring B, and F is a rosette or ornament adapted to be secured between the back plate, A, and glass G. The rosette or other ornament being placed upon the back plate, A, and the glass being superposed thereon, the ring B is placed over them and secured by means of a screw-thread, E, with which the ring and back plate are provided.

It is obvious that the rosette may be readily removed and replaced or another substituted in a very short time.

The marginal or peripheral screw-threads E (shown in Fig. 1) are formed male and female on the back and annular front of the case, leaving the interior free to receive the glass and to display the letter unobstructed.

I am aware of the patent to Walker, June 19, 1883, showing a rosette in three parts held to each other by a central screw, which secures them to a loop of the bridle, the screw penetrating and the nut covering the central portion of the disk. This would be fatal to the initial rosette, and I do not claim such construction.

I am also aware that the patent to Sloat, August 23, 1881, shows a rosette in two parts united to each other by peripheral screw-threads; but as no letters or characters are secured between them, my invention is not embodied in that device.

Having described my improved rosette, I claim—

The improved ornament for harness herein described, consisting of the annular back plate threaded on its outer edge and provided with loop H, the rosette or ornament F, placed thereon, the superposed lens or glass disk G, and the ring B, provided on its back edge with a thread to engage the thread of the back plate and on its front edge with a flange, b, to embrace and hold the glass G, as set forth.

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