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Fig. 1.

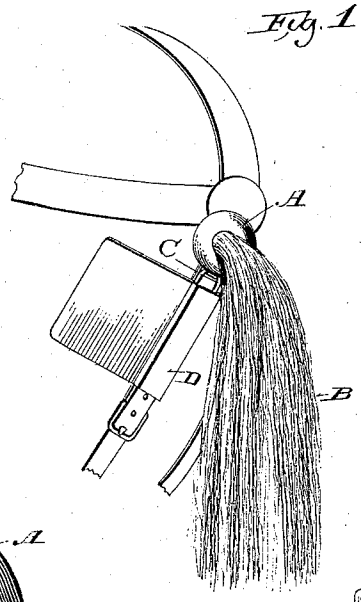


Fig. 3.

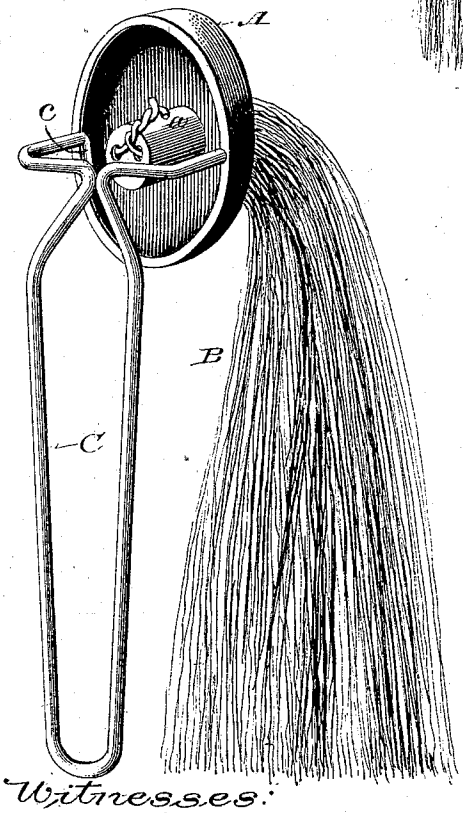
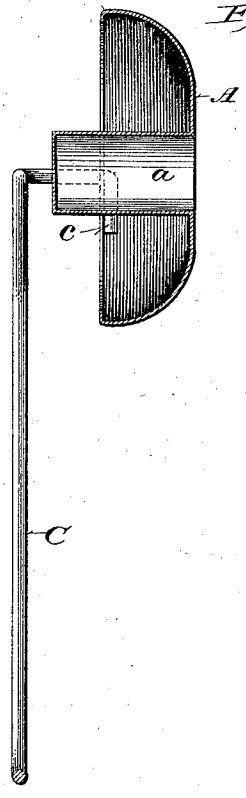


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM RAUSCHENBERGER, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plume-Holders or Rosettes for Harness; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The main object of my invention is to provide simple and convenient means for holding and attaching plumes to harness.

It consists, essentially, of the combination, with a rosette or plume-holder, of an arm or shank attached thereto and adapted to be inserted and held in a box-loop of the cheek-piece of a bridle or other part of the harness, and of certain peculiarities in the construction of the rosette or plume-holder hereinafter particularly described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings like letters designate the same parts in the several figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a bridle to which one of my improved rosettes or plume-holders is applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical medial section of the same on an enlarged scale; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of the reverse side of the device.

A represents a rosette or plume-holder, preferably formed of metal in any convenient form, with a central thimble or socket *a*, open at its outer end for the reception of the plume B, which may be conveniently secured therein, as shown in Fig. 3, by means of a cord or wire fastened to the plume, passed through perforations in the inner or rear end of the thimble and twisted or tied at the back of the rosette. The thimble or socket *a* may be conveniently stamped from sheet metal integrally with the rosette, or it may be formed separately and attached thereto by solder or in any suitable manner.

C is a tapering wire loop bent horizontally outward and attached at its ends to the back of the rosette, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and constituting an arm or shank, which is adapted to be inserted and held in the box-loop D of the cheek-piece of a bridle, and thereby hold the rosette and plume securely in its proper place and position, as shown in Fig. 1. The wire forming the loop C is bent downwardly at the ends *c c*, which are soldered or otherwise attached to the back of the rosette A near its edges. From the rosette the sides of the loop project a short distance horizontally inward, and are then bent horizontally toward each other till they meet or nearly meet opposite the inner end of the thimble *a*. From this point they are bent downwardly and diverge a short distance, and then gradually converge toward the lower end of the loop. By this construction the loop is made elastic and compressible, so as to be easily inserted in and removed from the loop of the bridle and when placed therein to press outwardly against the sides of the loop and hold the rosette and plume in the desired position.

The construction herein shown and described will be found convenient for the attachment of plumes which are designed for temporary use, inasmuch as they may be attached to or removed from the bridle or harness with great facility.

The construction of the rosette or holder, as well as of the shank or arm affording means of attaching it to the harness, may be variously modified within the intended scope of my invention.

I claim—

1. The combination with a plume of a plume holder and rosette provided with a central opening in the outside for the reception and attachment of the plume and projecting outwardly therefrom and constituting an exposed ornamental margin around its base, and a loop attached to the back of said rosette and constituting a fastening for securing it to harness, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination of a plume, a plume-holder provided with an opening in its outer face for the reception and attachment of the plume, and a depending tapering elastic shank adapted to be inserted and held in a

loop of the harness, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination of a plume, a rosette having a central opening in its outer face, in which said plume is secured, and extending outwardly therefrom so as to constitute an exposed marginal base therefor, and a tapering elastic wire loop attached to the back of said rosette and serving by its insertion in a loop, to fasten it to the harness, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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