To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, NATAN ROITMAN and SOLOMON RUBY, citizens of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Initial Attachments for Jewelry, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

Our invention relates to means for securing initials to rings or other articles of jewelry; and the invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a perspective view of a fingerring bearing an initial as provided for in our invention. Fig. II is a section taken on line II II, Fig. I. Fig. III is a transverse section taken on line III III, Fig. II. Fig. IV is a view looking at the under side of the article of jewelry bearing the initial in the direction indicated by the arrow positioned beneath Fig. II. Fig. V is a perspective view of the washer by which the initial-post is held. Fig. VI is a section taken on line VI VI, Fig. II, through the post of the initial. Figs. VII and VIII are views illustrating modifications.

Our initial attachment is suitable for application to jewelry of various kinds—such as finger-rings, watch-cases, and lockets—but it is deemed sufficient to illustrate it in connection with a fingerring.

A designates a fingerring of any ordinary form, such as initials are usually applied to. The ring is provided with a non-circular aperture 1, preferably of oval shape.

2 designates an initial, which is provided with a post 3 of a shape in cross-section corresponding to or approximating that of the aperture 1 in the ring. At the termination of the post 3 is a head 4 of oval shape, that is undercut, as seen in Fig. III, to furnish beveled lips 5 at the ends of the oval-shaped head.

6 designates a washer that is seated in a recess in the inner face of the ring A and is held to said ring by tongues 7, projecting outwardly from the sides of the oval-shaped aperture 1 in the ring and undercut at 8 (see Fig. II) to receive said washer. The washer 6 is provided with an oval-shaped aperture 9, the central portion of which is enlarged and beveled at the sides, as seen at 10, Fig. V, to fit around the tongues 7, about which the washer is adapted for rotation.

11 represents notches in the edge of the washer 6, into which the points of a spanner or other implement may be introduced for the purpose of rotating said washer.

In the preparation of the ring to receive an initial the washer 6 is secured in the recess under side of the ring by upsetting the tongues 7 toward the washer within the aperture 9 of the washer. When this has been done, the washer may be rotated, and in its movement the tongues 7 serve as the axis of rotation. When the initial 2 is to be secured to the ring, the washer is turned into a position where the greatest length of the aperture 9 will register with the aperture 1 in the ring A, through which the initial-post is passed. The head 4 of the post is therefore permitted to pass through the washer and the washer is then rotated in either direction, so that the lips 5 of the post-head will bear against the beveled faces of the washer at the sides of the aperture therein, which are less widely separated than the ends of the aperture. Escape of the post-head is thereby prevented and the initial held to the article of jewelry.

In Fig. VII we have shown a modification in which studs 5a are carried by the post 3a instead of forming the lips 5 thereon, these studs being adapted to engage the washer in like manner to said lips.

In Fig. VIII we have shown a modification in which the washer 6a is provided with a square aperture 9a instead of an oval-shaped aperture. A washer with such shaped aperture may be utilized to the same extent as that containing the aperture of the shape before described and without departing from the spirit of our invention.

We claim as our invention—

1. The combination with an article of jewelry provided with an aperture, of an initial having a post extending through said aperture, a rotatable washer provided with a non-circular aperture, and means carried by said post adapted to pass through said non-circular aperture and be engaged by said washer, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with an article of jewelry provided with an aperture, of an initial
having a post extending through said aperture, an oval-shaped head carried by said post, and a rotatable washer provided with a non-circular aperture and adapted to be engaged by the ends of said oval-shaped head, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination with an article of jewelry provided with an aperture, of an initial having a post extending through said aperture, an oval-shaped head carried by said post, a rotatable washer seated in said article and provided with an oval-shaped aperture, said washer being adapted to be rotated to cause the body thereof at the sides of said oval-shaped aperture to pass beneath the ends of said oval-shaped head, substantially as set forth.

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