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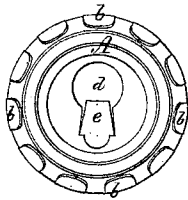


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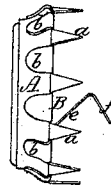


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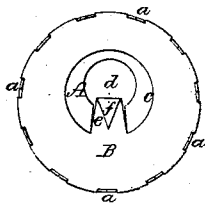
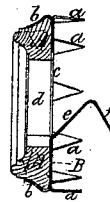


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## IMPROVEMENT IN KEY-HOLE ESCUTCHEONS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED L. CROOKER, of Charlestown, of the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rosettes or Key-Hole Escutcheons; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation; Fig. 2, a rear view; Fig. 3, an edge elevation; and Fig. 4 is a vertical section of an escutcheon made in accordance with my invention.

The body A of the escutcheon is of wood. This is combined with a spurred back, B, of metal, which consists of a disk cut into at its circumference so as to form two series of spurs, *a a*, &c., *b b*, &c. The spurs *b* are folded over and down upon the periphery of the body A in manner as represented, and serve to hold it in connection with the back and to impart to the rosette or body an ornamental appearance or character. The other edge spurs, each being triangular in form, are to be bent so that each shall project from the disk at a right angle with it. The disk is also perforated, as shown at *e*, opposite to or so as to uncover the key-hole *d* of the body A, and is provided, as shown, with a pointed tongue, *e*, to extend from it in manner as represented. The said tongue near its point is bent, as shown at *f*, in order that after the escutcheon may have been fixed to a drawer front or other articles the said tongue, by the introduction and forcing of a key into the key-hole, may be bent down at right angles

with the disk and the point be forced down back of or into the wood of the bottom of the key-hole of the drawer front. The bending down and forcing the tongue into or back of the wood at the bottom of the key-hole of the drawer may be accomplished by other suitable means. When the rosette is without a key-hole the tongue may be dispensed with.

To affix the rosette or an escutcheon, for instance, to the front of a drawer or other article, it (the escutcheon) is to be placed with the back spurs against the same, and should be covered by a piece of wood, which on being struck by a hammer will cause the spurs to simultaneously enter the wood until the disk may come into close contact with its face. Next, the tongue may be forced down upon the bottom of the key-hole.

The tongue serves three purposes, viz: As a guide to the key, as a means of protecting the bottom of the key-hole from wear, and also as a means of holding the escutcheon in place.

I claim as my invention as follows:

The metallic backing for the wooden body of an escutcheon or rosette, provided with the front spurs *b* for connecting the backing to the body, and the back spurs *a* for attaching the whole to an article, and with or without the bent tongue *e*, all arranged substantially in manner as specified.

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