

Now, from the general characteristics being the same in families not known to be related to each other, a great antiquity for the heraldic device may be argued. The horse shoe was, doubtless, a Cripps emblem long before any existing genealogies of the family were constructed. Its use in some form may, therefore, be proper, provided, of course, it is not so specifically employed as to identify with any particular branch of the family already authorized to display arms. So with the sun in splendor. A combination of the two emblems would at once indicate a Crispe and a Pearson ancestry.

How they should be arranged I should have preferred to leave to others better versed in heraldry, but make bold to suggest as the family arms a shield per fesse argent and azure, charged with a horse shoe sable and a sun in splendor or. The reasons for this emblazonment will, perhaps, suggest themselves to the reader. The sun being naturally in gold required a field in color. As the sun in nature shines from a blue sky, the appropriate color is azure (blue). But the field in all the Cripps arms that I have found is of metal. I have accordingly made the upper half of the shield argent (silver), and the horse shoe upon it, being necessarily of color, and, iron being black, I have blazoned it sable (black). I had selected as a motto *Prospiciens*, "looking forward," in view of the fact that we have no ancestors of martial fame to look back to, while we do indulge every hope that the family in the future will make its mark in the world; but it has been suggested that *Aspiciens in Futurum* would better express the sentiment. The accompanying cut will illustrate my suggestion.

In America there are no restrictions upon the adoption or use of arms. In view of the growing desire for such useful emblems, it is, indeed, rather to be regretted that