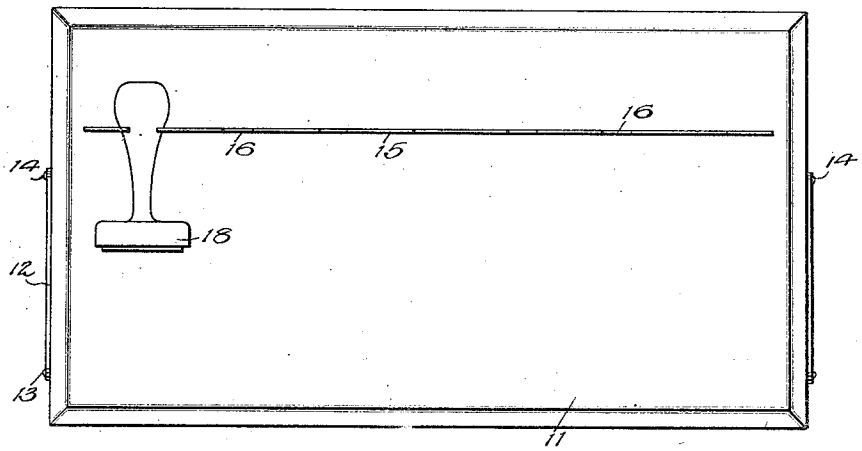
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Fig. 1.



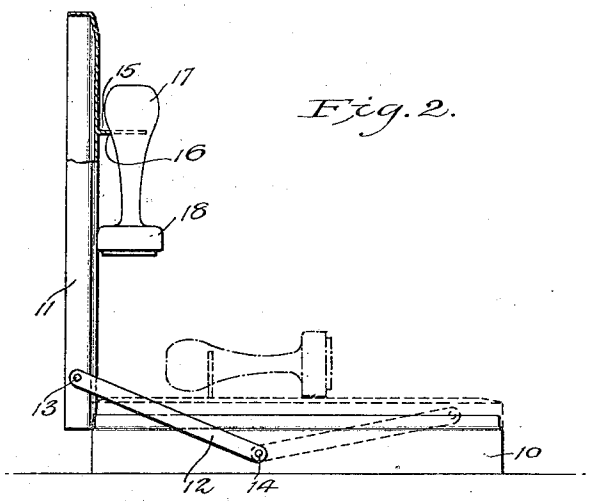
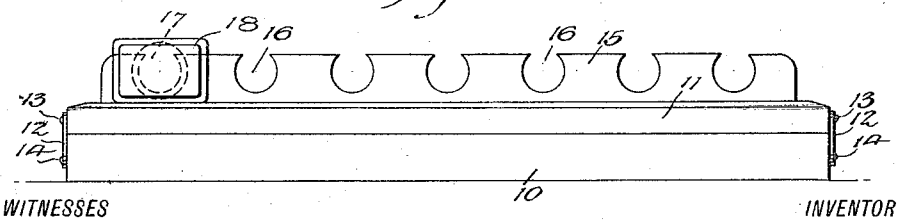


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD F. CUNNINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Inking Pad and Stamp Rack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention has relation to articles of office equipment and has particular reference to an improved inking pad and stamp rack.

Primarily the invention contemplates an inking pad for rubber hand stamps in which the cover therefor is provided with a rack or holder for the stamps whereby said stamps are supported within convenient reach of the user when the cover is in open position.

As a further object the invention contemplates in combination with an inking pad for rubber hand stamps which insures against loss of separation of the stamps and facilitates their use.

As a still further object the invention aims to provide a device of the character described which is extremely simple in its construction and mode of operation and which is thoroughly reliable and highly efficient in its purpose.

With the above recited and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel construction set forth in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, it being understood that the right is reserved to embodiments other than those actually illustrated herein to the full extent indicated by the general meaning of the terms in which the claims are expressed.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a stamp pad constructed in accordance with the invention with the cover closed.

Fig. 2 is a side view with parts in section illustrating respectively in full and dotted lines the open and closed position of the cover.

Fig. 3 is a front view with the cover closed.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference 10 designates the body of a stamp pad and 11 the cover therefor which is connected thereto by means of links 12 which are pivotally connected as at 13 to the opposite ends of the cover adjacent the forward side thereof and having pivotal connection at their opposite ends with the medial portion of the ends of the pad body as at 14. The top of the cover when in closed position is provided with an upstanding flange or strip 15 having cut-away portions 16 which are designed to receive and snugly embrace the handles 17 of rubber hand stamps 18.

In use and operation when the cover 11 is in closed position as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 and in dotted lines in Fig. 2 the stamps 18 will be arranged in the cut-away portions 16 to insure the finding of the stamps and prevent separation of the same from the pad. When it is desired to use the stamps, the cover 11 is lifted through a vertical arcuate path due to the link connection with the pad body and is then swung to a vertical position and rearwardly, thence downwardly until the forward upper edge lies behind the rear upper edge of the pad body. This disposes the strip or flange 15 in a horizontal position and projecting forwardly over the pad body whereby the stamps 18 are positioned within convenient reach of the user. To close the cover, the same is lifted vertically and swung on its pivotal points 13 to a horizontal position, thence shifted forwardly and downwardly through an arcuate path until it overlies and engages over the pad body.

I claim:

1. A receptacle including a body and a cover, a rack for receiving articles provided on the outer and upper side of the cover, and a connection between said body and the cover for holding the latter vertically when in uncovered relation whereby the outer side having the rack thereon will face inwardly toward the body.

2. A receptacle including a body adapted to contain an inking pad and a cover having on its outer and upper side a rack adapted to receive hand stamps for use in connection with the pad, and a connection between said body and cover for holding the latter vertically when in uncovered relation thereto, whereby the outer side having the rack thereon will face inwardly toward the body to support and dispose the stamps within convenient reach for use in connection with the pad.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a re-

ceptacle including a body adapted to contain an inking pad, a cover having a rack on the outer side thereof adapted to receive hand stamps, and a connection between the said body and said cover constituting means whereby the cover may be swung to a vertical position to dispose the outer side thereof having the rack thereon facing toward the container body to facilitate the use in connection with the pad, of the stamps carried by the rack.

4. A receptacle including a body adapted to contain an inking pad, a cover therefor having a supporting rack on the outer side thereof for receiving hand stamps, and a connection between said cover and the body to permit of the swinging of the cover from a covering position on the body to a vertical position in alignment with the rear edge thereof whereby to dispose the rack containing the hand stamps in a convenient position for use in connection with the body containing the inking pad.

5. A receptacle including a body adapted to contain an inking pad, a cover therefor having a supporting rack on the outer side thereof for receiving hand stamps, and a connection between said cover and the body to permit of the swinging of the cover from a covering position on the body to a vertical position in alignment with the rear edge thereof whereby to dispose the rack containing the hand stamps in a convenient position for use in connection with the body containing the inking pad, said means of connection consisting of links pivotally connected to the opposite ends of the cover adjacent the forward side thereof and having pivotal connection at their opposite ends with the medial portion of the ends of the body.

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