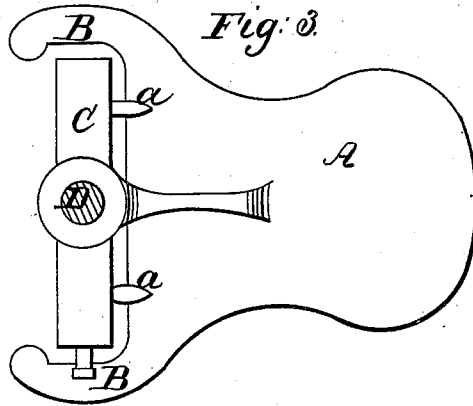
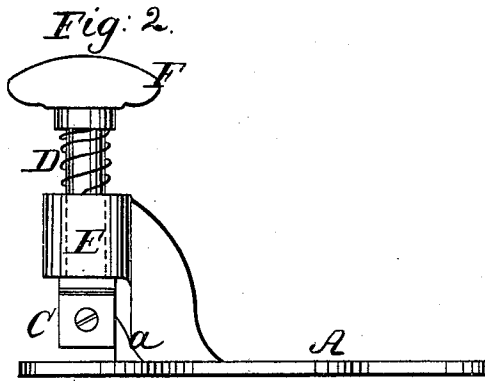
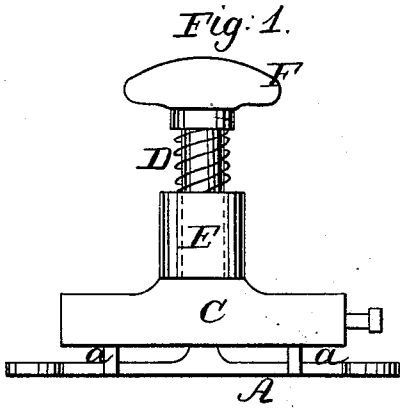


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IMPROVEMENT IN HAND STAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, ALBERT L. MUNSON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Hand Stamps; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent in—

Figure 1, a front view;
Figure 2, a side view; and in
Figure 3, a top view.

This invention relates to an improvement in hand stamps especially designed for marking clothing, &c.

In presses of this class, as heretofore constructed, the base had been cut entirely away across the front, so that the stamp may pass down clear of the base. This construction makes it necessary to hold the base with one hand while the stamp is struck down with the other, else the stamp will tip down and not strike squarely on the material.

My invention consists in forming, upon the base, guides to hold the stamp in its proper relative position.

A is the base of the press, formed with projecting arms B and B at each side, and so as to leave a space between the arms for the stamp C to pass between. If preferred, these arms may be connected together in front of the stamp, leaving a space through which the stamp will pass.

The stamp C is constructed to receive the type in the usual manner, and fitted with a round spindle, D, passing through the head E, and working freely therein, and provided with a knob, F, or other convenient

device upon which the blow is struck to impress the stamp. A spiral spring around the spindle serves to support the stamp in its elevated position.

As heretofore constructed, the spindle has been made square, and fitted to a corresponding square bearing through the head E. This construction is expensive, which expense I obviate by making the spindle round, and this I am enabled to do by forming, upon the base, guides *a*, one at each side of the head, and fitted so as to bear against the stamp, as seen in figs. 2 and 3, so that the stamp plays freely up and down, its relative position governed by the said guides *a*.

One of the chief advantages of my construction of the base is the support of the press when the stamp is struck, but another great advantage over such presses as heretofore constructed consists in the fact that the projecting arms hold the material or clothing upon which the stamp is to be impressed down flat and smooth, whereas in presses as heretofore constructed, there being nothing to hold the articles down, they naturally rise, and are more or less blurred by contact with the type; and this construction adds nothing to the expense of the press, the guides *a* serving to reduce the cost of manufacture.

I claim as my invention—

In a press in which the stamp is arranged so as to be struck through or below the base, the arrangement of the guides *a a* upon the base, and so as to govern the position of the stamp, substantially as set forth.

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