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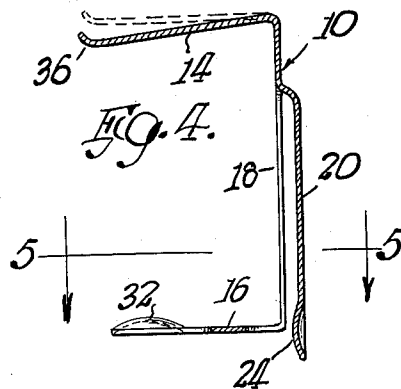
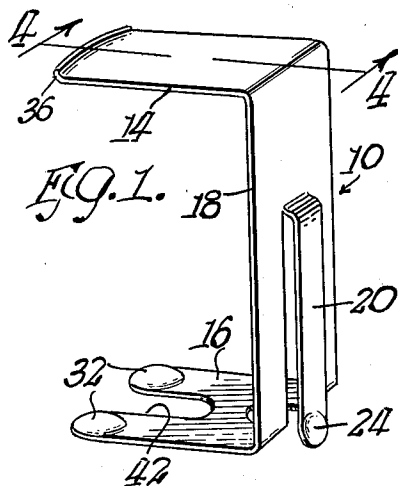
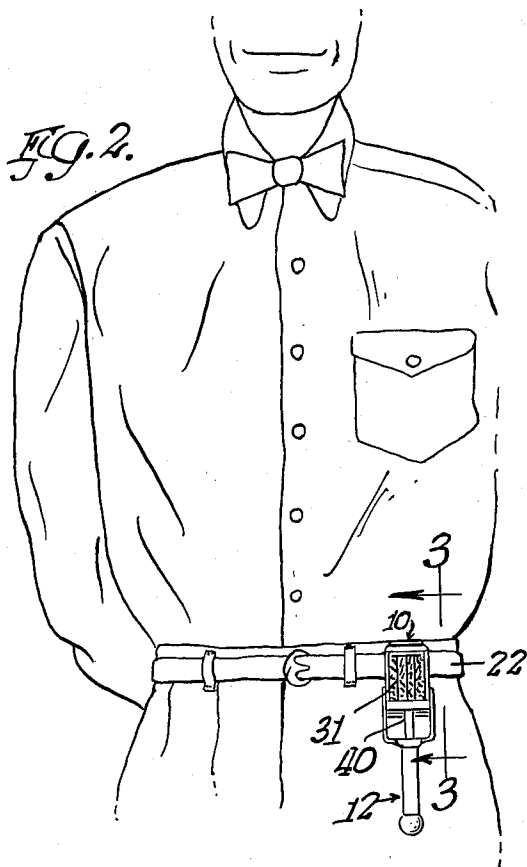
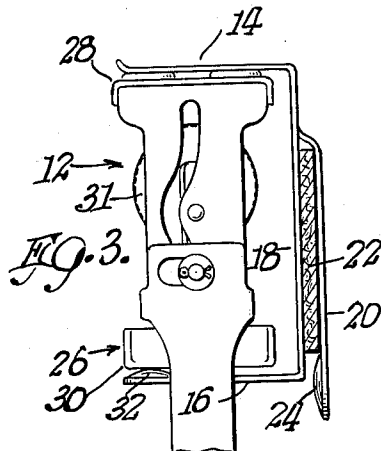
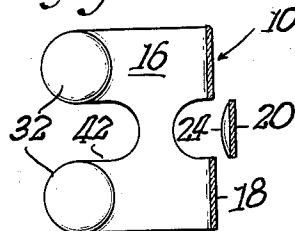


FIG. 5.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—3)

The present invention relates to a holder for a price-marking stamp or similar article.

The widespread use of self-inking stamps in places of business such as the increasingly common super food mart is well known to those engaged in the sale of these stamps.

The number of packaged articles appearing in the ordinary super food mart is very large. Since such marts are of the self-service type, the price of each item must clearly appear thereon both for the benefit of the customer purchasing the same and the checker who must tabulate the prices of the items purchased.

To facilitate the marking of goods disposed on the shelves, mart employees employ self-inking stamps having a usual reciprocating handle surmounted over an underlying cage portion in which a stamp reel reciprocally moves by means of a well-known flopover action upon actuating the handle. The self-inking pricing stamp enables a mart employee to rapidly mark a large number of items in a minimum amount of time and with a minimum of effort. However, since movement of articles and other duties must be performed by the mart employees, the stamp must be laid aside intermittently throughout the normal work day. Since the stamp is bulky in nature, a convenient manner of conveying the same on the person other than by disposing the same in a pocket has long been desired. The usual self-inking stamp also has large stamp reel areas covered with ink and consequently the carrying means provided must be so designed as to shield the clothes of the user from the stamp inked surfaces.

Accordingly, it is an object of this invention to provide a carrying attachment, or holder, for a self-inking stamp which may readily be attached and detached from the person of the user and which readily engages and releases the stamp member held thereby.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a stamp holder which is designed so as to shield the clothes of the wearer from the stamp inked surfaces in the normal course of use.

It is another object of this invention to provide a stamp holder which is extremely sturdy in construction, may be readily fabricated, and is inexpensive to manufacture.

The above and other objects of this invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description when read in the light of the accompanying drawing and appended claim.

In one embodiment of the stamp holder construction, a substantially C-shaped member is provided which is composed of a resilient material. Because of the holder resiliency, opposed distal end portions may be readily flexed relative to an intermediate connecting portion. The interconnecting holder portion has a clip portion cut out and raised from the plane of the remaining surface which enables the holder to be readily clipped to a belt or similar supporting clothing article. The opposed arms of the holder project away from the person of the user and are thus free to resiliently engage the opposed

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portions of a self-inking stamp cage in a secure manner while maintaining the inked portions of the stamp out of contact with the clothes of the user.

For a more complete understanding of this invention reference should now be made to the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the stamp holder provided by this invention;

Figure 2 is an elevational view illustrating the manner in which the holder of Fig. 1 secures a stamp member to the belt of a person utilizing the same.

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary elevational view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1; and

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Referring now more particularly to Fig. 1, a holder for a price-marking stamp or the like is illustrated and designated by the numeral 10. The illustrated holder is adapted to readily engage and secure in a convenient manner a stamp such as stamp 12, illustrated in Fig. 2 and partially shown in Fig. 3, to the clothing of the person normally utilizing the same. The stamp 12 is a common self-inking type and may be similar to the self-inking stamp such as was described in my joint co-pending application Serial No. 659,306, filed May 15, 1957, said application being filed in the names of Samuel M. Weissman, Lowell H. Weissman and Simon L. Haimes. The provided holder 10 is intended to be used with a variety of stamp members and may have minor adjustments made to the same to accommodate varying stamp structural details.

Referring once again to Fig. 1, it will be noted that the holder 10 is of substantially C-shaped configuration having arms 14 and 16 maintained in spaced relationship by means of an interconnecting holder portion 18. The holder is composed of resilient material of composition and, consequently may be made from any number of metals or plastics. As will be more apparent from the sectional view of Fig. 4, the arm member 16 is disposed at a substantially right angle to the holder portion 18, and the opposed arm 14 of the holder defines an acute angle with the holder portion 18 at the point of juncture therewith.

As is illustrated in Figs. 1, 3, 4 and 5, a finger-like member 20 may be punched from and raised above the plane of holder portion 18. This latter raised portion 20 functions as a clip which facilitates securing of the holder to a belt member such as belt 22 in the manner illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. It is most apparent from Figs. 3 and 4 that the holder clip portion 20 may depend below holder arm 16 in the normal position of use since the terminal portion of clip 20 is formed from arm 16. It will be most readily seen from Fig. 3 that a concavo-convex button-like end limit 24 of clip portion 20 functions as a locking device securing the holder to any belt member or other article which it may engage. The button 24 facilitates the slidable movement of the holder clip 2 over the belt surface since frictional resistance is only effected on a point of the surface of the button. Still further by depending below the plane of the holder arm 16, clip portion 20 may be readily located and forced into a position spaced from holder interconnecting portion 18 whereby the holder may be readily disengaged from the belt.

The holder 10 is intended to frictionally engage opposed surface portions of a stamp cage 26 in the manner most clearly seen in Fig. 3. In the latter figure, it will be noted that the cage portion of the illustrated self-inking stamp 12 has the holder arms 14 and 16 resiliently secured to upper portion 28 and lower portion 30 of the stamp cage, respectively. It will also be noted that the

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stamp 12 is in the inverted position in the normal engaged condition with the holder 10.

To facilitate the slidable engagement of the holder arm 16 with the cage surface 30 of illustrated stamp 12, protruding button portions 32 are provided on arm 16 and are more clearly seen in Figs. 1 and 5 of the drawing. Button portions 32 of the holder arm 16 effect point contacts with the cage surface engaged whereby they may slidably move thereover with a minimum of frictional resistance. As has been noted from Fig. 4, arm 14 of the provided holder is disposed at an acute angle to the holder portion 18 and, consequently, only the distal edge portion 36 will initially engage the upper surface 28 of cage 26 of the illustrated stamp 12 in the normal course of clip engagement.

To facilitate the slidable engagement between the holder and stamp cage surfaces, the edge of holder arm 14 is curved away from the surface to be slidably engaged in the manner illustrated. It is thus seen that the provided holder may readily engage and securely hold a stamp member such as that illustrated.

It is apparent that because of stamp guide post 40, seen in Fig. 2, the clip arm 16 must be relieved at 42 so as to permit movement of the latter arm past the post member. It is apparent that other recesses, grooves, etc., may be formed in the provided clip to facilitate engagement with the structure of the particular stamp engaged.

The provided holder 10 is simple in construction and may readily engage the belt of the user and may be readily disengaged therefrom by simply clipping portion 20 of the holder 10 over a belt width or removing the clip portion therefrom. When it is not desired to utilize the stamp for marking purposes the opposed arms of the holder resiliently engage opposed top and bottom portions 30 and 28 of the stamp cage. In the course of the latter frictional engagement arm 14 of the holder is forced outwardly so as to assume a right angle relationship with the holder portion 18 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3 and in dotted lines in Fig. 4.

As is seen most clearly from Fig. 3 all inked stamp reel surfaces 31 of the stamp engaged by the holder are shielded from contact with the clothes of the holder user, since holder portion 18 is disposed between the inked surfaces of the stamp and the clothes of the stamp user.

The provided holder may be readily formed; manufacturing the same requires only a few simple stamping and forming operations. The holder is designed so as

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to effect a minimum of frictional resistance when engaging the stamp member and in the course of being disengaged from the same.

As has been above mentioned, the provided holder may be modified so as to become adapted for use with a variety of stamp means. This invention is to be limited, therefore, only by the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

- 10 A holder for a stamp having a post projecting from a cage portion comprising two substantially parallel planar surface portions maintained in spaced relationship by means of an interconnecting holder portion formed therewith and arranged substantially normally thereto,
- 15 both of said planar surface portions projecting from said interconnecting portion in the same direction, so as to assume a superposed relation, means for clipping said holder to a belt formed from said holder interconnecting portion and projecting therefrom in a direction opposite to that in which said planar surface portions project, said lower planar surface portion having an inwardly extending slot formed along substantially the central transverse axis of said lower planar surface portion, said holder planar surface portions being resiliently
- 20 joined to said interconnecting holder portion whereby the same may resiliently engage said stamp cage, the post of said stamp being receivable in said lower planar surface portion slot in the course of assembly, the interval between the end of said slot and said interconnecting holder portion being sufficient to enable all portions of said stamp cage portion to be spaced from said interconnecting holder portion in the assembled condition.

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