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## HAND-STAMP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE T. ADLINGTON and JOHN N. WEBSTER, both of Peoria, in the county of Peoria, in the State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Canceling-Stamps; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which like letters of reference refer to like parts, and in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal view, partly in section, of a hand-stamp having our improvement. Fig. 2 is a side view, partly in section. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the cap, the rollers being removed to show the dam and inking-bed of the inking-roller.

The invention relates to hand-stamps for marking or canceling, in which are combined a reservoir for the ink, an inking-roller, and a roller with a marking or canceling surface.

In our improved construction the receptacle for ink is within the handle of the implement, which is provided with a screw-cap containing a perforated dam and a socket or inking-bed for the inking-roller, and holds the arms bearing the spindle of the marking-roller. The socket conforms to one-half of the inking-roller turning or rotating therein, said roller being also in contact with the marking-roller, so that the ink is readily transmitted to the latter roller for continuous marking or canceling. For printing dates the said marking-roller may be provided with removable strips or blocks having thereon the required letters and figures.

In the drawings referred to, A designates the handle of the implement, and A' the ink-reservoir.

b is a thread at the end of the handle, on which is screwed the cap B, as shown.

C indicates a dam extending across the interior of the cap B, said dam being perforated with one or more passages, a, to allow the ink to pass from the reservoir to the inking-roller D revolving on the spindle i. As shown, a recess or socket is formed within the cap B, conforming to one-half of the roller D therein, so that the ink passing through the passages a to the surface of said roller becomes equally distributed thereon.

E designates the marking or canceling roller, mounted on a spindle, f, within the arms or bearings d projecting from the cap B, the said

roller being held in contact with the inking-roller D, as shown.

The roller D may be made of any suitable material, is preferably faced with rubber, and its surface may be ridged with lines or other suitable design for marking or canceling. Said roller may also be provided with removable blocks g, adjustable in dovetailed recesses in the surface of the roller, and having letters and figures for marking dates. By these means a continuous marking and dating on a row of stamps is effected.

The cap B, holding rollers D and E, the dam C, and socket, is readily removable by unscrewing it from the handle for the purpose of filling the reservoir, after which the cap is again screwed in place. The ink is confined in the reservoir by the dam C, except where it is admitted through the passages a to the roller D, over which it is equally spread by means of the contact of the semicircular inking-bed or socket with the inking-roller. The canceling-roller E, being in contact with roller D, receives the ink therefrom, and being rolled over a number of stamps will cancel and date the whole.

For the purpose of dating the same date may be repeated on the periphery of roller E, and the stamped letters should then be so arranged as to space that the date strikes each at the proper point.

We claim—

1. In a marking or canceling stamp, the reservoir provided with a screw-cap having the perforated dam C and a semicircular socket for the inking-roller, in combination with the said roller, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The marking-stamp having the handle forming an ink-reservoir, and provided with the screw-cap B, containing the perforated dam C, and forming also a socket for the roller D, as shown, in combination with rollers D and E, constructed and arranged as herein set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing stamp-canceler we have hereunto set our hands this 9th day of March, 1880.

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