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HAND STAMP RACK.

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Fig. 1.

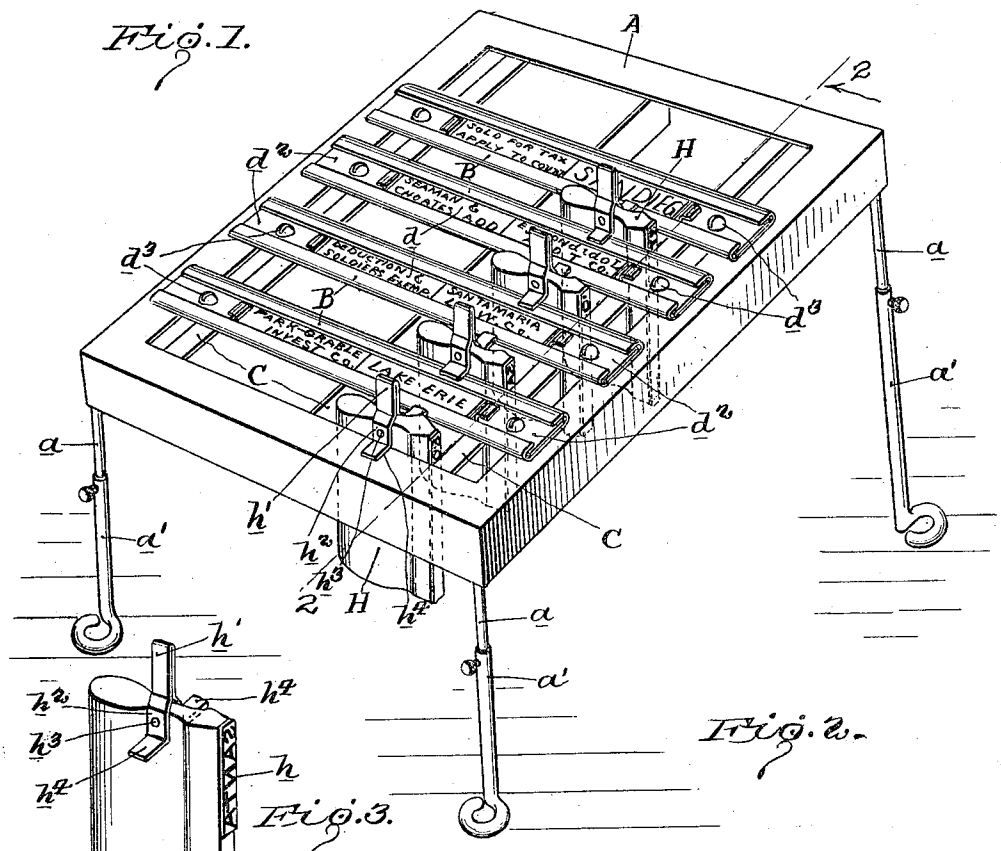
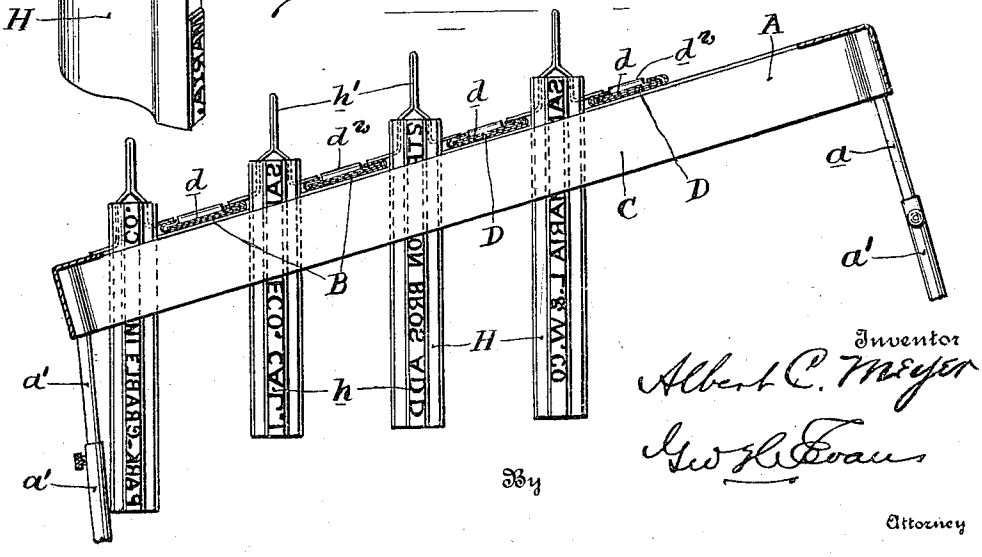


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT C. MEYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Diego, in the county of San Diego and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Stamp Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to racks for hand stamps.

The main object of the invention is to economize space by providing a rack in the form of an open or skeleton rectangular frame, suitably supported and having series of parallel open spaces of equal size into which the hand stamps may be inserted endwise in rows regardless of their length and held suspended at their upper end by suitable transversely extending supports projecting beyond the sides of the hand stamps; the rack being provided with label holders parallel with the hand stamp spaces so that the labels bearing matter corresponding with that on the stamps may be arranged alphabetically to permit of the stamps being similarly arranged.

This object I accomplish by the construction shown in the accompanying drawing in which

Figure 1, is a sectional perspective of my improved rack and suspended hand stamps;

Fig. 2, is a central vertical section of the same;

Fig. 3, is a perspective of one of the stamps and its supporting device.

A, designates the rack formed of an open rectangular frame of any suitable size and material. It is shown as constructed of sheet metal of angular cross-section and supported at its four corners upon telescopic legs formed of sections a, a'.

B, are parallel label-supporting cross pieces connecting the sides of the frame and spaced apart a distance equal to the thickness of the hand-stamps H, and C, are cross pieces connecting the upper and lower ends of the frame and arranged apart a distance equal to the width of the hand-stamps H; the width being from the back to the printing face h of the stamp.

The stamps H, are provided at one end with a suspension means adapted to rest upon the top surfaces of two contiguous cross pieces B, as clearly shown in the drawing. The suspension means in the specific form shown comprises a metallic strip folded upon itself to form a handle h' and having a bend h^2 to embrace the end of the stamp H; said bend being secured to the stamp by a pin or rivet h^3. The ends of the strip project as at h^4, far enough to rest upon two of the cross pieces B, and support the stamp.

The cross pieces B, are turned in at their longitudinal edges to form slideways into which may be slid the labels D, bearing matter corresponding with that on the printing edges of stamps H, and these subject-matter labels D, will be alphabetically arranged so that the stamps may be readily located when needed and their replacement in the proper place readily and accurately effected.

Transparent covers d may be placed over the labels D and endwise movement of the two may be prevented by any form of retainer such as a short plate d^2 and screw d^3 at opposite ends of every slide-way.

The rack may be made up to suit any business employing hand stamps and I have installed one containing three hundred and forty stamps. A great advantage in my construction, owing to the open construction and end suspension, is economy in space, for the length of the stamps does not increase the size of the rack in the slightest, whereas were they supported lengthwise the size of the rack would be many times greater. These stamps H, are of standard width and thicknesses and may be of any desired length and are so well known and universally used as to render a detailed description unnecessary.

The hand-stamps will be held apart by the cross bars C, so that the ink on one inked surface will not be transferred to the back of the adjacent hand-stamp and thence to the operator's fingers.

I claim:

1. A hand stamp rack comprising, an elevated frame having openings for the endwise insertion and removal of the stamps, and hand stamp supports adapted for connection with the ends of the stamps and provided with oppositely extending ends adapted to rest on the upper side of the frame beyond the sides of the openings.

2. A hand stamp rack comprising, an elevated frame having openings for the endwise insertion and removal of the stamps, and hand stamp supports each formed of a strip folded upon itself to form a handle and a stamp-receiving fork; the ends of the

strip being bent in opposite directions to rest on the upper side of the frame beyond the sides of the openings.

3. A hand stamp rack comprising, a suitable rectangular frame, parallel spaced cross bars secured at their ends to the sides of the frame and provided on their upper sides with label-receiving slide-ways, parallel, spaced cross bars extending at right angles to the first named bars and connected at their ends to the ends of the said frame; the oblong openings between the two-sets of cross bars being of a size equal to the width of the stamps to permit of the endwise insertion and removal of stamps of varying lengths.

4. A hand stamp rack comprising a suitable open rectangular frame, parallel spaced crossbars secured at their ends to the sides of the frame and provided on their upper sides with label receiving slide ways and telescopic legs to hold the rack at any desired height and inclination.

5. A hand stamp rack formed with series of rows of individual oblong openings all of a size to permit the endwise insertion of a hand stamp of the type described, a label holder at every opening, and supports to hold the rack at a height to receive the longest stamps.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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