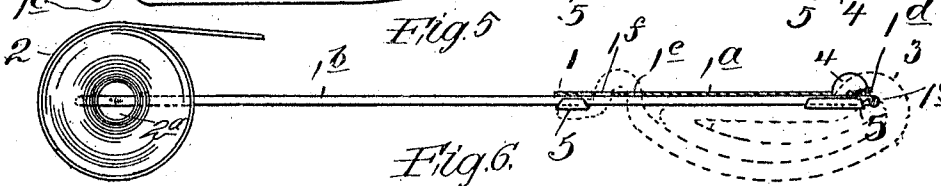
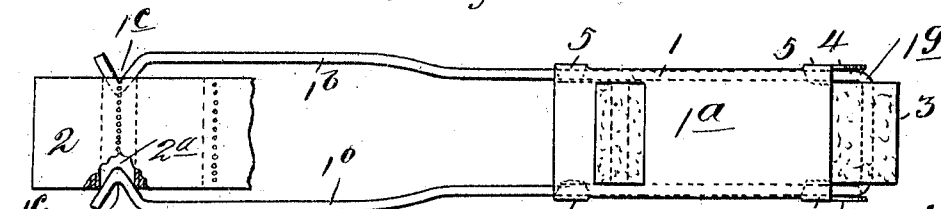
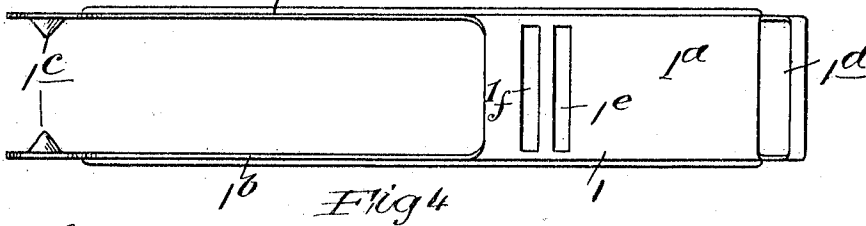
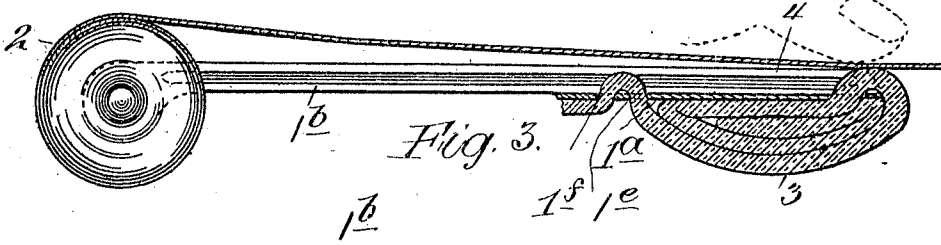
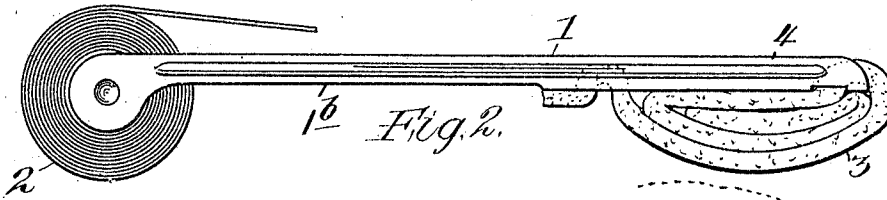
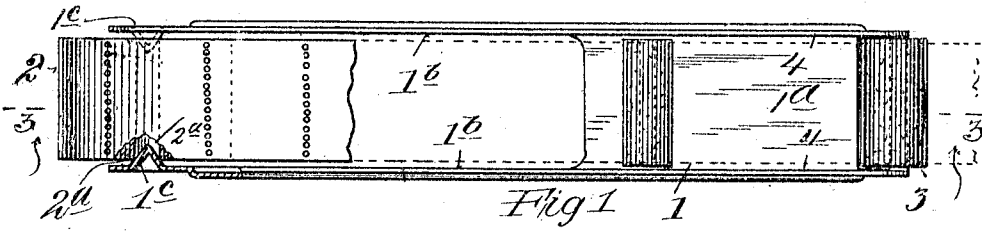


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED SCHERMACK, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Affixers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for use in affixing postage stamps to mail matter, and for affixing gummed strips to packages and in other relations.

In carrying out my invention I provide a frame or handle with means to support a roll strip of postage stamps or a gummed strip, and a pad to be moistened carried by said frame at a suitable distance from said roll in position to enable the stamps or strip to be drawn adjacent to the pad while the strip is guided with respect to the pad as the strip is drawn from the roll.

My invention comprises the novel details of improvement and combination of parts that will be more fully hereinafter set forth and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a stamp affixer, partly broken away, embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a side view thereof; Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3, 3, in Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is an underside view of the frame, the pad being removed; Fig. 5 is an underside view of a modified form of the invention, and Fig. 6 is a partly sectional side view thereof.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The frame or holder 1 is provided with a plate or the like 1^a, from which substantially parallel arms 1^b extend a suitable distance and which are provided with means for rotatively supporting a gummed roll of paper or the like 2, such as a roll of postage stamps. For this purpose arms 1^b are shown provided with opposed inwardly extending studs or projections 1^c adapted to enter the central bore 2^a in roll 2 for pivotally supporting the latter. The arms 1^b are made sufficiently pliable or resilient to enable them to spread apart to receive and release roll 2 while at the same time said arms are sufficiently rigid to properly support and retain said roll.

At 3 is a pad or the like which may be

of felt or other suitable material adapted to retain moisture, and said pad is shown attached to plate 1^a. In the example illustrated I have shown plate 1^a provided with slots 1^d, 1^e, 1^f, through which the strip of which pad 3 is composed is suitably passed, which may be done as illustrated in Fig. 3, whereby the pad is securely and removably connected with plate 1^a. As shown, the device is of sufficient length to enable the same to be grasped by the hand of the user between roll 2 and pad 3, and the pad is exposed at the outer end in such manner that the gummed strip may be drawn over and in contact with the pad to moisten the gum, or the pad may be moved across the article to which the gummed strip or stamps are to be affixed to moisten the article at such place. The plate 1^a at its sides has upturned portions 4 spaced apart forming a channel through which strip 2 may be pulled, and whereby said strip is guided with respect to pad 3.

While in Figs. 1 to 4 I have shown the frame as made in a single piece of material suitably bent or formed, in Figs. 5 and 6 I have shown the frame as made in several parts, wherein side members 1^b are formed of wire, the pivotal parts 1^c being suitably bent to shape, the wire being extended around at the front part adjacent the pad at 1^g, and plate 1^a is provided with ears 5, which are folded firmly around wires or rods 1^b for retaining the blade in position. The opening 1^d is shown formed between the adjacent end of plate 1^a and the cross part 1^g of the frame, and the openings 1^e, 1^f are shown formed in plate 1^a, whereby the pad 3 may be attached to the device as before described. The projections 4 are shown turned up from plate 1^a at a distance apart to guide strip 2.

In using the device the roll of gummed material is attached to the pivotal supports 1^c and drawn forwardly over the outer end of the pad, the device being grasped by the hand and the thumb or finger pressed upon the strip to guide the same with respect to the pad. The thumb or finger may press upon the strip directly over the pad to cause the moistened pad to dampen the gum on the strip, and as the stamps are affixed to the article the strip is pulled beneath the finger. Or, if desired, the exposed part of the pad may be used to moisten the part of the article

to which the stamps are to be affixed and the stamps drawn forwardly from the roll and pressed on such moistened surface.

While I have referred to the use of the device for affixing postage stamps it will be evident that the device may be used with a strip of gummed paper, cloth, or the like for affixing the same to packages or in other desired relations where gummed strips are used.

My invention is not limited to the details of construction shown and described, as the same may be varied, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having now described my invention what I claim is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a frame having a plate at one end, spring-acting arms projecting from

said plate, said arms at their outer ends being provided with inwardly projecting opposed supports for a roll, guides for the strip at the sides of said plate and a pad secured on the underside of the plate and passing over one end thereof.

2. A device of the character described comprising a plate having a pad passed through openings in the plate, folded upon itself beneath the plate and exposed at one side and over one end of the plate, and guides for a strip on the side of the plate opposite the pad.

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