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 RUBBER STAMP BOARD.
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Fig. 1.

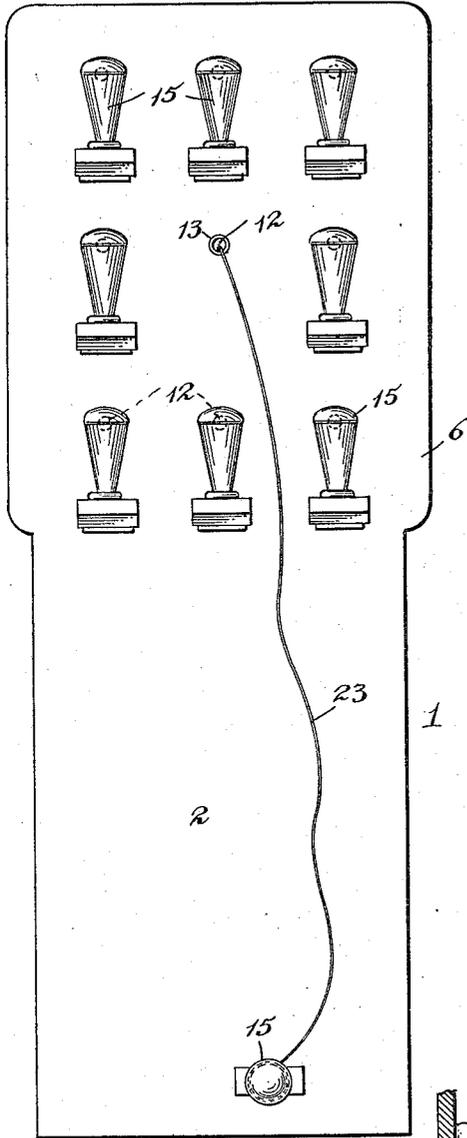


Fig. 2.

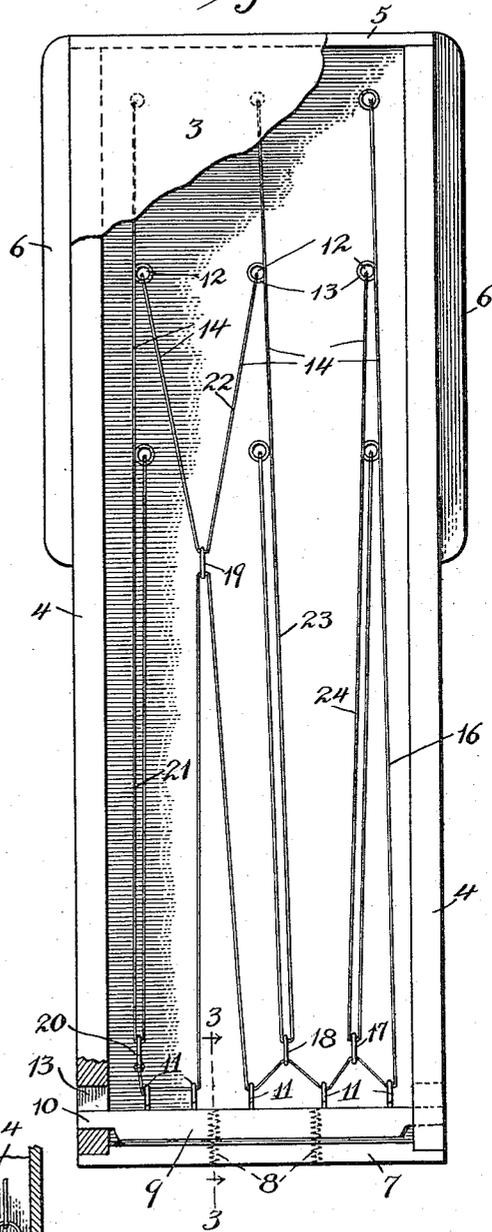
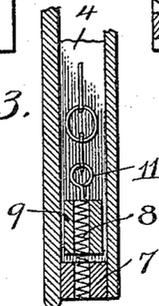


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. RYMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have invented a new and useful Rubber-Stamp Board, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in boards for supporting rubber stamps.

The object of the invention is to provide a board of this character on which a plurality of rubber stamps may be mounted and yieldably held in operative position ready for use and which are so mounted that after a stamp has been withdrawn and used, it may be automatically returned to its proper position on the board.

Another object of the invention is to provide a board of this character which is simple in construction and may be constructed at a very small cost and by the use of which, much time and trouble will be saved, especially in offices where a large number of stamps are being constantly used.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, and the combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a stamp board constructed in accordance with this invention; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation thereof with a portion of the back board removed; Fig. 3 is a detail vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

In the embodiment illustrated, a stamp board 1 is shown preferably made in the form of a casing comprising a front face or plate 2 and a rear plate 3 connected by side and end boards 4 and 5 respectively. As shown, the front plate 2 has a flange 6 extending around the upper portion thereof in the same plane and lying flush with the outer face of said plate.

This board is designed to be mounted in upright position as shown in the drawing and disposed between the front and rear plates thereof is a stationary base 7 which constitutes the end closure for the lower end of said casing and with which is connected a plurality of coiled springs 8. A movable base 9 is shown in the form of a bar having its ends 10 reduced and slidably mounted in slots 13 formed in the side boards 4 as is

shown clearly in Fig. 2. As shown, the coiled springs 8 are secured in sockets 10 formed in the movable base 9 and which thus exert their tension to normally hold said base in lowered position as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. A plurality of screw eyes 11 are secured to this movable base 9, any desired number being employed, five being here shown and which are designed for a purpose to be described.

The front plate 2 is provided with a plurality of apertures 12 here shown having eyes 13 surrounding them to provide a bearing for cords to be described to prevent cutting of the cords during their passage through the apertures. As shown, nine of these apertures are used and are designed to receive the cords 14 which are connected with the handles of stamps 15. Any desired number of these cords may be employed, according to the stamps used and the manner in which they are strung. As shown, five cords are employed, one of which numbered 16 extends through the upper right hand aperture located at the rear of the board and is connected with a stamp 15 arranged on the front of said board. This cord passes down to the bottom of the casing constituting a portion of the board and is threaded through one of the eyes 11 at the right hand lower corner of the board and is then passed through a ring 17 carried by another cord, then passed through another eye 11 and threaded through another ring 18 carried by still another cord, then threaded through another eye 11 and passed upwardly and through a ring 19 on still another cord, then downwardly through the two left hand eyes 11 where it is connected by a series of links 20 with a cord 21. This cord 21 extends through the aperture at the upper left hand corner of the board down through the link 20 and up through another aperture and is connected with a stamp on the outer face of the board, it being thus observed that this cord is connected at its free end with two stamps and that the intermediate portion thereof is threaded through the link 20 which is connected with the movable spring controlled base 9 by means of the cord 16 as above described. A cord 22 which is passed through the ring 19 has its free ends extended through two of the apertures 12 of the board and connected with stamps 15 on the outer face of said board. A cord 23

connected with the ring 18 has its ends similarly disposed and connected and a cord 24 which is threaded through the ring 17 has its ends similarly arranged and connected. Thus it will be observed that all of the cords have their free ends connected with stamps 15 arranged outside the front face of the stamp board and their intermediate portions connected with the spring controlled base 9 so that a constant tension is exerted by said base on said cords to retract them and hold the stamps in operating engagement with their seats on the front face 2 of the board.

As shown, the cord 23 which is threaded through the ring 18 has one of its ends extended through a central aperture 12 in the face 2 and is connected with a stamp which is shown in lowered position ready for use.

From the above description it will be obvious that when one of the stamps 15 is grasped and moved forward to bring it into position for use, the stamp previously in use and which remains depending as shown in Fig. 1, is drawn back to its normal position and thus provides the required slack in the connecting cord to permit the stamp to be used to move out the desired distance, and after it has been used and released it will be allowed to remain depending until another stamp is drawn out, so that one only can be drawn out at a time and thus prevent confusion and the use of the wrong stamp, such as might occur were more than one

stamp allowed to remain in outdrawn position at a time.

It is of course to be understood that these boards may be of any suitable or desired size and constructed of any suitable or desired material according to the number of stamps to be carried thereby.

When in use, this stamp board may be attached to the wall or fastened to a desk as may be desired and the stamps may be alphabetically arranged thereon so that they may be located at a single glance.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A rubber stamp board having a plurality of apertures therein, a plurality of cords connected with each other and extending through said apertures, stamps connected with the ends of said cords outside said board, and a spring controlled movable member connected with said cords.

2. A stamp board comprising a casing having apertures in its front wall, a bar slidably mounted in said casing, coiled springs connecting said bar with said casing, eyes carried by said bar, cords slidably engaged with said eyes and with each other, said cords extending through the apertures in the board of said casing, and stamps connected with the extended ends of said cords.

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