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Fig. 1

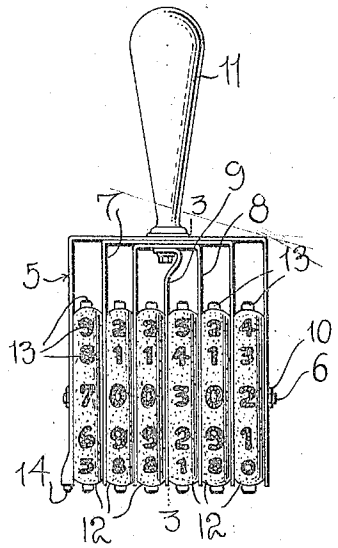


Fig. 2

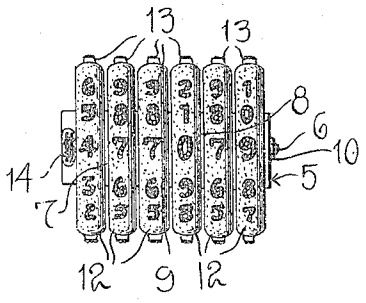
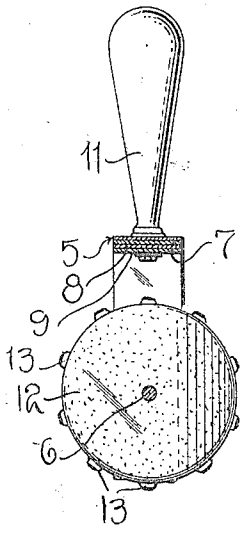


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVI G. SOLENBERGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chambersburg, in the county of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamping Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an improved stamping device and has for its primary object to provide a stamp which is particularly designed for the purpose of stamping checks and similar notes or bills, or to prevent the face value of the same as written thereon, being increased or raised.

It is another and more particular object of my invention to provide a stamping device embodying a plurality of independently rotatable, rubber disks, and a series of numeral types secured in the periphery of each disk.

It is a further general object of my invention to provide a device of the above character which is simply and durably constructed, of great convenience and serviceability in practical use, and which may be manufactured at relatively small cost.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved stamping device, illustrating the preferred embodiment thereof;

Fig. 2 is an end view; and

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 designates the main frame bar which is preferably of U-shaped form and in the parallel arms of which the ends of a rod or axis 6 are fixed in any approved manner. To the under side of the intermediate portion of the frame bar 5, a second U-shaped bar 7 is secured, the arms of which are disposed in spaced, parallel relation to the arms of the bar 5. A third frame bar 8, also of U-shaped form, is centrally fixed to the frame bar 5, and between one of the arms of the bar 8 and the opposed arm of the U-shaped bar 7, an additional arm 9 is arranged and likewise fixed at one end to the frame bar 5. These several bars are secured together by means of a bolt or other suitable fastening element shown at 10, which likewise secures a suitable knob or handle 11 to the central portion of the frame bar 5. The several spaced, parallel arms of the bars 7, 8 and 9 are each provided with an opening through which the fixed rod or shaft 6 extends.

Upon the rod 6 and between the spaced, metal arms, the rubber disks 12 are loosely mounted for rotation, said metal arms maintaining the disks out of frictional contact with each other so that they may be independently turned or rotated. Each of these disks has a series of numeral carrying type members 13 fixed to its periphery in any desired manner.

Upon one end edge of the frame bar 5, a single type element 14 having the dollar sign thereon, is secured.

In the use of the device, it will be understood that the several type carrying rubber disks are turned or rotated to dispose the individual numerals thereon with relation to the fixed type on the end of the frame so that the numerals, when arranged in line, will correspond with the amount written on the face of the check. An ink pad is used in connection with the stamp, having parts thereof saturated with blue and red ink respectively. In placing the type numerals upon the ink pad, the two numerals at the right are engaged upon the red ink surface of the pad and the other four numerals and the dollar sign upon the blue ink part of the pad. The stamp is then pressed upon the surface of the check so as to leave the ink impression of the numeral type thereon. The numerals in red ink of course will be indicative of fractional parts of a dollar and the other numerals printed in blue will indicate the number of dollars for which the check is written.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction and manner of use of the device will be clearly understood. In stamping the check, the rubber disks will, of course, yield when a downward pressure is exerted thereon so that the type will not be likely to be broken or displaced, or the paper of the check cut through by an excessive pressure thereon. It is manifest, of course, that any desired number of the rubber type carrying disks can be used and the frame in which these disks are carried can, of course, be of other forms than that illustrated in

the drawing. It is, therefore, to be understood that while I have shown and described the preferred construction and arrangement of the several elements of the device, the same is nevertheless susceptible of considerable modification therein and I, therefore, reserve the privilege of adopting all such legitimate changes as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I desire to claim and secure by Letters Patent is:

A hand stamping device comprising a plurality of U-shaped frame bars having spaced parallel arms and a single central arm, a handle member and connecting means centrally securing the same to said U-shaped frame bars and the central arm, a rod mounted in said arms, yieldable type carrying disks rotatable upon the rod between said arms, and an index type fixed to the extremity of one of the outer frame arms.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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