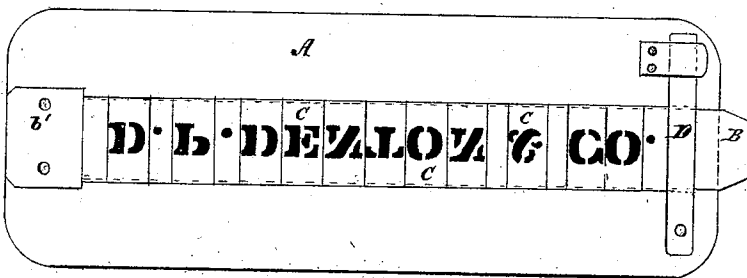
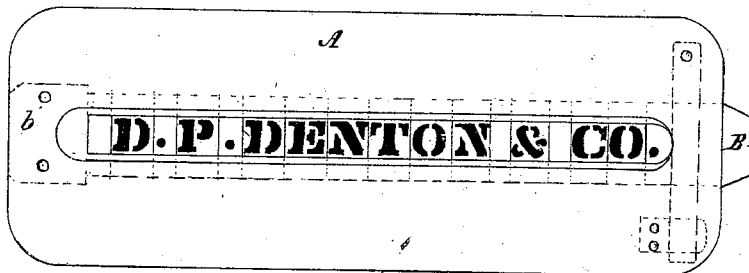
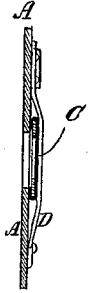


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## IMPROVEMENT IN STENCIL-PLATES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. POTTER, of the city of Buffalo, county of Erie, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and improved Stencil-Plate; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure I is a transverse vertical section.

Figure II is a top plan view.

Figure III is a bottom plan view.

The nature of this invention relates to an improved arrangement of parts, by which separate letters may be readily and securely attached to a plate or frame, in a manner to form any desired name, firm, or words, and consists, first, in cutting or stamping letters out of separate pieces of thin sheet metal, and bending the ends of the said strips of metal over in such manner that they may be fitted upon a slotted plate or tongue in the proper consecutive order for a desired name, firm, or word; second, in the combination and arrangement of a main frame or plate, the slotted tongue, and stencilled letters, in a manner to form a convenient, adjustable, and changeable stencil-plate; third, in an improved mode of fastening the slotted tongue, which supports the stencilled letters, to the main frame or plate.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

A represents the main supporting-frame or plate, which has one, two, or more slots or openings, of the proper length and width for the desired size and amount of lettering.

B represents a tongue or strip, upon which the stencilled letters C are supported. One of these strips is placed opposite each of the slots or openings made in the main plate, and each of them has also a longitudinal opening opposite the slot in the plate A. Upon one end the strip is either hinged or riveted to the main plate, as shown at *b'*, the other end being fastened to the bottom of the plate by means of the latch D, Fig. III.

The stencilled letters, C, are made of separate strips of thin metal, and may be arranged upon the tongue B in the proper consecutive order to form a desired word or firm. The ends of each strip C are bent over in a manner to clasp the side edges of the slotted tongue B, and so that the strips may be passed longitudinally from the free end of the tongue to the hinged end in the proper consecutive order. The sides of the strips are made perfectly parallel for the purpose of insuring a tight fit and preventing the ink from making a perpendicular line between the several letters or strips.

This improved stencil-plate is cheap of construction and quickly taken apart for changing the letters. Its flexibility and convenience of operation make it most desirable to merchants and others who need a stencil-plate which they can adjust and change according to their varied requirements.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A slotted plate, A, attached to the stencil-plate B at one end, while the other end is free, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.
2. The combination of the slotted plate A, stencil-plate B, the C-formed letters sliding on plate B and the latch D, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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