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HAND STAMP.

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Fig. 2.

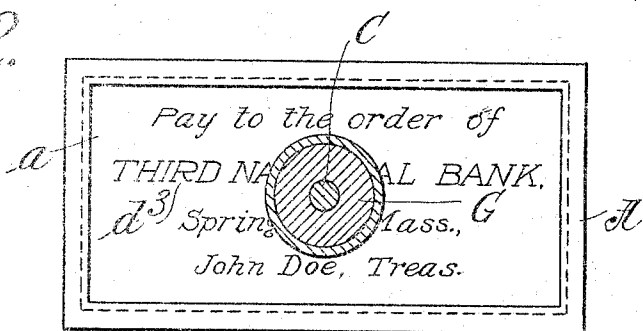


Fig. 1.

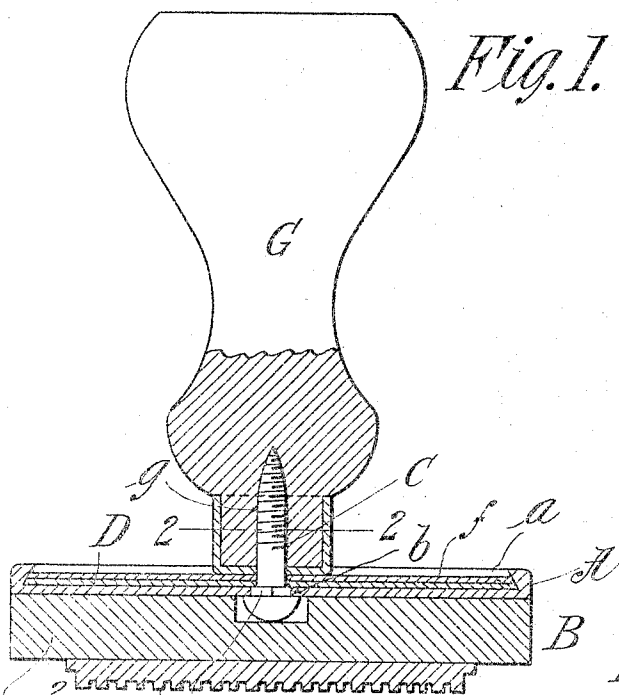
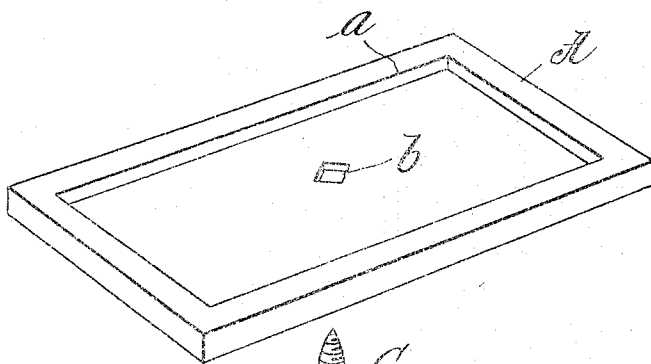


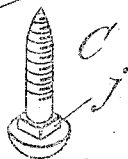
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR P. SMITH, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Stamps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention, for improvements in rubber stamps, has for its object to provide on the top of a stamp body a legend corresponding to the impression to be made by the stamp whereby the proper one of several stamps may be selectively used, and when used will, with certainty, be employed right side up, thereby avoiding an inversion, as is ordinarily liable to frequently happen, of the stamp impression.

Another object is to so construct the stamp as to assure the ready interchangeability of the card bearing the impression indicating legend, with another, making the mount peculiarly economical in use in cases where new stamps or dies and indicating cards are interchangeably employed. And another object is to so construct and combine the parts that the legend bearing sheet is detachably held or clamped on the body through means of the stamp handle and the connecting screw therefor,—a very small portion of the counterpart of the impression being obscured by the handle.

Other advantages incidental to the construction and combination or arrangement of the parts will hereinafter appear in conjunction with the description of the device.

The invention is described in conjunction with the accompanying drawings and defined in and by the claim.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a substantially central vertical sectional view of a rubber stamp in which my present improvements are embodied, the same being taken longitudinally through the device. Fig. 2 is a plan view and partial horizontal section as taken on line 2—2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the frame or body of the stamp and the screw employed in conjunction therewith.

A represents the body or "mount" for the rubber stamp made as a rectangular plate or frame, and preferably of metal, in many cases of aluminum. This stamp body has a

shallow depression *a* within the top thereof and has a hole *b* centrally therethrough.

B represents the rubber stamp comprising the type carrying portion *d* and the rubber backing *d*² therefor, this rubber stamp being cemented to the under side of the body or mount A.

C represents a headed screw, the head of which is engaged with the under part of the body A, while the threaded shank thereof extends through the said central hole and above the body.

D represents a sheet of paper or cardboard or the like, having a legend *d*³ thereon which corresponds to the impression to be made by the rubber stamp *d*. This card or sheet is disposed within the aforesaid depression *a* in the top of the body A and is made with a central perforation for the passage therethrough of the shank of the screw C. In conjunction with the legend bearing sheet or card D is a transparent covering *f* therefor which advantageously may be constituted by thin white sheet celluloid and pasted or otherwise secured to the upper face of the sheet D.

G represents the handle of the hand stamp having an axial hole *g* in the lower end portion thereof, which portion is of considerably reduced diameter; and the upwardly protruding end of the screw shank engages in the said hole so that when the handle is properly turned in relation to the screw the handle is not only united to the hand stamp so that it may be detached therefrom as occasion or convenience may require, but it also acts as a clamp for the confinement of the legend bearing sheet or card and its protective celluloid covering in its place within the depressed top of the rubber stamp body. Inasmuch as it is desirable that the screw, while readily detachable from the metallic body or frame A, shall not be rotative relatively thereto so that when the handle G is turned the screw will not turn with it, the screw is made with a squared or equivalent formation as shown at *j* so that by its engagement in the correspondingly shaped hole *b* the screw and stamp body or frame are non-rotatively interlocked.

I claim:—

A stamp body comprising a body portion having a socket in the top, a frame secured

on top of the body and having an aperture therein with flat sides, a screw having its head in said socket and projecting up through said aperture and secured from
5 turning therein, the frame having bent over edges, a legend plate confined in the frame by the edges and having a central hole through which extends the screw, and a handle having a socket in the end whereby

it removably engages the screw to be held thereon and retain the legend plate in position.

Signed by me at Springfield, Mass., in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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