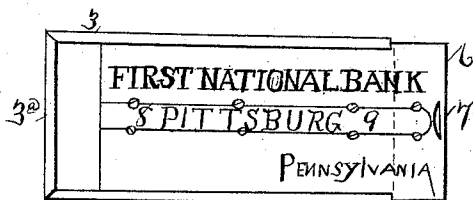
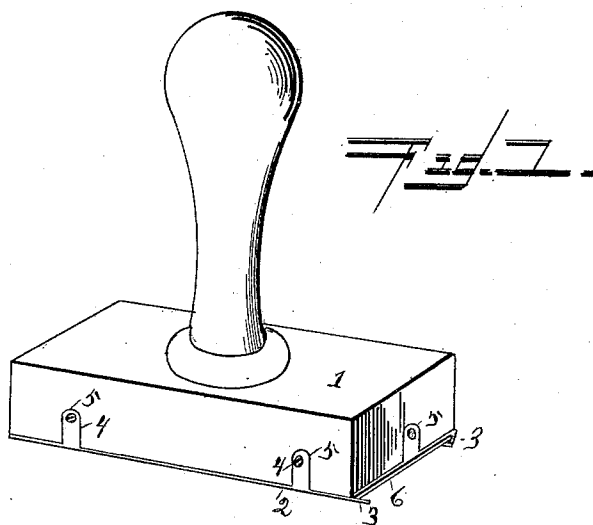


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. CLARKSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Carmel, in the county of Northumberland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Stamps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hand-stamps, consisting, broadly, in a removable interchangeable slide which carries the type and means for securing the same to the body of the stamp; and the invention will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hand-stamp provided with one form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same, showing the removable slide partly withdrawn.

Referring to the several parts by their designating-numerals, 1 indicates the body of an ordinary hand-stamp. To the lower end of this body is secured the holder 2, which consists of a small metal plate which is formed with the downwardly and inwardly bent side flanges 3 and at one end is formed with a corresponding end flange 3^a, although this end flange could, if preferred, be dispensed with; but I usually employ it to give additional security. This holder is secured to the under side of the body 1 by having small lugs or ears at its sides and ends, through which small screws 5 pass into the body 1 of the stamp, as shown in Fig. 1.

6 indicates the removable slide, the edges of which are beveled to adapt them to fit inside of the retaining-flanges 3 3^a of the holder 2, and this slide is preferably formed at one end with a small notch or recess 7, into which the finger-nail is inserted to draw the slide out of the holder.

Any number of slides desired may be employed bearing different names, numbers, or titles in any suitable kind of type, or, as shown in Fig. 2, a series of opposite inwardly-extending catches 8 may be struck up out of the body

of the holder adapted to receive a narrow strip 9, bearing any desired word upon it in type. Thus, for example, the holder proper may have on its upper part the words "First National Bank" and on its lower end the word "Pennsylvania," and a series of the narrow strips 9 may be employed, each one bearing upon it the name of a city in Pennsylvania in which a national bank is located. By this means the name strip 9 can be readily changed to suit the purchaser and a strip bearing the name of the desired city slid in under the catches 8 of the slide.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be seen that the principal feature of my invention is the removable interchangeable slide, which can be adjusted in a moment on the stamp-body and as readily removed and replaced by a slide containing a different name or inscription. The other feature of my invention is the holder having the beveled-edge flanges in which the slide is held, the holder being adapted to be secured to any style of hand-stamp, either self-inking or the reverse.

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

In a hand-stamp, the combination, with the body 1, of the holder 2, comprising a small metal plate formed with the downwardly and inwardly extending side flanges 3 and provided at one end with a corresponding flange 3^a, and provided, also, with small lugs or ears at its sides and ends, through which small screws pass into the body 1, the removable slide having beveled edges to adapt it to fit inside of the retaining-flanges 3 3^a of the holder 2 and having at one end a small notch or recess 7, into which the finger-nail may be inserted to draw the slide out of the holder, substantially as specified.

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

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