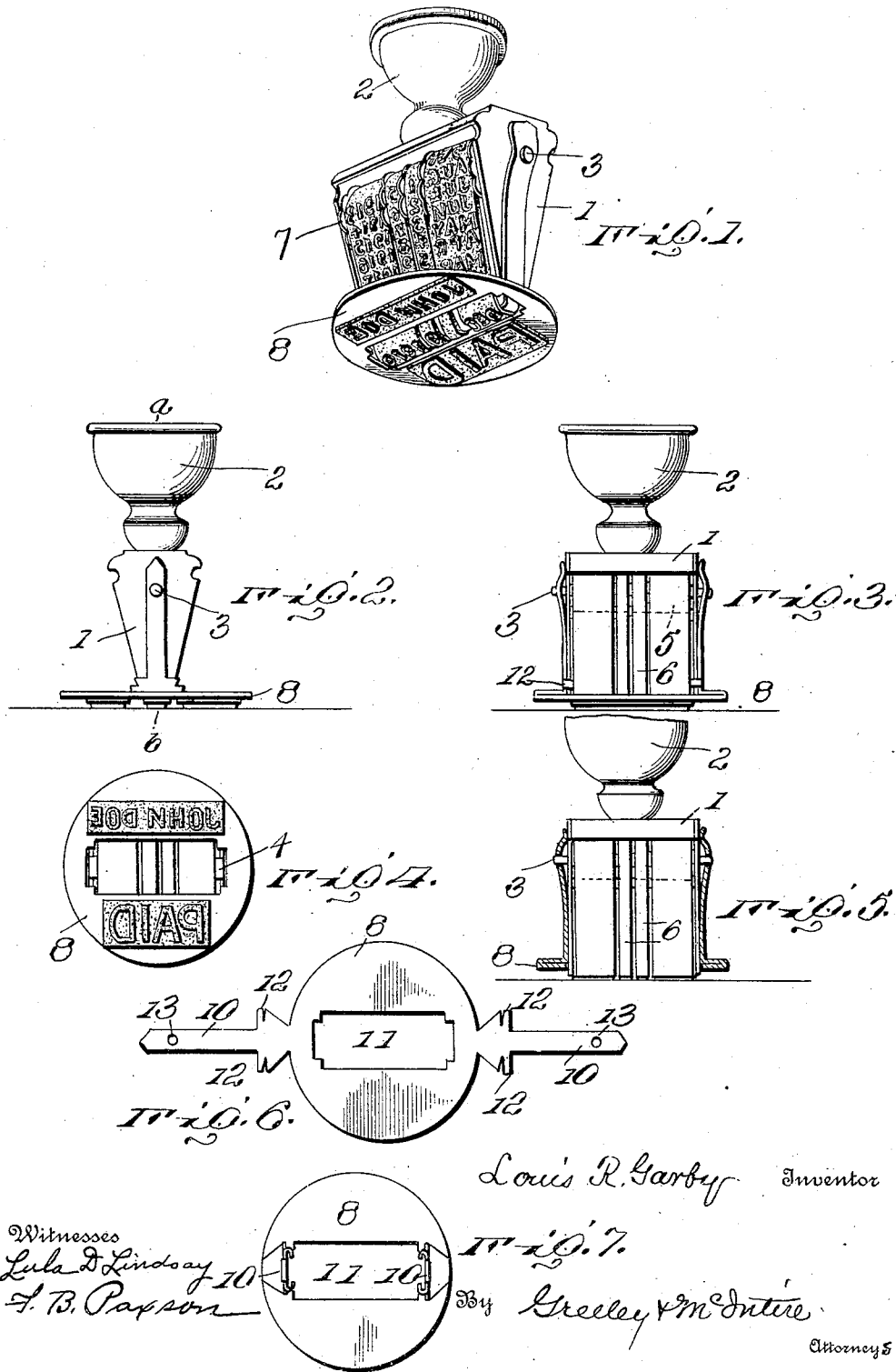


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS R. GARBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lewiston, in the county of Nez Perce and State of Idaho, 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 of that type known as "dating stamps," in which the calendar is provided by a series of rubber bands, adapted to be moved by supporting tubes mounted upon fixed shafts or supports, and provided with suitable means for moving said bands, all as is well understood.

My invention has for its object to adapt a dating stamp to be readily supplied with a member having other matter or characters thereon, and which member may be readily removed and other similar members substituted, so that a single dating stamp may be used in connection with a series of members carrying any matter other than the date.

With these ends in view, my invention consists in the combination with the frame of a dating stamp, a removable member adapted to impress matter other than the date produced by the movable rubber bands, and coincidentally with the impressions of the date characters.

In order that those skilled in the art may know how to make and use my improved stamp and fully appreciate its advantages, I will proceed to describe the same, referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved stamp; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same; Fig. 3 is a front elevation; Fig. 4 a bottom view, and Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line *a. b.* of Fig. 2. Fig. 6 represents a sheet metal blank of the base 8, before it is folded into form to be secured in position upon the stamp frame 1, and Fig. 7 is a top or plan view of the same after it has been fashioned and adapted to be secured, removably, upon the frame.

Similar reference numerals indicate like parts in the several figures of the drawing. 1 is a stiff sheet metal frame, provided

with a suitable handle 2, and 3, 4, are two fixed or stationary shafts, secured to the vertical and parallel sides of the frame 1, as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and upon which are rotatively mounted tubular sleeves 5, constituting supports for the rubber bands or ribbons 6, upon which the date characters are formed.

The sleeves on the shaft 3, are provided with suitable operating disks 7, in order that the several date characters may be changed and presented at the base or bottom of the stamp in proper relation, all as is well understood by those familiar with the construction and operation of the ordinary dating stamp.

In order to impress any given matter or characters in conjunction with the variable dating characters, I provide steel, or other suitable sheet metal members, consisting of an impression base 8, upon which any suitable printing matter may be disposed, initial, embossed, or otherwise, surrounding a diametric opening through which the characters upon the rubber bands project, and in the same horizontal plane with the characters or matter carried by the sheet metal base 8. This base 8 is produced from a sheet metal blank, such as shown at Fig. 6, with the flat portion which is designed to carry any suitable characters or printing matter, and with two diametric extensions or arms 10, at each end of an opening or space 11, through which the characters upon the movable rubber bands project, as hereinbefore stated. These extensions or arms 10, near the point of juncture with the base 8, are formed with short transverse extensions 12, which, as shown in Fig. 7, are bent to embrace and interlock with the vertical sides of the frame 1, while the extremities of the extensions or arms 10 are formed with circular openings 13, and adapted to embrace the projecting ends of the upper shaft 3, as clearly shown, so that the base 8 is held in rigid and fixed relation in an obvious manner, with the frame 1.

The extensions or arms 10 are adapted to slightly approach one another at their free ends, in order that they may have a spring action and readily embrace the projecting ends of the shaft 3 when the transverse extensions 12 have been properly located upon and embrace the edges of the vertical sides of the frame 1.

From the construction shown and de-

scribed, it will be readily understood, that
with a single ordinary dating stamp I may
provide any number of members, such as
shown at 8, so that the impressions sur-
rounding the impressed dates may be varied
at will.

Having described the construction and
advantages of my improved hand stamp,
what I claim as new and desure to secure
by Letters Patent is—

In combination with a dating stamp hav-
ing its upper shaft projecting beyond the
sides of the frame, a plate adapted to carry

additional impression matter surrounding
the dating characters, spring arms extending
upwardly from the plate, the spring arms
having apertures near their ends for re-
ceiving the ends of the shaft, and U-shaped
projections on the spring arms adapted to
fit the edges of the frame sides.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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