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Fig. 1.

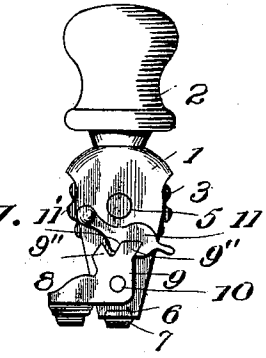


Fig. 2.

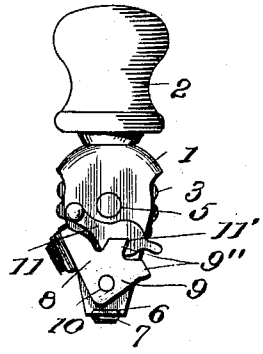
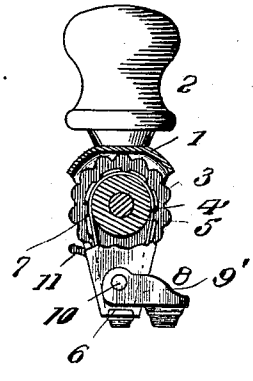


Fig. 3.



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HAND-STAMP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN B. HILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Hand-Stamps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This improvement is designed to provide a hand-stamp with a supplementary printing or die plate so arranged that it can be set in line with the ordinary printing-surface or fixedly held out of the range of the same, so that only the ordinary printing-surface will operate.

To this end the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter described and then definitely claimed at the end hereof.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an end view of a band-dater hand-stamp provided with my improvement set so as to print a name with the dates. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the dater, but having the supplementary plate thrown out of action. Fig. 3 is an end view showing the opposite end to that shown in Figs. 1 and 2, with parts represented as broken away.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by numerals, 1 indicates the frame or yoke provided with the usual handle 2, disks 3, drums 4, shaft 5, cross-bar 6, and type-bands 7, all arranged in the usual or ordinary manner.

At 8 is shown the main feature of my invention—viz., the supplementary die-plate provided with arms 9 9′, through which and the yoke pass the pivots 10, so that the plate 8 may be set to bring its printing-surface in line with the ordinary printing-surface, as shown in Fig. 1, or it may be set as shown in Fig. 2, so that only the usual printing-surface will act on the paper being stamped. In order to retain the die 8 in either position, I provide the arm 9 with two projections 9″, which engage in a recess 11′ in a pivoted dog 11, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

From the above it will be seen that I have provided a very convenient and useful stamp and one which can be used simply as an ordinary dater, or by bringing the supplementary plate into the position shown in Fig. 1 an additional line or lines may be added to the printing-surface. This will be found to be very convenient for canceling revenue-stamps, because the name or initial must be given in addition to the date. Where the name is not required, the plate 8 can be readily turned up and be held in that position by the catch, and if the name alone is required to be printed the name-plate can be readily used without the dates by holding the stamp in such a manner as to bring the name-plate in contact with the paper.

I do not wish to limit myself to the exact form of stamp described nor to the peculiar dog shown, as these may be easily varied without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I am aware that it has been proposed to attach a plate to the frame or yoke of a hand-stamp by a single pivot to enable the plate to swing away from the changeable dates on said frame for the purpose of changing said dates; but so far as I am aware no stamp has ever been made with a plate capable of being fixedly secured in either position. With my improvement the stamp can be used with the dates and name together, with the dates alone, or with the name by itself.

What I claim as new is—

1. The combination in a hand-stamp, of a yoke carrying an inscription, with a die-plate swinging on pivots at each end having their axes in line with each other, and means for holding said plate fixedly in or out of line with the yoke, either at will, substantially as described.

2. The combination in a hand-stamp, of a set of type-bands with a frame carrying said bands, a die-plate working on pivots at each end of the frame having their axes in line with each other, and means for holding said plate fixedly in or out of line with the frame, either at will, substantially as described.

3. The combination in a hand-stamp, of a yoke, a series of band-drums set therein, a fixed bar at the bottom, type-bands passing around said drums and bar, a swinging die-plate having arms pivoted to the yoke, and a dog provided with a recess to engage with projections on an arm of the die-plate, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 3d day of August, 1898.

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