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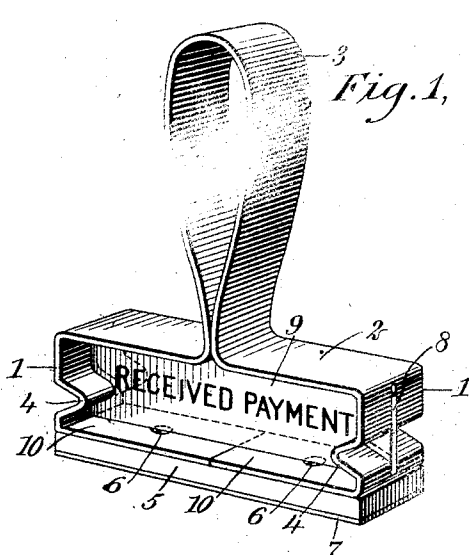


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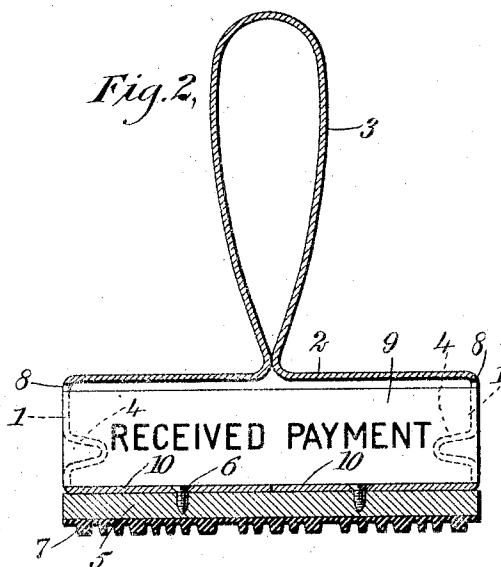


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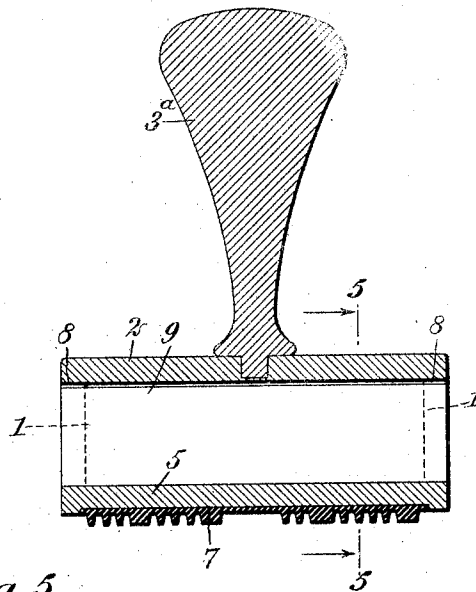
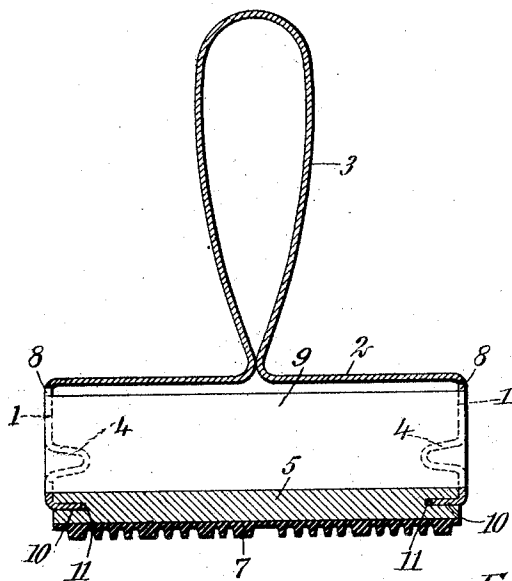
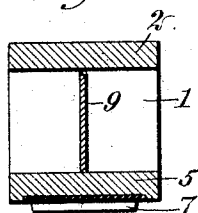


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN KIAM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and Improved Stamp, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to stamps, and is particularly useful in connection with hand printing stamps.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and efficient printing stamp which is manually operable, and which has means whereby it can be identified instantly, without necessitating the examination of the printing face thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide a stamp having a resilient body to render the making of an impression with the stamp, easy and positive, and which carries a removable identifying card so held that both sides of the card are visible.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter, and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the stamp; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the stamp; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of a stamp of modified form; Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section of a stamp of still further modified form, and Fig. 5 is a transverse section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Before proceeding to a more detailed explanation of my invention, it should be understood that the same is designed particularly to obviate the difficulty common to the stamps in general use to-day, of properly identifying the stamps without examining the printing faces or making a trial impression with the stamp. When a large number of different stamps are used, the fact that it is impossible to identify each stamp at a glance, often results in annoyance, confusion, and loss of time. Each stamp of my invention can be recognized instantly, as it is provided with an identifying card having inscribed thereon, words, symbols or the characters which the stamp prints. At the same time I provide a preferred form of stamp, the body of which is fashioned from

resilient strip material, so that in making an impression with the stamp there is a certain give to the body which permits the automatic adjustment of the printing face, and which obviates jar and concussion in applying the stamp, consequently resulting in saving the printing face from excessive wear.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, Figs. 1 and 2 show the preferred form of my invention, the body of which is fashioned from a strip of resilient material such as spring steel, iron or the like. The strip of material is bent to form the sides 1 and the top 2 of the stamp body. Near the center of the top 2, the material is formed into a loop constituting a handle 3, the sides of which lie adjacent near the top 2, and are separated toward the end of the handle remote from the top, so that a handle is formed which can be easily grasped by the hand of the user. Near the lower ends, the sides 1 have inward plicatures or bends 4 which render the sides resilient in a direction transverse of the top 2. The ends of the strip material are bent inwardly beyond the sides 1 and are arranged in one plane, as is shown most clearly in Figs. 1 and 2. The base 5 is secured to the ends 10 of the material forming the body of the stamp, in any suitable manner, for instance, by means of screws 6. The printing face 7 is secured to the base, in any convenient manner, for instance, by gluing, cementing or the like.

The sides 1 are provided with longitudinal slots 8 therethrough, which are adapted to receive an identifying member 9 consisting of a metal plate, a card or the like. The identifying card 9 is removably held within the slots 8 and extends between the sides and between the top and bottom of the stamp body. Thus both faces of the card are visible and may have inscribed thereon the identifying characters. It will be understood that this construction permits the easy insertion and removal of the identifying card. The indentations 4 of the sides 1 permit the edge of the card to be grasped between the fingers when it is desired to displace the card from the stamp body.

In the modified form of my invention shown in Fig. 3, the base 5 which carries the printing face 7 is removably mounted between the sides of the stamp body so that it can be changed or replaced at will. For this purpose, the base is provided with recesses 11 at the ends thereof which are

formed to receive the ends 10 of the stamp body. The ends 10 are shorter in this form and the sides can be sprung apart to permit the removal of the ends from the recesses 11.

It will be understood that the stamp body top is flexible and can give when pressure is applied by means of the handle 3. However, the flexibility of the top is limited by the engagement of the sides of the handle at the top and is further limited by the identifying card 9 which prevents the bending inward of the top beyond a certain point. The resiliency of the stamp body lies to a considerable degree in the sides 1, the indentations of which permit the sides to bend as the stamp is pressed against the surface upon which it is desired to print.

In the form of the stamp shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the body, which may be fashioned from wood, metal or other suitable material, possesses substantially no resiliency and consists merely of the top, the sides and the base, all the parts being integral with the exception of the handle 3<sup>a</sup> which is removably mounted in any convenient manner upon the top. The sides of the stamp body are provided with the slots 8 which permit the insertion of the identifying card 9. In this form of the device I prefer to provide the base 5 with a recess in which the printing face 7 is counter-sunk and mounted in position by gluing, cementing or the like.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A stamp, having a body provided with means for its manual operation and an opening through the body, and a flat identifying card, said body having means adjacent to said opening for holding said card within said opening whereby said card is visible from opposite sides of said body, said card having identifying marks on the opposite faces.

2. In a stamp, a body having printing means and an opening through the body, said body further having means for its manual operation and slots connecting with said opening, and an identifying card adapted to be removably arranged in said slots and extending across said opening.

3. In a stamp, a body having printing

means and a transverse opening there-through, said body further having means for its manual operation and at opposite sides slots connecting with said opening, and an identifying plate or card adapted to be removably arranged in said slots and extending across said opening, said plate or card having identifying marks at both faces thereof.

4. A stamp, comprising sides, a top having a handle, a printing base secured to said sides, said sides having slots, and an identifying plate removably mounted in said slots and arranged between said sides, said base and said top.

5. A stamp comprising a body formed from resilient material, means for its operation, printing means, and an identifying member, said body having the sides indented, and at the sides, slots extending across the indentations, said slots being adapted to receive the identifying member whereby the indentations permit the member to be grasped with the fingers to remove it.

6. A stamp, fashioned from a strip of resilient material bent to form indented sides, a top, and a handle at said top, said sides carrying a printing base and having slots adapted to receive an identifying member.

7. A stamp, fashioned from a strip of resilient material bent to form sides, a top, and a handle at said top, said sides being indented and having slots, a printing base secured to said sides, and an identifying card removably arranged in said slots.

8. A stamp, fashioned from a strip of resilient material bent to form sides, a top, and a handle at said top, said sides being indented and having slots, said sides at the lower ends thereof having inwardly disposed extremities, a printing base having end recesses adapted removably to receive said extremities of said sides, and an identifying member removably arranged in said slots.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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