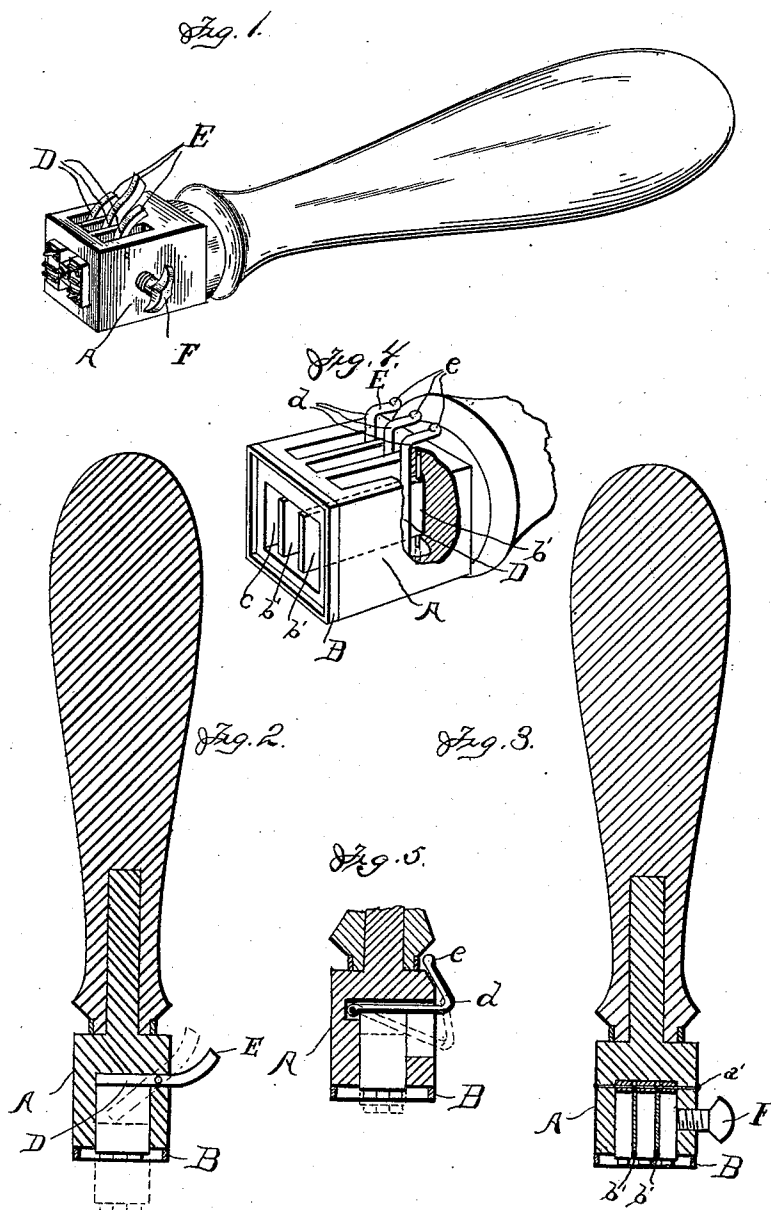


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. MOSELEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grain Valley, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Canceling and Dating Stamps, of which the following is so full, clear, and exact a description as will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section showing the position of the levers and their action upon the type. Fig. 3 is a vertical section showing the position of the pivot a' , on which the levers operate, the swinging partitions b' , and the set-screw C. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective showing slight changes in the construction. Fig. 5 is a cross-section of the device shown in Fig. 4.

The object of my invention is to provide a hand postage-stamp canceling and dating stamp in which the type may readily and quickly be removed and replaced without in any way injuring the type and without soiling the operator's fingers. It is a well-known fact that the canceling and dating stamps soon accumulate more or less gum and ink after being used awhile, and in cold weather especially it is difficult to get the pieces of type out to change dates, hours, and years, months, &c. The type in the stamps now in use is placed in the end of the stamp, where it is held by a clamp-screw, and the face of the type is about flush with the border ring at the end of the stamp. After awhile, however, the type becomes gummy and sticky, and in cold weather especially this gum and ink are sources of great annoyance and disadvantage, and at such time it is so difficult to remove the type that much time is lost, the type is more or less battered and injured, and the operator's fingers are more or less soiled by the operation.

The device which is made the subject of this application is designed to obviate these defects and consequent disadvantage; and it further consists in providing the stamp with levers, the free ends of which lie normally within and between the line of the projecting

ring of the stamp and the lower box portion of the type-receptacle of the stamp out of the way and where they will not be liable to come into contact with any object to dislodge the type, and which may be operated to readily remove any or all of the type in the shortest possible time and with the least expense of mechanical and physical force and with the least liability of damage to the stamp, type, and fingers of the operator.

In the accompanying drawings, A designates the stamp proper, which is provided with a ring B and a recessed portion C for the reception of the type. I provide the stamp with movable removers or plungers, as levers D D, having handles E E and pivoted within the stamp in such a position as to form a seat for the type when the same are in position for use, and at the same time serve as a means of removing or forcing out the type when it is desired to make any change in the matter in the stamp. This form of lever is shown as one means of operating; but they may be replaced by other equivalents without departing from the spirit of my invention. A thumb-screw F, located at a , serves as a means of holding the type in place in the stamp. The stamp may be made of any suitable material and of any suitable size and it is adapted for use with any style of type or canceling devices or characters of this kind.

In the form shown in Figs. 4 and 5 the levers are pivoted at their inner ends, and they are bent at d' and are provided with heads e , upon which the thumb or finger may be pressed to force them down and shove the type out. By using this special form of lever the upper outer end or head is normally close to the side of the stamp and out of the way, especially as shown in Fig. 5, in which the heads are shown in the recess at junction of handle proper and the recessed end of the stamp. The partitions are pivoted on pins and serve to keep the type apart and straight at all times.

Having described preferred means for carrying my invention into practice, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent, and what I therefore claim, is—

1. In a stamp of the character described, the main portion provided with a recess and pivoted levers for dislodging the characters

of the stamp one at a time at will, substantially as described.

2. In a stamp of the character described, the main portion provided with a recess and
5 pivoted levers for dislodging the characters of the stamp, the free ends of which are located within the line of the outside of a projection on the stamp in close proximity to the ends of the levers and above them, and a set-
10 screw for tightening the characters of the stamp, substantially as described.

3. In a stamp of the character described,

the main portion provided with a recess and movable pivotally-supported partitions and pivoted levers for dislodging the characters 15 of the stamp, and a set-screw for tightening the characters of the stamp, substantially as described.

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

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