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Fig. 1.

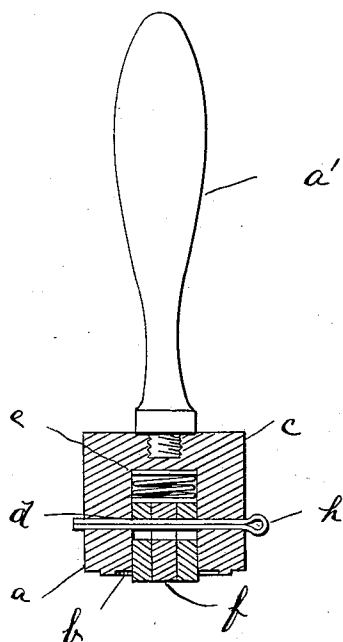
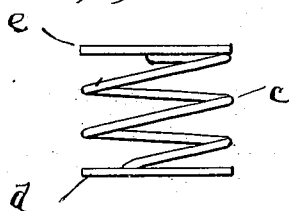


Fig. 2.



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HAND-STAMP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARBY P. DYSART, of Cornelia, in the county of Armstrong and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Stamps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in hand stamps.

The object of the invention is to produce a hand stamp, exceedingly cheap, simple, and durable in construction and composed of a minimum number of parts.

The invention consists in certain novel features of construction and in combinations of parts more fully described hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 2 is a detail view of a coiled spring with plates secured thereto to yieldingly hold the type in position.

Like letters of reference indicate the same parts in the several views.

a, indicates the die or holder of the stamp on the face of which any desired words can be affixed and *a'* the handle thereof. This die or holder has a central opening or socket *b*, in its lower end. A suitable cushion is located in the upper end of this socket, preferably consisting of a coiled spring *c*, located between and usually at its ends secured to the bearing plates *d e*. The socket *b*, is preferably, although not necessarily, rectangular in cross section and sufficiently wide to receive the desired number of movable type *f*. The type having the desired characters thereon are of such size and shape as to snugly fit in the die socket with their inner ends resting on the plate *d*, constantly forced outwardly by the coiled spring *c*, the opposite end plate resting against the inner wall of the socket. Each type is provided with a transverse slot or opening so arranged and of such size that all the openings of all the type register. A suitable retaining pin *h* is passed transversely through openings in the die and through the slots in the type as shown, there-

by retaining the type in the die but permitting limited reciprocation thereof.

With my improved device any number of type can be quickly and securely held in position by the pin, which, preferably, is a split spring pin which will serve as a handy implement in the place of tweezers when not in the die in removing or changing the inky type.

The coiled spring and plate in the die yieldingly press the type outwardly so as to project beyond the face of the die, and hence in use the force of the concussions in stamping mail, &c., are cushioned and every type is caused to make an impression, and the user can be assured of the dates, &c., of the type being visibly and plainly formed, on the mail or other matter so stamped, which is a feature of no little importance.

By using the split spring pin there is no danger of the parts becoming loose and the type falling out, which is the general complaint with hand stamps of this class now in use.

It is evident that any other style of retaining pin might be employed other than the one herein shown, and that other various slight changes might be made in the forms, constructions and arrangements of the parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A hand stamp provided with a die having a socket, a cushion therein, the type resting on said cushion and having openings, and a pin in the casing and extending through the openings in the type, for the purposes set forth.

2. A hand stamp comprising the die having the socket as described, a cushion therein comprising a coiled spring, the type resting thereon having transverse openings, and a split spring pin extending removably through said casing and type for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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