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Stencil-Plates.

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Fig. 1

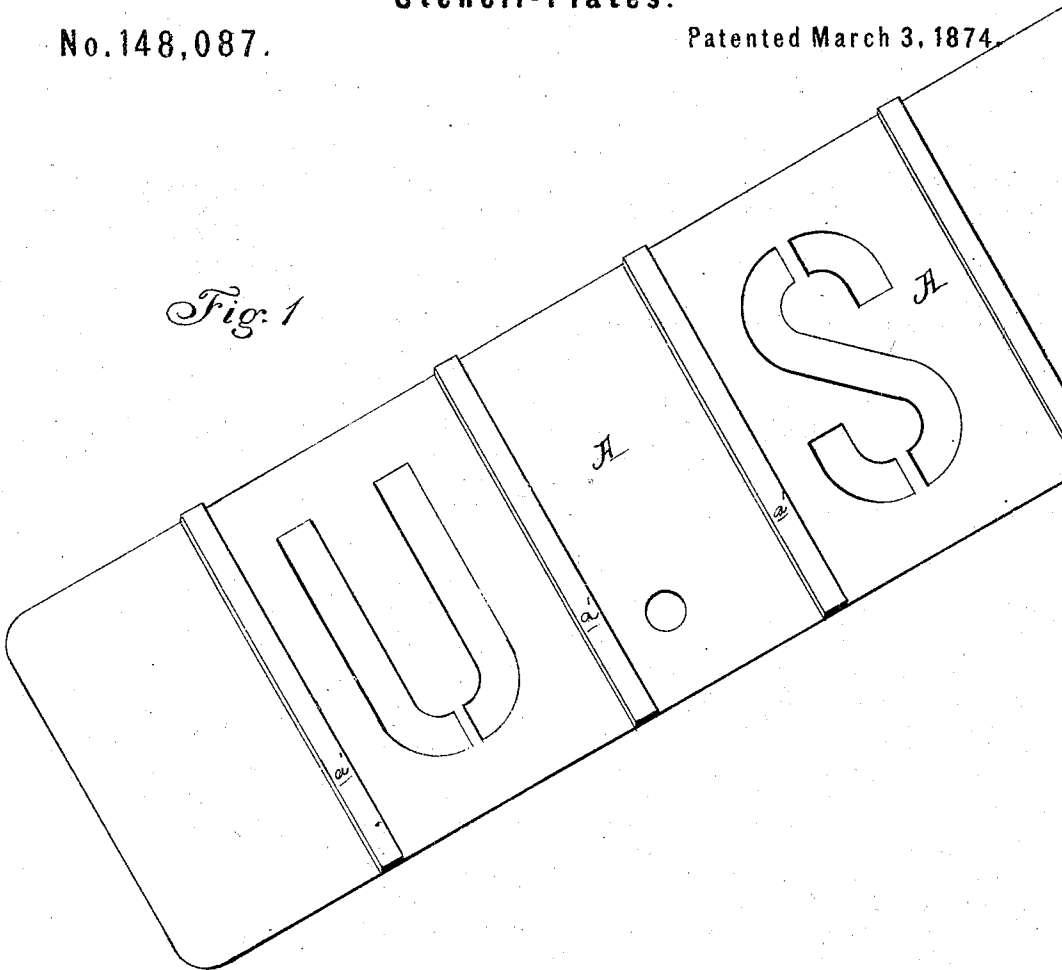
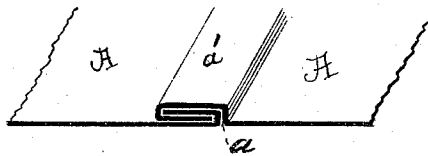


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN STENCIL-PLATES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. REESE, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Stencil-Plates, of which the following is a specification:

This invention has for its object to form the side edges of the plates of stencil alphabets with lock-grooves, by means of which any number of letters may be joined together to convert them into a stencil-plate; and it consists in the peculiar form of lock-groove formed in the right and left hand ends of each stencil, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stencil-plate made of a number of letter-plates joined together. Fig. 2 is a sectional perspective view, showing the peculiar form of joint.

In the drawing, A A represent sheet-metal plates, in each one of which is cut a stencil letter of the alphabet. At the right-hand end of each plate the edge is bent over upon itself

to form a single lock, *a*. The left edge of each plate is folded under itself, as at *a'*, and that part which forms the lock is bent or raised above the plane of the plate, so that when two plates are locked together they will lie flat upon the package or object to be marked in stencil.

With one or more stencil alphabets, stencil-plates can be quickly put together, and as readily taken apart, thereby saving the cost of special stencils to shippers and others requiring them.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The plates A, each having a stenciled letter or character, and provided with the folds or locks *a a'*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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