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STAMP RACK

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Fig. 1.

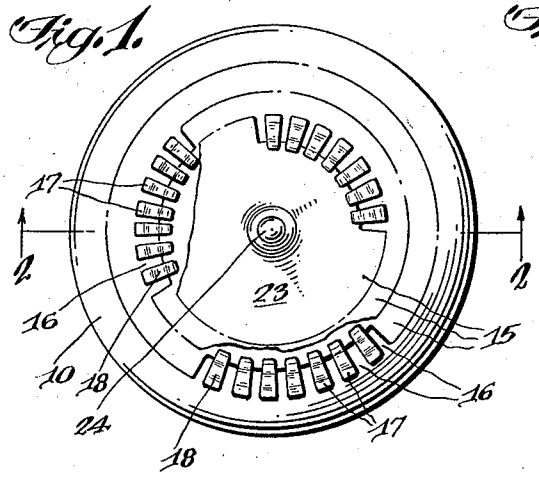
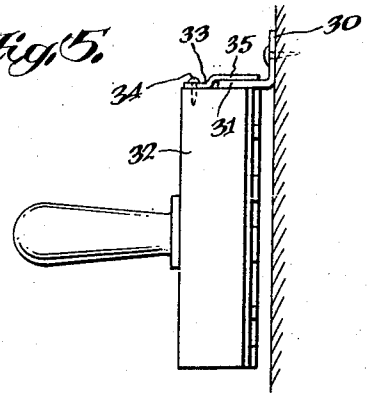


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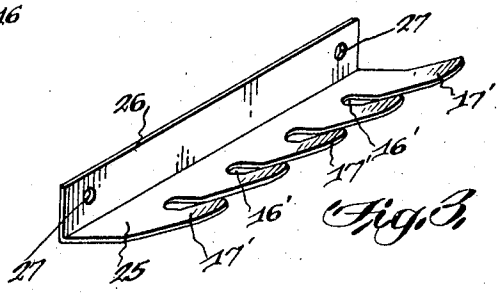
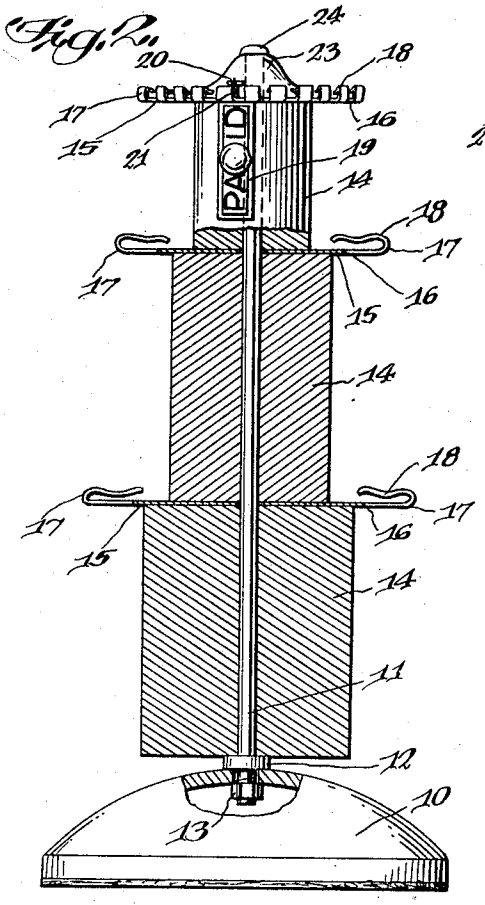


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Fig. 2.



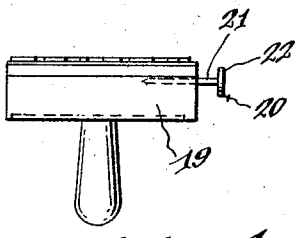


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This invention relates to certain novel improvements in racks and is particularly adapted to improvements in racks such as are used to support so-called rubber stamps.

In the rubber stamp art a so-called visible marker is increasing in use. This marker is disposed on the upper portion of the stamp on the surface to which the handle of said stamp is attached. The racks of the prior art have supported the stamps by receiving the handle and therefore it has been difficult to read the legend on the visible marker inasmuch as this legend was partially covered by the rack. It is therefore the salient object of my invention to provide a stamp rack which will support the stamps in such a position that the legend on the visible markers thereof may be expeditiously read.

Another object of the invention is to provide a stamp rack which will be arranged so that a relatively large number of stamps may be carried thereon.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a rack that will be simple in construction and economical to manufacture.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of construction and in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a rack constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2 on Fig. 1 in which certain parts are shown in elevation;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view illustrating a modified form of construction for my invention;

Fig. 4 is a side elevational view of a stamp embodying my improved attaching element; and

Fig. 5 is a side elevational view depicting a further modified form of my invention.

Referring to the drawings and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, it may be seen that a base 10 is provided which is adapted to support a vertically extending annular rod 11. The rod 11 embodies a shoulder portion 12 adjacent the lower end thereof and the portion of the rod protruding beyond this shoulder is screw threaded and extends through an opening in the base 10 and a nut 13 engages the screw threads thereon so as to secure the rod 11 in position. Disposed around rod 11 so as to be rotatable thereabout are cylinders such as 14.

The devices which are particularly adapted to support the stamps include the discs 15 which embody cut-away portions 16 so as to define outwardly extending lugs 17. In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, portions of the lugs 17 are bent back over themselves so as to define a resilient portion 18 as is best shown in Fig. 1.

By referring to Fig. 4 it may be seen that I provide on one end of the stamps 19 substantially T-shaped elements 20 which are adapted to be secured to the stamps 19 at one end thereof. Preferably the elements 20 are secured to the stamps in such a way that when the stamps are suspended from elements 20 the legend carried thereon will be readable from bottom to top so as to facilitate the reading thereof. The stamps are adapted to be supported by the discs 15 in the following manner. The vertical portions 21 of the elements 20 which protrude beyond the end of the stamps 19 are fitted into the recess 16 in such a manner that the horizontally disposed portions 22 thereof engage the resilient portions 18 of the lugs 17. These portions embody sufficient resiliency that they tend to force the end of the stamp 19 into engagement with the lower side of the disc 15 and thus the stamps are rigidly retained in position as is best shown in Fig. 1. The discs 15 are secured between the cylinders 14 which are preferably of various sizes. The upper disc 15 is held in position by a retaining member 23 that is held in position by a headed end construction 24 provided on the rod 11. When the stamps are supported in the foregoing manner, the free ends thereof will engage the outer walls of the cylinders 14 and thus they will be properly retained in position.

In Fig. 3 a modified form of the invention

is illustrated. In this instance, a portion of sheet metal is arranged so as to embody right angularly extending portions 25 and 26. The portion 26 is preferably provided with holes 27 so that it may be secured to a wall or other supporting elements. The portion 25 is arranged so as to embody cut-away portions or recesses 16′ and lugs 17′ are defined therebetween. The outer portions of the lugs 17 are preferably bent upward so as to more effectively retain the stamps 19 which will be supported thereby by inserting the portion 21 of the elements 20 into the recess 16 in such a way that the horizontally disposed portions 22 will be supported by the lugs 17′. When the stamps are thus supported, the free ends thereof will contact with the wall to which the portion 26 is secured and thus the stamps will be held in proper position.

It is to be understood that the rack as illustrated in Fig. 3 might be arranged so as to embody the resilient portions 18 if so desired. Further, the lugs 17 might be arranged similar to the lugs 17′ and thus the resilient portions 18 might be dispensed with and the discs 15 arranged in the manner shown in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 5 a modified form of construction for my invention is depicted. In this form of construction a substantially L-shaped strip 30 is adapted to be secured to a supporting structure such as a wall in such a manner that the leg 31 thereof will protrude outwardly from said supporting structure at substantially right angles thereto. On the end of the stem 32 a clip 33 is attached by any suitable securing means such as the tack 34. The clip 33 is preferably formed of resilient material and includes an offset portion 35 which, when the stamp is adapted to be secured to the rack 30, is adapted to be fitted over the leg 31 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 5 and thus the stamp 32 is detachably supported by the bracket 30 in a manner such that the legend of the visible marker may be readily read.

It is apparent from the foregoing that I have provided a stamp rack which will support so-called rubber stamps in a manner such that the legend carried thereon may be expeditiously read so that the proper stamp may be selected in a very expeditious manner. It is to be understood that the racks as illustrated in Fig. 3 may be made of any required length. Further inasmuch as the cylinders 14 are rotatably supported by the column 11 they may be turned until the proper stamp is in view and in this way the selection of the stamps is greatly facilitated.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification, without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A supporting member comprising a relatively flat plate having a plurality of inwardly extending recesses provided on the periphery thereof defining lugs, said lugs having portions bent upwardly and rearwardly so as to extend parallel but spaced from portions of said lugs between said recess whereby to provide resilient clips between which headed supporting members may be inserted whereby the members attached to said supporting members will be clamped against the lower side of said lugs by the upward action of the rearwardly bent portions of said lugs on the heads of said headed supporting members.

2. A stamp rack comprising a base member having a standard extending upwardly therefrom, cylinders mounted on said standard in superimposed relation for rotative movement about said standard, said cylinders being of successively smaller diameter upwardly from said base, supporting plates secured between said cylinders and extending outwardly beyond the peripheries thereof, and means on said plates for retaining members mounted thereon, said plates having lugs provided around the peripheries thereof and having recesses formed to extend into said plates, said lugs including portions at the ends thereof bent upwardly and rearwardly thereover in spaced relation therewith to provide resilient clips, said resilient clips serving to act on the headed ends of supporting members arranged in said recesses to retain articles on said supporting plates connected to said supporting members.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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