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Fig. 1.

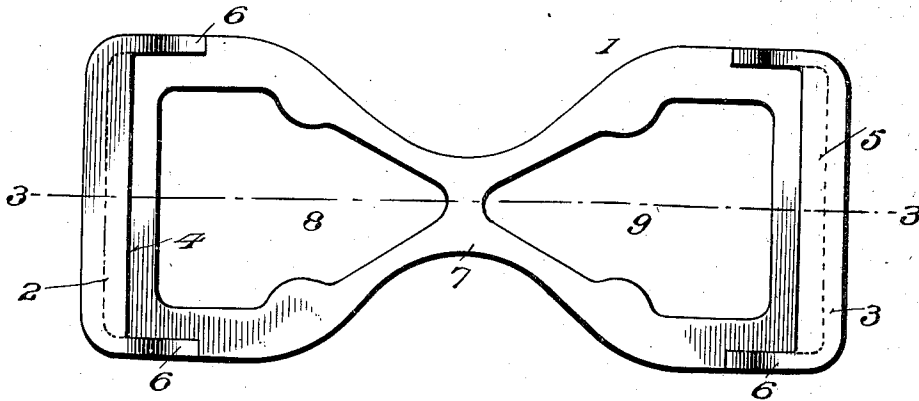


Fig. 2.

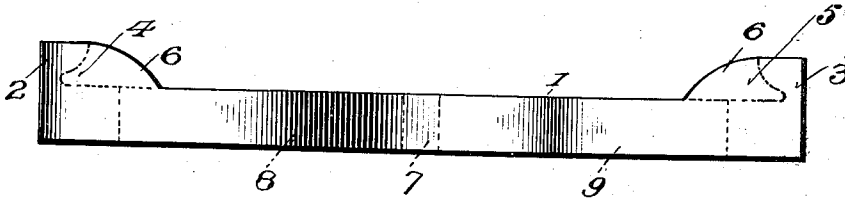
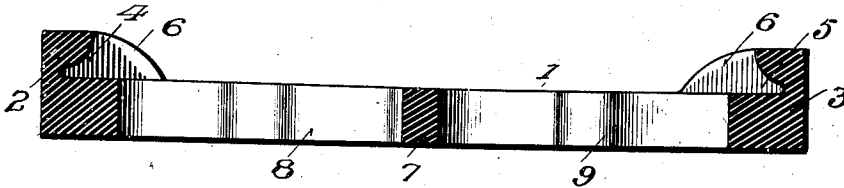


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. ALBAUGH, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mats for Ticket or other Stamping Devices, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is a cushion or pad for ticket or other stamping devices, to which the stamp is readily and securely attached without the employment of separate attaching means.

Stamps of the class mentioned are usually provided with cushions or pads to prevent their injuring the table or desk on which they rest, to avoid the noise and jarring otherwise incidental to the operation of the stamp, to make a clearer impression on the ticket stamped, and to prolong the usefulness of the stamp. Such pads are commonly flat mats of rubber or similar material on which the stamps rest without any means of attachment thereto. Such a mat, although simple, has the fault that the stamp in operation tends to work off the mat, and also that both the mat and the stamp must be seized when the position of the latter on the table is changed. Special means of attaching the mat to the stamp have been devised, but such means are for the most part troublesome and unreliable. Continuous flanged elastic bands have also been used for this purpose, but these have no durability and at their best do not answer the purposes of my invention.

In my invention I have discarded the flat mat, and instead have a mat or shoe of rubber or other suitable cushioning material, shaped to securely engage and interlock with the base plate of the stamp when in use. The pad is preferably of resilient or flexible material, whereby the stamp-holding portion of the pad may be bent or stretched over the base of the stamp. Furthermore, the shape or design of the pad is such that the flexible action of the material, in placing or removing the pad, is assisted, without depriving the pad of such rigidity as is necessary to secure attachment to the stamp.

Having set forth the general objects and

nature of my invention I will now describe an embodiment of the same in detail in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a plan view of the top of my improved stamp cushion. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a detailed view in section along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, the base (1) of my device is shown provided at either end with the upward extending stamp retaining flanges (2 & 3). These flanges are shown as an extension of the material of the base at either end thereof to about twice the normal thickness of the base. These end extensions are recessed, as at 4 & 5, to form pockets by means of which the extensions or flanges engage and interlock with the base of the stamp. The upper walls of the recess are preferably sloped inwardly at an angle to the base and are curved to snugly fit the base of the stamp.

In attaching the cushion to the stamp the base and flange of the device are bent until the flange slips over the end of the base of the stamp and the latter engages the pockets 4 & 5.

In order that the device may be flexible, and without any waste of material have the proper strength it is preferably shaped as shown in Fig. 1, as of substantially 8-shape, the sides being curved inwardly to the center 7 which forms a sort of connecting tongue between the stamp engaging portions, and the base is cut away as at 8 and 9.

The device is preferably of a single piece and of rubber. Other material and other shapes may, however, be easily adopted to accord to the taste of the manufacturer and the style of stamp with which the device is employed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A mat for stamping devices broadened and interiorly cut away at the ends, and intermediately reduced, having an upward extension at each end undercut to receive the base of the stamping device.

2. A mat for stamping devices of substantial thickness and composed of resilient ma-

terial, having an upward extension at each
end undercut to receive the base of the
stamping device, the mat being interme-
diately reduced so that it may be easily bent
5 to bring the edges of the base of the stamp-
ing device within the undercut portion, sub-
stantially as described.

Signed by me at Baltimore, Maryland, this
9th day of November, 1906.

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