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Canceling Stamp.

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Fig: 1.

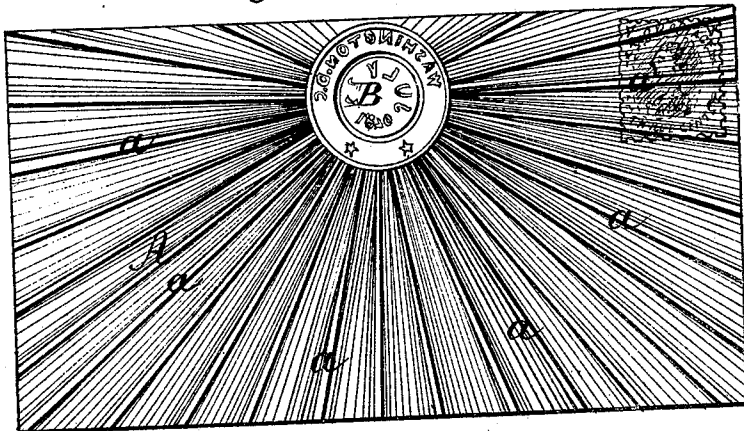


Fig: 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CANCELING-STAMPS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. DONNELLAN, of Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp for Canceling Postage-Stamps; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a "stamp" for canceling postage-stamps, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view; and

Figure 2, a side view of my improved stamp.

A represents the stamp, made of any suitable material, and about the size of a common letter envelope.

In the center of the upper side of this stamp is the usual post-office stamp, B, denoting the name of the post office and the date.

From this post-office stamp any desired number of

lines, *a a*, radiates, as shown in fig. 1, so as to cover the entire surface of the envelope. These lines are fine enough so as not to deface any of the writing on the envelope, but still sufficiently distinct to cancel the postage-stamp wherever the same may be placed.

This entire stamp may be used in various ways. For instance, by hand, in the same manner as the usual hand-stamp; or it may be used in a machine like a printing-press, the stamp moving to and from the letter; or the stamp may be on a revolving roller, the letters being fed to the machine in rapid succession.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

A stamp for canceling postage-stamps, having a series of lines radiating from the post-office stamp, and covering the entire, or almost the entire, surface of the envelope, as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of July, 1870.

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