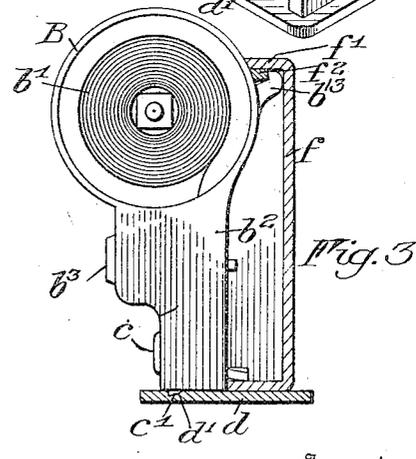
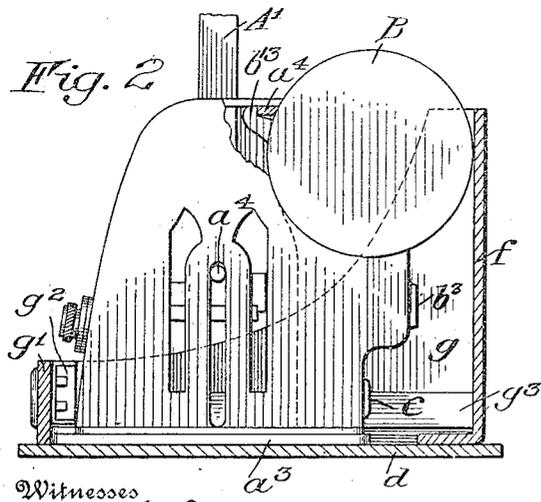
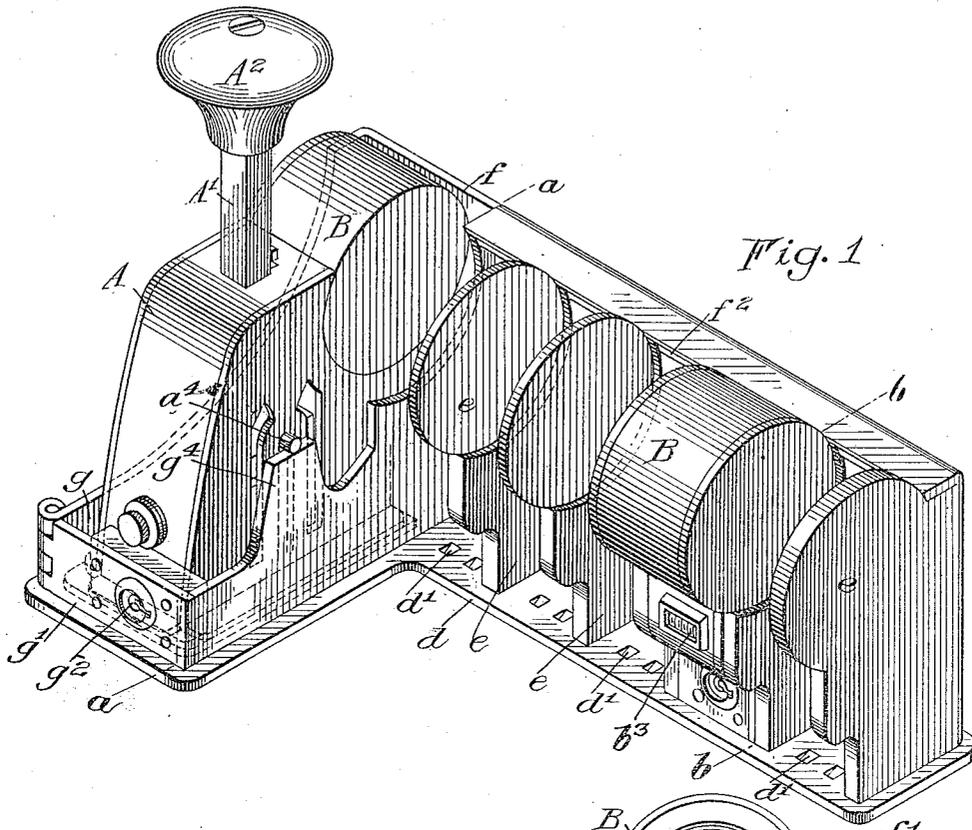


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE STUART BATES, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Affixer Cabinets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference-numerals marked thereon.

My present invention has for its object to provide a cabinet or receptacle adapted to be employed with machines used for affixing stamps or labels in which the latter are mounted in a removable container or compartment, whereby the container may be held and locked to prevent access to the stamps when the container is removed from the affixer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cabinet with a plurality of stalls or compartments, one for containing the affixing machine itself and the others providing places for the retention of a plurality of stamp containers for use with a single affixer which may be supplied with stamps of different denominations.

To these and other ends, the invention consists in certain improvements and combinations of parts, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device constructed in accordance with my present invention; Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view thereof taken on the line  $a-a$  of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a similar view taken on the line  $b-b$  of Fig. 1.

Similar reference numerals throughout the several figures indicate the same parts.

My present invention is adapted to be used with a stamp affixer or label applying mechanism such as that shown in Patent No. 1,012,021, granted to W. F. Schweiger and B. D. Straight, dated December 19, 1911. The type of apparatus shown in said patent is one consisting of the main frame

or casing A provided with an affixing mechanism operated by the reciprocatory movement of the shaft A' fitted with the operating knob A<sup>2</sup> and the detachable or demountable stamp case B containing the roll or cartridge of stamps or labels  $b'$ , and from which they are fed by suitable mechanism through a guideway extending downwardly from the receptacle and inclosed within a depending hollow leg portion  $b^2$  attached to the container. The latter part is adapted to fit within the frame of the casing of the machine A and in addition to the stamp guideway it also contains the counter or register  $b^3$ , by which accurate count is obtained of the number of stamps discharged from the machine, and the key lock  $c$  having a spring bolt  $c'$  which engages in a suitable recess or depression formed in the base  $a^3$  of the affixer. In addition to the lock just described, the stamp receptacle or container is secured to the frame of the machine by hook-shaped projections  $b^{13}$  which cooperate with a shoulder or abutment  $a^4$  on the exterior of the top of the casing A, as shown in Fig. 2. In a machine of this character the responsibility for the disposal or use of the stamps is vested in a single party who is provided with a key to the lock  $c$  and the supplying of stamps to the container B can only be accomplished by the holder of the key, while the removability of the stamps, or the disposing of them, is possible only by the reciprocation of the affixing mechanism and their consequent registration by the counter  $b^3$ .

In order to obviate the necessity of employing a separate complete machine for each denomination of stamps which may be used in one office or mail room, I adopted the idea of employing or supplying with a single affixer a plurality of interchangeable containers supplied with rolls of stamps of different denominations. To prevent the unauthorized removal of the stamps from such containers when they are detached from the machine, I have provided a suitable cabinet in which they may be locked, said cabinet being divided into compartments or stalls

forming the counterpart of the open side of the affixing machine and into which said containers fit the same as they do when applied to a machine where they are locked against removal until the key is inserted in the lock.

The cabinet preferably comprises a base or bottom  $d$  and a series of outwardly extending partitions  $e$  across the rear sides of which extends the backing  $f$  and having at the top the covering piece  $f'$  having on the under side the lugs or projections  $f^2$  with which the hook members  $b^{13}$  on the container are adapted to engage. The base  $d$ , it will be observed, is provided with recesses  $d'$  arranged between the partitions and adapted to accommodate the bolts  $c'$  of the locks when the containers are fitted therein, as shown in Fig. 3. At one end of the cabinet I provide an enlarged compartment  $g$  in which the whole machine may be inserted when not in use and retained against removal by a door or gate  $g'$  fitted with a suitable lock  $g^2$  which is preferably capable of operation by the same key as are the other locks  $c$  of the various stamp containers. The lifting of the affixing machine bodily out of its compartment  $g$  may be prevented in a variety of ways, but as the type of machine shown is provided with the base  $a^3$  having laterally projecting edges suitable guides  $g^3$  are shown extending over the edges of the base and permitting the machine to be inserted and removed only when the door  $g'$  is opened.

In a stamp affixing machine comprising the vertical reciprocatory parts which are actuated by a shaft such as that indicated by  $A'$ , it is also desirable to prevent the operation of the latter when the machine is placed in the cabinet, and to this end I provide at one side of the machine a laterally projecting rod or pin  $a^4$  attached to the shaft  $A'$ , or some part of the mechanism controlled thereby which, when the machine is placed in the cabinet, projects over an upwardly extending lug or finger  $g^4$  on one of the partition walls of the cabinet, as shown in Fig. 1.

A cabinet embodying my present invention possesses the advantage that it increases the facility with which a single stamping machine may be employed for distributing or affixing stamps of different denominations, and it is also desirable in that it provides further means by which the record of the stamps, appearing on the registers of the different stamp containers, may be relied upon as accurate, thus protecting the owner of a machine against unauthorized removal of the stamps and affording the user, or person intrusted with the authority of holding the key, assurance that the only stamps removed are those which are ejected by the mechanism which feeds and affixes the

stamps to the articles to which they are to be applied.

I claim as my invention:

1. The combination with a stamp affixer comprising a stamp affixing mechanism and a detachable stamp container, of a cabinet having a plurality of compartments each adapted to receive and secure a stamp container which is itself adapted to cooperate with the affixing mechanism and interchangeable with the containers in other compartments.

2. The combination with a stamp affixer comprising a stamp affixing mechanism as one element and a detachable stamp container as a second element, of a cabinet adapted to secure against unauthorized removal therefrom a plurality of said containers in position for independent selection and use interchangeably with each other on said affixer.

3. The combination with a stamp affixer comprising a stamp affixing mechanism and detachable stamp container provided with a lock which secures it to said affixing mechanism when in use, of a cabinet adapted to receive a plurality of said containers and provided with means whereby each of the containers is independently secured in the cabinet by its respective lock.

4. The combination with a stamp affixer comprising a stamp affixing mechanism as one element and a detachable stamp container fitted thereto as a second element, of a cabinet having an open side which is the counterpart of the portion of the container which connects with the affixing mechanism, said cabinet being adapted to receive and support the container when not in use on the affixing mechanism.

5. The combination with a stamp affixer comprising a stamp affixing mechanism as one element and a detachable stamp container as a second element, of a cabinet having a compartment in which the affixing mechanism may be secured and provided with other compartments in which a plurality of said second elements may be independently secured against unauthorized removal when not in use.

6. The combination with a stamp affixer casing, an affixing mechanism having a movable member projecting exteriorly of the casing and a stamp container detachably fitting the casing to render the stamps therein accessible, of a cabinet comprising a compartment for the affixing mechanism having a projection interlocking with the exteriorly projecting member to prevent the operation of said mechanism, said cabinet further comprising an additional compartment for holding a second stamp container and rendering the stamps therein inaccessible.

7. The combination with a stamp affixer

comprising a stamp affixing mechanism and detachable stamp container provided with a lock for securing it to said affixing mechanism when in use, of a cabinet adapted to receive a plurality of said containers provided with a plurality of means for independently engaging the locks of several of the containers to independently secure them within the cabinet.

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