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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:

I, WILLIAM A. WHEELER, of New York city, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stamping and Canceling-Machines; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which enables others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvement in stamping and canceling-machines, and consists in an improved arrangement of stamp and canceler by which the date is affixed on revenue and other stamps, and also which are so cut or defaced as not to be of use again.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation, part in section.

Figure 2 represents a front elevation.

Figure 3 represents a plan or top view.

Figure 4 represents a back view of the stamp, detached.

Figure 5 represents a cross-section of the same.

Figure 6 represents a face view of the same.

Similar letters refer to like parts in the drawings, in which—

A is the stand or frame of the machine, which can be secured to any suitable place.

B is the handle by which the stamp C is operated.

On the end of this stamp is fastened and fitted into it the dates and the canceling device, plainly shown in figs. 1, 4, 5, and 6.

Immediately under the center of the stamp C is arranged a piece of rubber or other soft material, shown at D, fig. 1, which is secured to the frame A.

Over D is arranged a thin plate, E, fastened at its back end by screws *f*, and having a hole, G, cut through, which allows the stamp to pass through, when used.

Fastened to the front end of the stamp C is a shield or guard, H, figs. 1 and 2, the lower end of which has a little lip, I, projecting under the plate E. The object of this shield is to prevent the articles to be stamped and canceled from slipping above the plate E.

At the back end of the stamp C is fitted and arranged a dial, K, figs. 1, 4, 5, and 6, having on its face the names of the months, and held in its position by a screw, L.

At the upper side of the dial is arranged a small plate or detent, *m*, let into the stamp, having a pin, N, on one side for holding it in its plate, and a small projection, O, on the other side for holding the dial-plate K until set around to the next desired month; which is done by pressing the small button P inward, thereby compressing the spring Q, fig. 5, which, when relieved from pressure, throws the projection O into gear with the dial by entering one of the little holes *a a a*, shown in figs. 4 and 5.

The inking-roller S, figs. 1 and 3, is covered with cloth or other suitable material, and is held by the spring *r*, so as to allow the roller to yield when the stamp is revolved against it.

On the forward end of the handle B are arranged two coiled springs *b b'*, one on each side, around the hubs *e e'*, figs. 1 and 2, for the purpose of holding the stamp-face against the roller and also the handle B in an upright position when not in use.

The canceling device T is plainly shown in figs. 4, 5, and 6, having small projections *g* on its face, which cut and penetrate the article to be defaced. It is made of separate little strips, and can be made of any desired shape and held in place by set-screws *c*, figs. 1, 2, and 5.

The stamp is held and suspended by the pin F, fig. 1, working like a hinge, the handle B being cut out to receive the end M, fig. 1.

N is a separate piece having the number of the year upon it, and is fastened and held in position by the screw *h*, shown in figs. 1 and 2, upon the front end of the stamp C.

Having thus fully described my invention,

I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The arrangement of the stamp C with cutting or canceling device *g g*, dial K, piece N, and detent *m*, when operated in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this day of February, 1870.

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