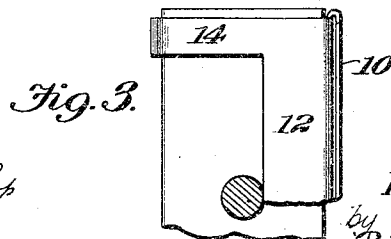
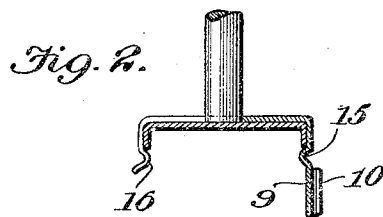
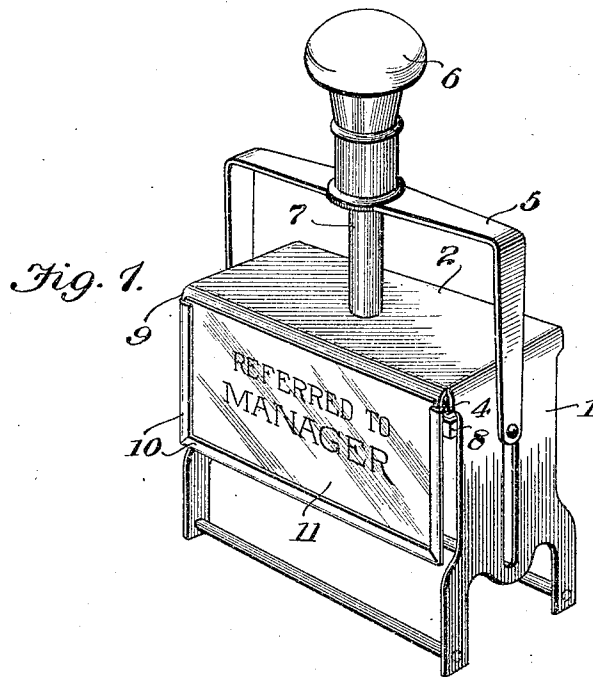


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY L. NAGEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful improvement in Stamps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective illustrating the preferred form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section illustrating a modified form of my invention. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary top view illustrating the same modified form.

My invention relates to stamps commonly used in offices for the purpose of marking papers, and has to do specifically with the provision on the stamp of an identifying means whereby the stamp may be identified among others of similar aspect.

The purpose of my invention is to provide a form of holder for a marker, which holder may either be formed as an integral part of the stamp frame, or may be formed separately therefrom and provided with means for attachment thereto.

My invention also contemplates the provision of such a device which will possess the qualities of cheapness, simplicity, neatness and stability.

With these and other objects in view, it will be understood by reference to the drawings that frame 1 of the stamp is provided with an ink pad support 2 in which is carried ink pad 4. The yoke 5 which is operated by handle 6 is slidable in the frame 1 and on the guide 7. In the yoke 5 is carried the impression plate 8 which is provided with printing type, and which is operated in the usual fashion to normally lie against ink pad 4, and when operated, to rotate and move downward to printing position. Formed integral with the ink pad support 2, and forming a portion of the blank for the stamp frame, is the indicator holder 9. This is in the form of a plain depending back portion having the edges 10 thereof turned over to form lateral and bottom grooves. These grooves are suitable for the reception of a card 11 upon which is printed the legend which the stamp is designed to print. This construction provides a very simple

container for the indicator, as it can be constructed simultaneously with the blanking and shaping of other portions of the stamp frame.

The form illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 comprises the same invention but embodied in a device separate from the stamp itself and attachable thereto. In this form the indicator holder 9 comprises a resilient strip provided with the turned over lateral and bottom edges 10 forming grooves for the reception of the indicator card. Formed on the holder 9 is a turned-over portion 12 provided with resilient fingers 14. A bead 15 is struck inwardly in the plate 9, and the ends of the fingers 14 are turned inwardly to form detents 16. In use this form is placed over ink pad support 2 so that the bead 15 engages under one edge thereof, and then the resilient fingers 14 are sprung over the opposite edge so that the detents 16 engage under the same and secure the device firmly in place.

It is obvious that my invention provides a very simple and economical form of indicator holder providing for interchangeability of the indicator card. It is obvious that this is a desirable feature in connection with stamps having movable type for changing the dates or other legends which it is desired to print.

In addition to its function as a retainer for the indicator card, the indicator holder also affords a guard to prevent papers coming in contact with the impression plate while the same is being revolved in its downward movement. This is of frequent occurrence when the stamp is being manipulated rapidly to mark a considerable pile or sheaf of papers.

I am aware that various indicators have been applied to stamps in various fashions, and to the top or back of the ink pad support in stamps having the movable impression plate. However, my invention differs distinctly from such, not only in construction, but also in function and convenience. These stamps where employed in numbers are customarily suspended on racks in front of the operator, and in this position an indicator on the top of the ink pad support is not visible to the operator, whereas the depending indicator arranged on the side is visible.

It is obvious from the foregoing that my invention provides a very simple, and at

the same time, useful and convenient arrangement whereby the stamp may be provided with proper identifying indicators; furthermore, that the device affords a protection for the stamp while in use.

What I claim is:

1. In a hand stamp including a frame and a movable impression plate, an indicator holder in the form of a rigid plate secured to the frame and depending therefrom at one side of the path traversed by the movable impression plate, said indicator holder being provided with portions for receiving an identifying legend.

2. In a hand stamp including a movable impression plate, a frame formed of an in-

tegral blank cut and shaped to provide laterally disposed leg members, a horizontally arranged ink pad support connecting the leg members, and a portion for supporting an indicator, which portion is formed on the ink pad support and bent downwardly therefrom in front of the leg members, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this 5th day of March, 1914.

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