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RUBBER STAMP ALINER.

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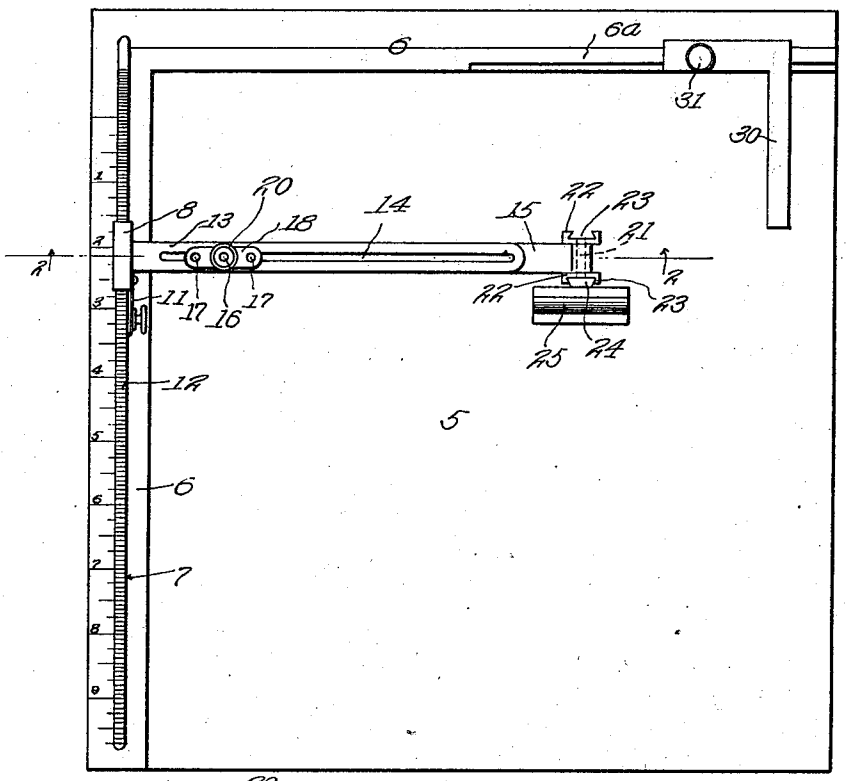
Fig. 1.



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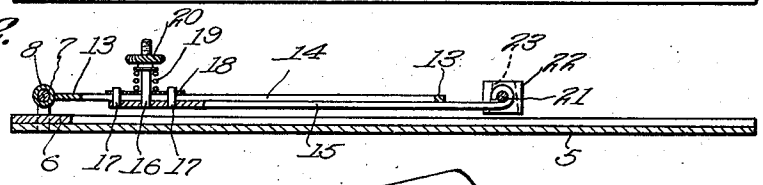

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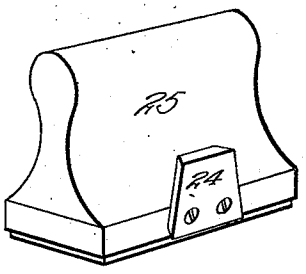

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORLANDO E. KELLUM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Rubber-Stamp Aliners, of which the following is a specification.

In the ordinary use of a rubber stamp it is difficult, if not impossible, to so place the stamp as to get a neatly alined and clear impression upon the stamped article. In cases where a large number of similar articles are to be stamped it is impossible to place the stamp in a similar position upon all of the articles. A typical example of this latter case is in the stamping of a return notice, or a change therein, on the corner of an envelop.

The present invention is designed to overcome these difficulties and to render it possible to stamp an article accurately, and also to stamp a series of articles exactly similar to each other.

The device is capable of many uses which will be realized by the user, it being unnecessary in this specification to go into those features at any length.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing a stamp equipped with the necessary fastening member adapting it for use in connection with my device.

Referring to the drawings 5 designates a base board which is preferably rectangular in form and carries strips 6 on two adjacent edges, these strips forming a raised edge for the base board and being preferably at right angles to each other. On one of strips 6 a rod 7 is mounted, this rod being raised above and extending along the length of the strip as illustrated. Along this rod is sleeve 8 adapted to slide to any desired position, this strip being provided with a scale 10 beneath the rod so that the position of the sleeve thereon may be accurately known. The sleeve is provided with a spring finger 11 whose end is bent to engage with divisions or notches 12 in rod 7. These divisions or notches may be made in any desired manner, but common screw threads form a very inexpensive and efficient means for the purpose.

Mounted on sleeve 8 is an arm 13 having a longitudinal slot 14 therein. Underneath arm 13 is a second arm 15 and a screw 16 and two pins 17 extend from arm 15 up through slot 14 and through a small friction plate 18 on the upper side of arm 13. A spring 19 under the thumb nut 20 on screw 16 holds the friction plate and arm 15 in engagement with arm 13, sufficient friction being afforded to keep the arms in any relative position under ordinary circumstances, but allowing their positions to be changed when force is applied. At the end of arm 15 a pivot 21 is provided which carries two way members 22, one at each end and at each side of arm 15. These members are provided with dove-tailed grooves 23 which are wider at the bottom than at the top and a corresponding dove-tailed wedge 24 on stamp 25 is adapted to fit into this groove. Each of the stamps designed to be used in connection with this device is provided with this wedge, so that it may be slipped into place on either side of the arm as convenience in stamping may require.

In use the stamp may be set for any position on the board and the articles to be stamped put against the two edge strips 6. The stamp is then brought down upon the article in a correctly alined position. The stamp may be inked by moving it through a half circle over rod 7 to a point on the opposite side of the rod where an inking pad may be placed. For the accurate stamping of a single article it is not necessary to adjust the position of the stamp, as the article may be alined by having its edges placed parallel to the edge strip of the device. It is only where a large number of articles are being stamped that it is necessary to adjust the position of the stamp.

Having described my invention, I claim,

1. A stamp aliner, comprising a base, strips mounted on the edge of the base, the strips rising above the surface of the base and being at right angles to each other, a rod mounted along one of the strips, a sleeve slidably and rotatively mounted on the rod, means to prevent the sliding of the sleeve on the rod, an arm mounted on the sleeve and composed of two parts held in frictional engagement with each other, and means for pivotally mounting a stamp upon either side of the end of the arm.

2. A stamp aliner, comprising a base, strips mounted on adjacent edges of the base, the strips rising above the surface of the base and being at right angles to each other, a rod mounted along one of the strips, a sleeve slidably and rotatively mounted on the rod, means to prevent the sliding of the sleeve on the rod, an extensible arm mounted on the sleeve, and means for pivotally mounting the stamp on either side of the end of the arm.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 22nd day of November 1910.

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