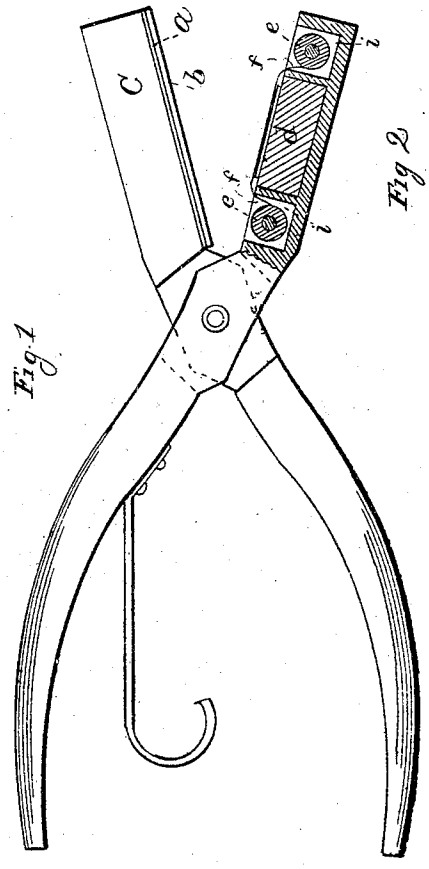
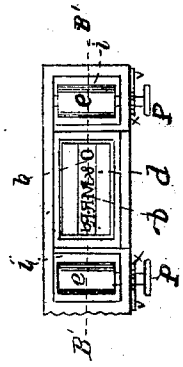
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RAILROAD-TICKET STAMP

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD SPENCER, of the city and county of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Hand-Stamp; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, showing also a section on the line B B of Fig. 2; and Fig. 2 shows the face of one of the jaws of my press.

The object of my invention is to furnish a cheaper and more portable hand stamp or press. This object I accomplish in the following manner:

I first make a pair of pinchers, as shown by Fig. 1. In the inside face of one of the jaws of these pinchers I make three cavities. In the center cavity I place the die *d*, and in each of the end cavities *i i*, I fix a roller *e*, the shafts of which project through one side of the jaw, and have collars P P made on them by which they are turned. Each shaft of these rollers has a ratchet-wheel H on it in which the ratchet *v* works. The letters intended to be stamped on the card or ticket are made on or fixed as type in the die *d*. On the rollers *e e* a ribbon *f f* is placed, so as to stretch from one roller to the other over the face of the type. This ribbon is saturated with ink and is drawn tight over the type and around the rollers by means of the ratchets and ratchet-wheels before mentioned. The ribbon is made of considerable length and wound around the rollers, by which means it can be moved over the face of the type and provide them with a fresh supply of ink. Against the face of the other jaw *c*, I fix a piece of buckskin or other soft material for the type to press against. On the side of each jaw I fix a knife, (one of which is shown by *b*,) to work together like a pair of shears. By these knives the card or ticket may be cut off at the same time the impression is made by the dies or type.

Having now described the construction and operation of my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Combining the rollers *e e*, the die *d*, and the ribbon *f f* with the jaws of the pinchers, substantially in the manner described, for the purpose specified.

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