To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR W. SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Spring Valley, in the county of Rockland and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Stamp-Holding Device, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a stamp holding device. An object of the invention is to simplify and economize the construction of stamp holders.

Another object is to provide a simple and efficient stamp holder made of parts which are substantially entirely formed out of stamped metal.

A further object concerns the provision of a device wherein the parts can be quickly and easily assembled and disassembled.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device with a portion cut away; and Figure 2 is a side elevation with a portion cut away.

The form of the invention shown in the drawings is a preferred form, although it is understood that modifications in the construction and arrangement of the parts and in the character of the materials used may be adopted without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

In the preferred form of the invention I provide a shallow cup-shaped casing 10 having a peripheral flange 11. This flange at intervals throughout its circumference is provided with a plurality of slots 12. The casing 10 is adapted to be closed by a cover 13 having a peripheral flange 14 which snugly engages the inner walls of the flange 11.

Associated with the casing 10 are a plurality of pairs of stamp-engaging spring fingers 15 suitably cut out, preferably, of spring metal. Each of the fingers is shaped alike and arranged symmetrically in pairs, as shown in Fig. 1, to afford spring means for supporting the stems of rubber stamps in the usual manner. The main feature of the invention resides in the way in which the inner ends of these spring fingers are associated with the casing 10. As shown in Fig. 1, the inner end of each finger is passed through one of the slots 12 and bent over against the inner face of the flange 11. Preferably the ends of these fingers are passed through the slots in pairs as shown.

In this way the fingers can be made separately and inserted or removed separately from the casing. This simplifies and economizes in the manufacture of the parts and also economizes in the time and labor and expense involved in repairing the device and assembling and disassembling it.

Preferably the casing 10 and the cover 13 are provided with apertures through which the stem 16 is adapted to pass, this stem being provided with a suitable ornamental head 17 and at the other end mounted on a base 18.

What I claim is:—

1. A stamp holder, which comprises a cup-shaped casing having a slotted peripheral flange, and a plurality of spring fingers disposed around the outer periphery of the casing with their inner ends passing through the slots and bent over to engage the inner walls of the casing whereby they are supported therefrom.

2. A stamp holder, which comprises a cup-shaped casing having a slotted peripheral flange, a plurality of spring fingers disposed around the outer periphery of the casing with their inner ends passing through the slots and bent over to engage the inner walls of the casing whereby they are supported therefrom, and a cup-shaped cover adapted to be pressed into the bent end of the cup-shaped casing after the fingers have been mounted in place.

3. A stamp holding device, which comprises a shallow cup-shaped casing having a slotted peripheral flange, and a plurality of pairs of separate, curved spring fingers having their inner ends in pairs projecting through the slots and bent around to clamp against the inner wall of the casing to hold the fingers in place.

4. A stamp holding device, which comprises a shallow cup-shaped casing having a slotted peripheral flange, and a plurality of pairs of separate, curved spring fingers having their inner ends in pairs projecting through the slots and bent around to clamp against the inner wall of the casing to hold the fingers in place, and a shallow cuplike cover adapted to be pressed into the open end of the casing.

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