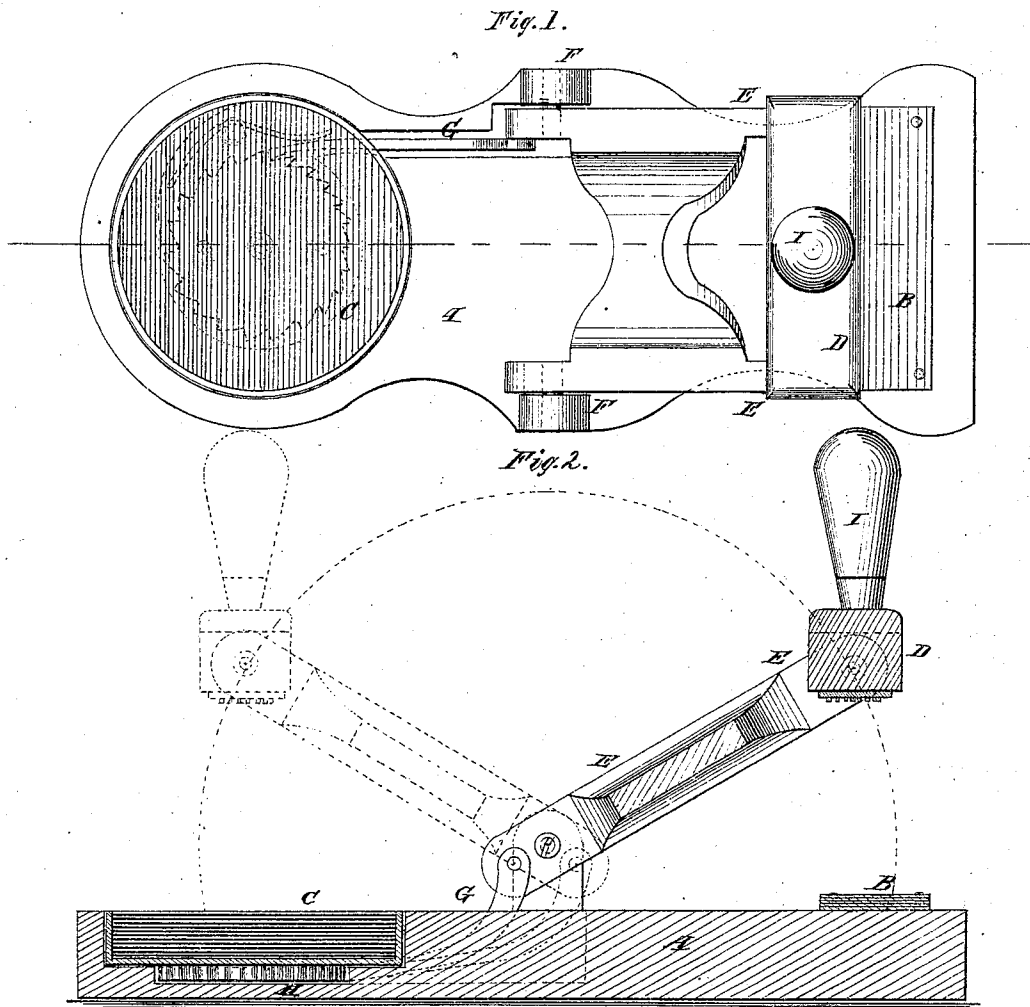


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IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-STAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. ROUNTREE, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Hand-Stamp, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a hand-stamp in which the stamp-head is pivoted between two bars at one end, which at the other are pivoted to the base-plate between the stamp-pad and the inking-pad, so that as the stamp rises up from one pad it swings over to the other, and vice versa; and one of the said bars has a pawl, which turns the inking-pad to present fresh surface to the type at each operation.

The object is to avoid the use of the expensive inking-ribbons employed in the stamps now commonly used; also, to provide simpler and more durable stamps.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved stamp, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of it.

A is the platform or base-plate, with a stamping-pad, B, at one end, and an inking-pad, C, at the other. D is the stamp-head, which is pivoted between the free ends of the bars E, which at the other end are pivoted at F to the stand midway between the pads. G is a

pawl connected to one of the bars, and arranged to act upon a ratchet, H, upon the base of the inking-pad, to turn it a short distance at each operation of the stamp, the said pad being arranged in a circular socket in the platform to allow it to turn. I is the handle of the stamp, by which it is swung forward and back between the two pads, and at the same time its face is maintained in the horizontal plane as required to strike the pads firmly. The pawl turns the inking-pad so as to present fresh inking-surface each time, and thus effect in this machine what the inking tape or ribbon in the common stamp does.

This contrivance for inking the stamp is much simpler and more durable than the aforesaid tape arrangement; for the first cost is less, and the loss by the wearing and cutting of the tapes, which is considerable, is avoided.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the swinging stamp, revolving ink-pad, stamping-pad, and the pawl and ratchet, substantially as specified.

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