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STENCIL.

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Fig. 1.

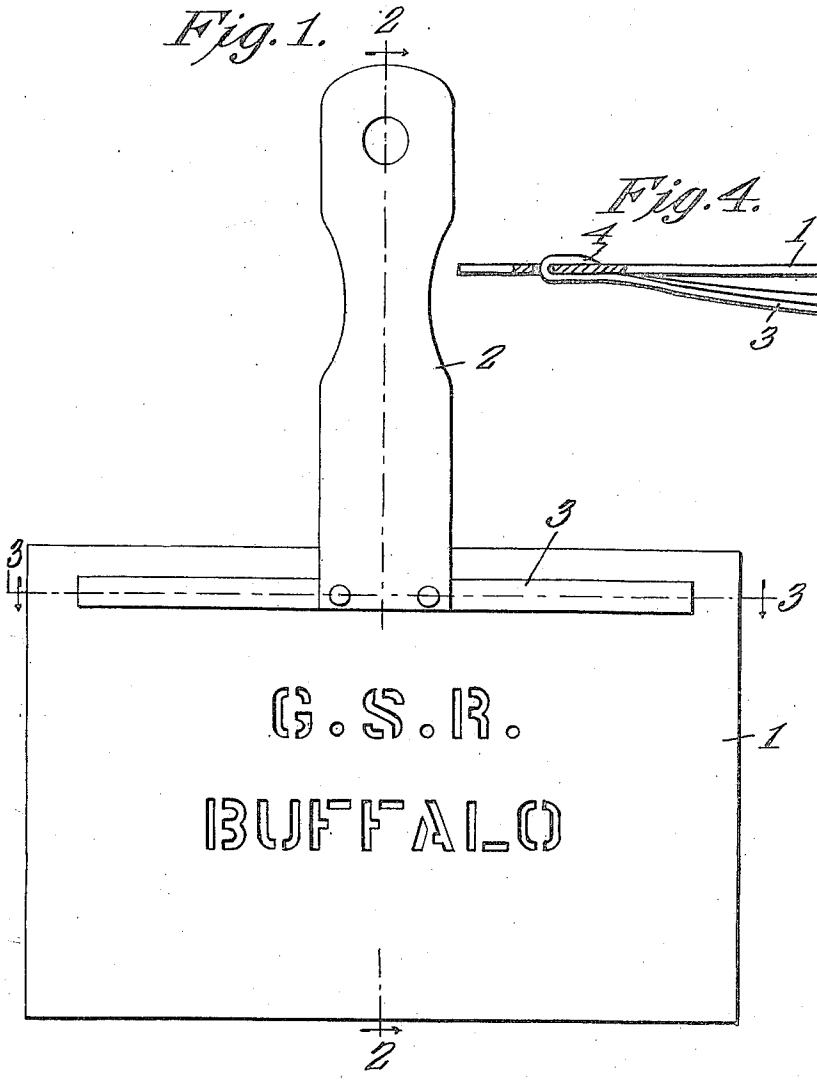
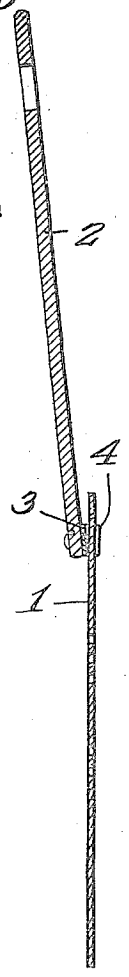


Fig. 4.

Fig. 2.



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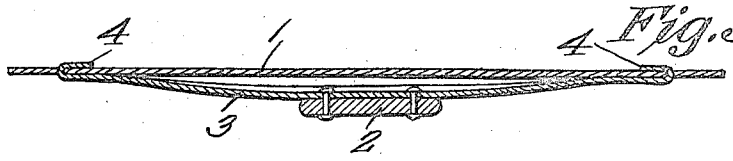

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE S. RACKLYEFT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stencils, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a stencil holder and the primary object of the invention is to provide a device for holding a stencil in contact with a bag or box of merchandise whereby the characters on the stencil may be printed upon the box or bag in a neat manner without the danger of soiling the hands of the person using the device.

A further object of this invention is the provision of a stencil which consists of comparatively few parts and is simple in construction, but durable and well adapted to withstand the rough usage to which devices of this character are ordinarily subjected.

For a full description of the invention and the advantages and merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and the accompanying drawings, wherein is illustrated the preferred form of my invention, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device applied to a stencil.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary edge view of one end of the attaching strip showing the manner of disposing the main portion of the strip at an angle to the hooked portion.

Referring to the drawing, wherein is illustrated the preferred form of my invention, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, it will be observed that the device is shown in connection with an ordinary card-board panel 1 having the stenciled characters formed for providing a means for transferring the characters to any desired surface, the said characters being perforated in the panel. A handle 2 of wood or any other suitable material is provided and the handle is attached to a strip 3 of comparatively narrow resilient material which is slightly bowed to provide a resilient attaching arm. The ends of the strip 3 are provided with sharpened points 4 which are adapted to be thrust through the panel 1 which is usually constructed of card-board or some such similar material. The ends of the strip are then bent upon themselves and lie in engagement with the back of the stencil panel as clearly shown by Fig. 3 of the drawing. It is also to be noted that the bowed portion of the strip terminates at each end at a point considerably away from the end of the strip whereby a portion of the strip at its ends lies in engagement with the front surface of the panel directly in front of the portion from which the point 4 is bent at the back of the panel thereby providing an effective gripping element for the stencil.

It is to be observed that the main portion of the strip 3 is disposed at an angle to the portions which grip the panel 1 as shown by Fig. 3 of the drawing so that the handle 2 is also disposed at an angle whereby the stencil may be placed in close contact with the article to which it is to be applied.

When applying the stencil to a piece of merchandise or other similar articles the panel will be placed upon the surface of the article at a point where the characters are to be printed. By pressing upon the handle 2 the resilient strip 3 will force the panel 1 into engagement with the article and the stretching tendency of the panel caused by the straightening of the resilient strip will cause the panel to lie perfectly flat and thereby obviate the possibility of ridges or uneven bulges occurring in the panel when it is being used.

From the foregoing it will be observed that a very simple and durable stencil has been provided, the details of which embody the preferred form. I desire it to be understood however, that slight changes in the minor details of construction may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

I claim:

1. A stencil attachment comprising, in combination, a handle, a single strip of resilient material, means for attaching the ends of the strip to a stencil panel, said handle having its end fastened to the said strip intermediate the ends thereof and projecting at right angles therefrom and beyond the edge of the said panel, the said means including bent portions of the said strip in

flat contact with the said panel, the intermediate portion of the said strip being disposed at an angle to the panel.

2. A stencil attachment comprising, in combination, a strip of resilient material bowed outwardly intermediate its ends, a portion of each end of the strip contacting with the front surface of a panel, means formed at the terminals of the strip for extending through the panel and engaging the back surface thereof, and a handle attached to the said strip and projecting at right angles therefrom.

3. A stencil attachment comprising, in combination, a handle, a strip of material secured to the handle and bowed outwardly intermediate its ends, gripping elements carried by the said strip whereby the same may be attached to a stencil panel, the intermediate portion of the said strip being transversely disposed at an angle to the said gripping elements whereby the handle will extend at an angle to the said stencil panel.

4. A stencil attachment comprising, in combination, a strip of resilient material bowed outwardly intermediate its ends, the ends of the said strip being sharpened and bent upon themselves to lie in contact with one side of the stencil panel, the said sharpened points being thrust through the panel from the front side thereof to the back thereof, the end portions of the strip lying in contact with the front surface of the panel.

5. A stencil attachment comprising, in combination, a strip of resilient material bowed outwardly intermediate its ends, a portion of each end of said strip being in close contact with the front surface of a panel, the main portion of the strip being disposed at an angle to the said end portions, the terminals of the strip being adapted to be extended through the panel adjacent one edge thereof, and bent to lie in contact with the back surface of the panel, and a handle attached to the angularly disposed portion of the said strip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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