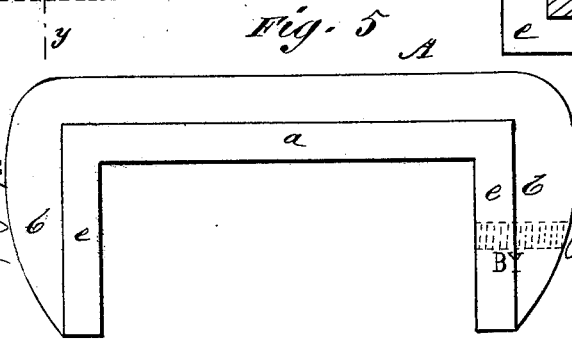
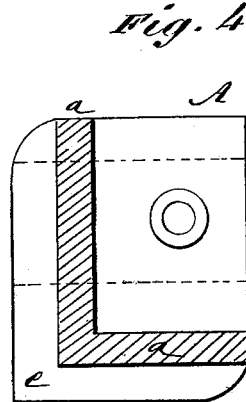
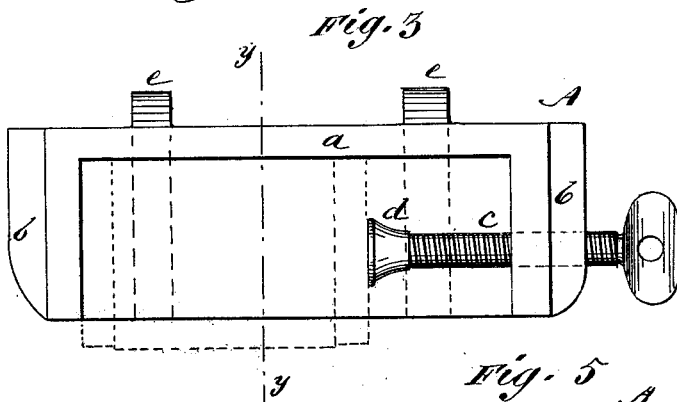
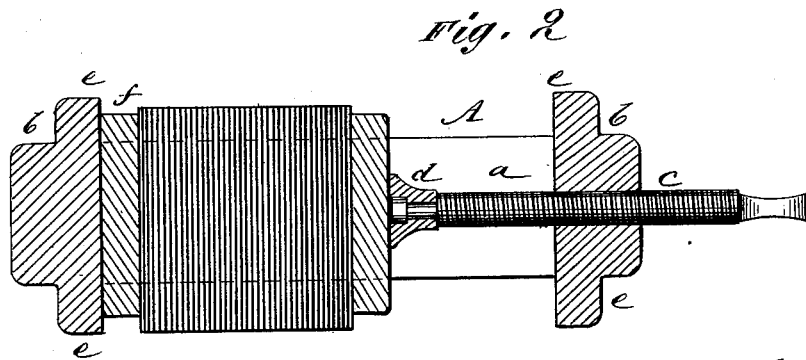
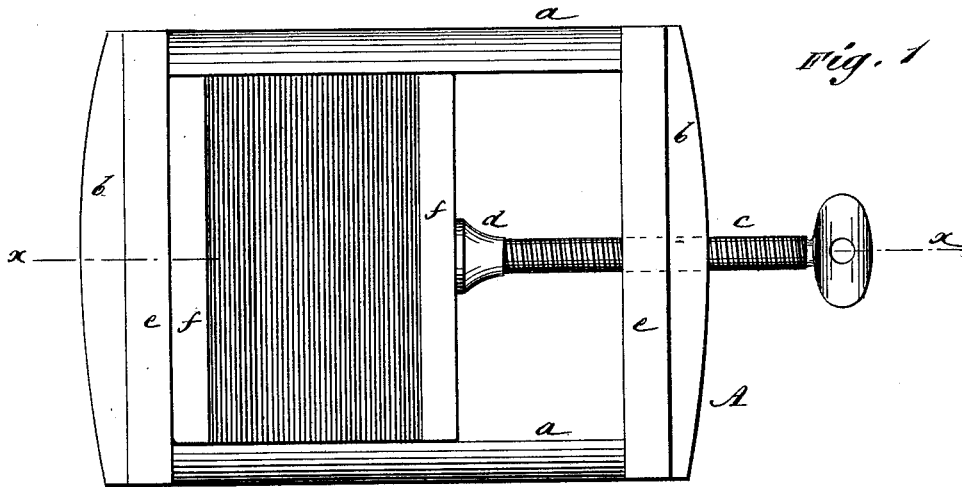


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## IMPROVEMENT IN GILDERS' PRESSES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN T. SHEPPERD, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Gilders' Press, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to furnish a simple and convenient press for the use of gilders in gilding the edges of cards, books, pamphlets, &c.; and the invention consists in a portable press fitted with a screw for clamping the articles securely, and presenting two or more of their edges so that these edges may be gilded, scraped, and burnished without removing the articles from the press. The press is fitted with flanges, whereby it is adapted for being secured in an ordinary book-binders' press.

The invention will be described more particularly and pointed out in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved press. Fig. 2 is a section of the same on line *x x*. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the press in a modified form. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the same on line *y y*. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the press as adapted for presenting three sides of the article.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, A is the press, the same consisting of a rectangular metal frame made of side bars, *a*, and end pieces, *b*, and fitted at one end with a long screw, *c*, for clamping the articles in the press. The inner end of screw *c* is fitted with a loose button, *d*, which takes against the clamping-board that is applied between the screw and articles under pressure. At each end of the press and at the open sides there are formed cross-flanges *e*, which project for entering between the clamping-bars of an ordinary book-binders' press, whereby the press A may be clamped either side upward.

The press A will be made of the desired

width and length for holding any desired number of cards, books, &c., and is adapted for being readily handled. The cards, &c., are placed in the press, as shown in Fig. 1, between end clamping-boards, *f*, and clamped by screw *c* tightly. In this manner the cards, &c., are held securely, and the two opposite sides may be readily gilded, scraped, and burnished without releasing them from the press, and after burnishing the press A is set aside with the cards, &c., until it is desired to gild the remaining edges.

In Figs. 3 and 4 the press A is formed with the two closed sides adjoining, which construction is very convenient for placing the articles in the press, and only a quarter-turn is required in changing from one open side to the other.

In Fig. 5 the press A has but a single side bar, *a*, in connection with the ends *b*, so that three sides of the article in the press are accessible. This construction is especially adapted for books, and permits the front and ends of the same to be gilded at one operation.

By the use of this press the work of gilding is greatly facilitated. It has been heretofore usual to clamp articles for gilding in the book-binders' press, which is cumbersome, unhandy, and requires considerable room for its use, while my press is light and portable, and a large number may be in use at once in the different stages of the work, and carried from place to place, as required.

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

A gilding-press for cards and similar articles, consisting of a frame and screw-clamp, the former having ends *b b*, one or more sides, *a*, and the flanges *e*, as shown and described.

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