

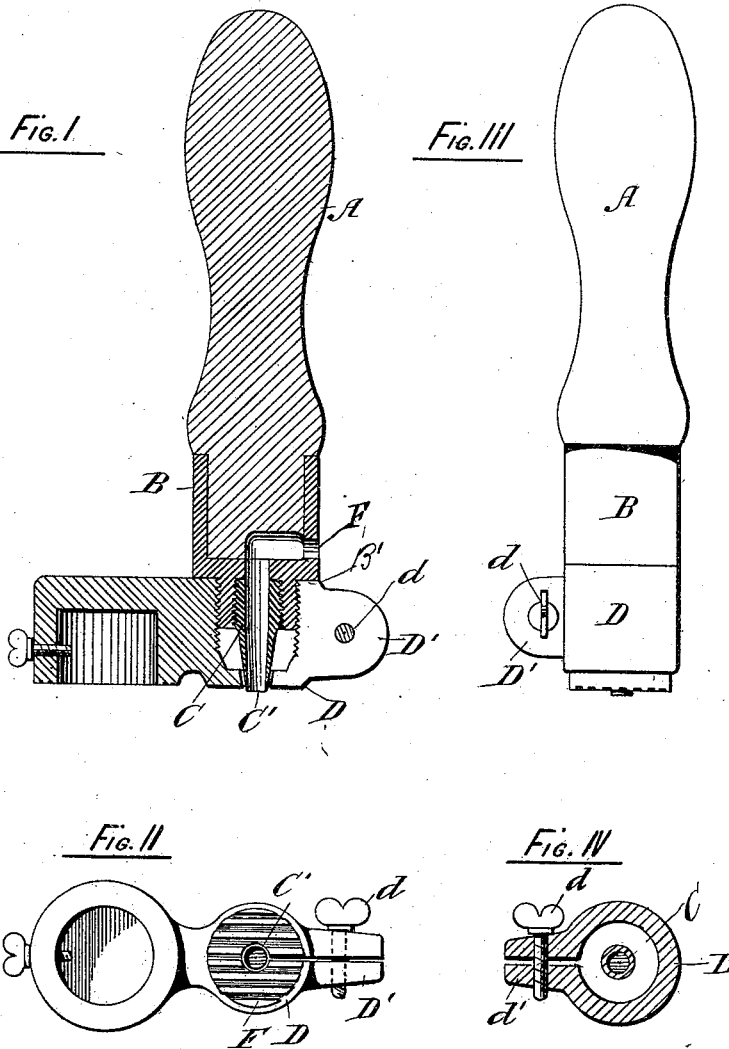
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GEORGE BANCROFT and JOHN HENRY HORSFALL, both of the city of Montreal, in the District of Montreal and Province of Quebec, Canada, have jointly invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparatus for Canceling Stamps, (for which Letters Patent of Canada, No. 22,454, were granted to us on the 16th of September, 1885;) and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

Our invention has reference to that class of canceling-instruments in which a cutting-edge formed on or carried in the canceling-plate serves to cut out a small portion of the stamp.

The invention may be thus described: Into the metal cap of the handle is screwed or otherwise set a tapered tube, the outer end of which is sharpened and forms the cutting-edge. Upon the end of this metal cap is screwed a split ring or cylinder having a head which forms the canceling-plate, through which projects the cutting-edge. Wings or lugs formed on the split cylinder and brought together by a thumb-screw serve to grip and hold the cylinder rigidly in place. A suitable passage connected with the tube on which the cutting-edge is formed allows the detached pieces of the stamps to pass up through the handle.

For full comprehension of the invention reference must be had to the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure I is a vertical section of a canceling apparatus embodying our invention, and Fig. II a plan view of same, looking up. Fig. III is a view of a modified canceling apparatus, and Fig. IV a section of the split ring or cylinder.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A is the handle proper, on which is secured the metal cap B, formed with a shoulder, B', and centrally bored and threaded to receive the threaded tapered tube C, the outer end of which is the cutting-edge C'.

D is a short split cylinder, having wings or lugs D', as shown in the drawings, threaded on its inner surface and screwed onto the end of the metal cap B.

E is the canceling-plate, secured to or made in one with D, and perforated to allow of the passage through it of the cutting-edge C', the projection of which is determined by moving the split ring D on the cap B, and then securing it rigidly at the point desired by means of the thumb-screws *d* pinching together the lugs D', and causing the cylinder D to grip the cap B. A passage, F, mortised in the handle A and through the cap B, and communicating with the tube, allows the detached portions of the stamps to pass out.

A stamp with date of cancellation may be added to or form part of the canceling-plate.

What we claim is as follows:

In an instrument for canceling stamps, the tube having a cutting-edge on its end set in a metal cap and passing through a canceling-plate secured on a split cylinder screwed loosely on said metal cap, and caused to grip same by thumb-screws working in lugs on said cylinder, all combined as herein set forth.

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