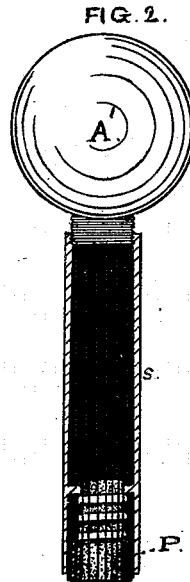
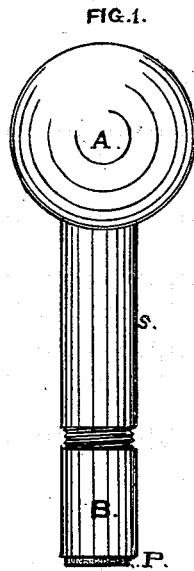


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-STAMPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HIRAM S. BLUNT, of the city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Hand-Stamps, of which the following is a specification:

Stamp-cancelers have been made with a hollow body containing ink, and a plunger or diaphragm to force out the ink; the device, however, is unreliable and likely to blot.

My invention consists in a stamp-canceler made with a tube containing ink, and a piece of sponge or other porous material at the end, that projects sufficiently to touch the stamp to be canceled when the instrument is pressed thereon, and is sufficiently elastic to yield in use, and thus supply, as required, the proper amount of ink to effectually cancel the stamp.

By this improvement the operator does not have to press the canceler upon an ink-cushion and then upon the stamp; hence, half the labor is saved, and the sponge or other porous material is packed into the end of the reservoir sufficiently to properly regulate the amount of ink passing through the same to the impression-face.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is an elevation of said stamp; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section.

The ink-tube *s* is connected with the head or handle *A*, and the sponge *P* or similar porous material is at the lower end of the ink-reservoir, and it is compressed into the tube so as to prevent the ink running out, but not so tightly as to prevent the ink soaking through the sponge to the impression-face. Said sponge projects slightly from the tube, so as to touch the stamp when the instrument is in use. The sponge may be in the screw-ferrule *B*, Fig. 2, so as to be removed for filling the ink-tube *s*, or the head *A* may be unscrewed for the same purpose.

I claim as my invention—

The hand-stamp made with an ink-tube, *s*, a head or handle, *A*, and a filling of sponge or similar porous material at the lower end of the ink-tube, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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