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Type Holder.

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Fig. 1.

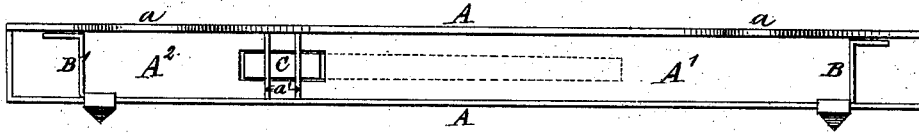


Fig. 2.

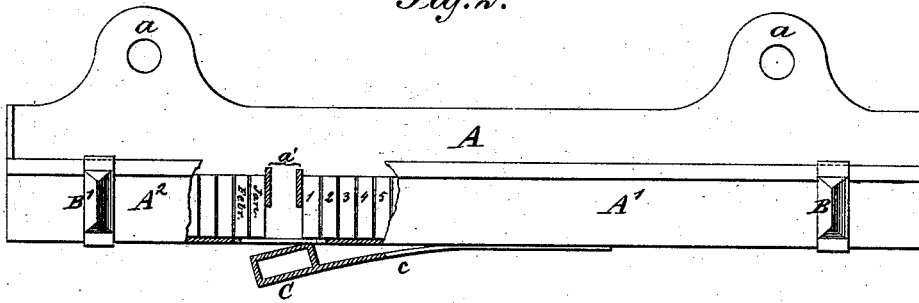


Fig. 3.

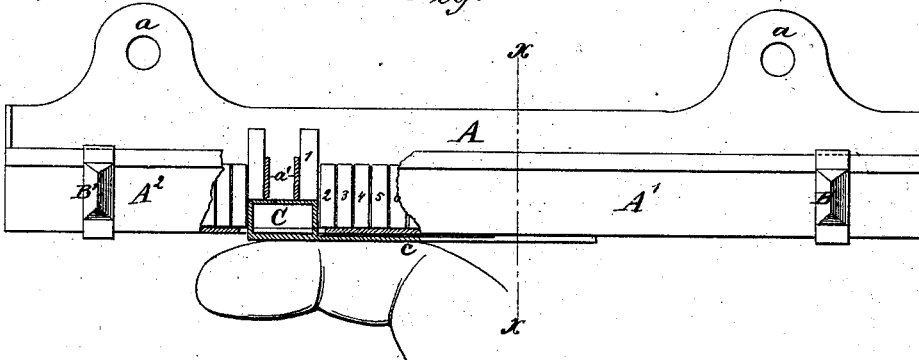
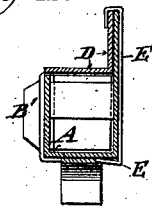


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TYPE-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS P. TAYLOR, of South Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Type-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient device for holding and facilitating the changing of such types which, in use, recur in the same numerical or other order, such as the types for the names and dates of the months, used in hand-stamps in post-offices for marking letters, or for similar purposes.

The invention consists in the combination, with a type-box having one or more compartments, of one or more type-lifters and one or more followers, as will be hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a top view of my improved type-holder. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same, partly broken out, and showing the lifter intact. Fig. 3 is a similar front view, showing the lifter raised by the finger to push up two type. Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line *x x* of Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the box or holder, of width suitable for the width of the type, and of length sufficient for the required number of type, besides giving ample room for the followers. The box A is provided with lugs *a*, for attaching or suspending it wherever desired.

By a partition, *a'*, wide enough to give room for the end of one finger for taking up the lifted type, the box A is divided in two compartments, A¹ and A², for two different kinds of type—for instance, A¹ containing the type for the dates, numbered 1, 2, 3, &c., and A² containing the names of the months in their successive order.

B B¹ are the followers, constructed to fill the space across the box behind the row of type, close enough to the latter to prevent them from falling, but not so close as to cause them to stick together and rise with the one lifted.

The followers are constructed so as to fit and clamp the edge of the box A with sufficient friction to keep them in the position adjusted to suit the required number of type.

C is the lifter, provided with the spring *c*, by which it is attached underneath the box in such a manner that when in its natural position, as in Fig. 2, it will be out of contact with the type. The lifter C is just wide enough to raise, when pressed upward, one type on each side of the partition *a'*, the bottom of the box A being slotted, and the partition *a'* partly cut away to give room for it when raised.

D is the cover, which, during transportation or otherwise, when the type are not used, may be clamped onto the box by the spring-clasp E, as shown in Fig. 4.

To change the date in the letter-stamp, it is only necessary to press the lifter C and take out the type thereby raised in the compartment A¹, as in Fig. 3, release the lifter by withdrawing the finger, push the row of type forward to the partition *a'* by the follower B, return the said follower to its former position, and insert the type removed from the letter-stamp in the space thus left between the follower B and the last type in the row. In the same manner the name of the month is changed.

In case only one set of type is used, the partition *a'* and one follower may be dispensed with, and for every two additional partitions one additional lifter is required.

I am aware that it is not new, in addressing-machines, to raise the line of type forming the address and separate it from the other type in the chase by means of a lifting device operated by a transverse shaft; but

What I claim is—

The combination, with slotted divided box A¹ A², having followers B, of the spring-retracted lifter C *c*, arranged as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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