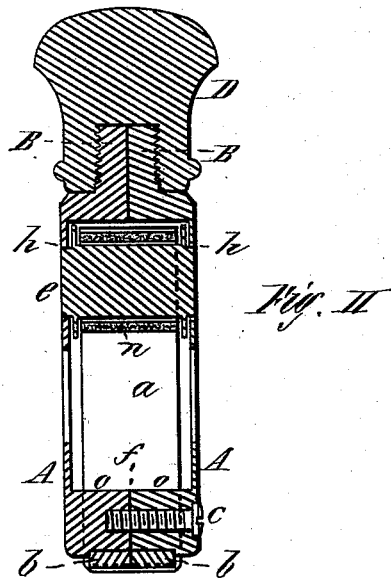
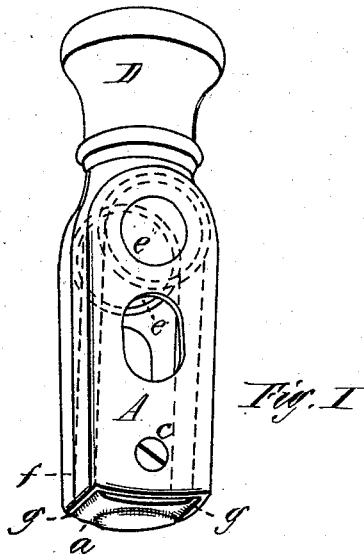


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IMPROVEMENT IN HAND CANCELING-STAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN B. HILL, of Springfield, Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Hand-Stamp for Canceling Postage-Stamps; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide a stamp which may be used rapidly in canceling postage-stamps without inking the stamp every time a postage-stamp is canceled; and to this end my invention consists of a case made in two parts, with a head cast on the lower end of both parts, containing a socket for the die, and with an inking-roll protruding through the case, so that it may be turned from the outside. An endless inking-ribbon passes over the ink-roller and down through slots in the head, one each side of the die, and across the outside of the die, so that ink is supplied by turning the roll occasionally to bring another part of the ribbon down beneath the die.

The two parts of the case are held together by a screw turned into the head at the lower end, and by the handle or knob at the upper end, which is turned onto a threaded spindle made on the two parts of the case and halved together, all which will be more fully hereinafter described.

Figure I is a perspective view of my invention, and Fig. II is a vertical section through the two parts of the stamp.

In the drawings, A represents the two halves or parts of the case, which are fitted together at the line *f*, and upon each part, at the lower end, is cast a head, *o*, with a slot, *g*, in two opposite sides.

A small recess is also cast in the lower end of the head, into which is fitted the rubber die *b*, having any desired device on its lower face. A roll, *e*, is arranged to revolve one end in

each half or part of the case, which roll is covered with any suitable material which will readily absorb ink, such as felt. A projection, B, is made on the upper end of each part in the form of a half-cylinder, which, when fitted together, has a screw-thread made thereon, and the two parts are held together by a screw, *c*, turned through one part of the head, at the lower end, into the other, and by the knob D turned onto the two threaded half-cylinders B at the upper end, as shown clearly in Fig. II.

The cloth or felt *n* on the ink-roll is first saturated with ink, and one end placed in its bearing on one part of the case, the ribbon *a* placed over the roll, and also into the slots in one of the parts and around one part of the die. The two parts of the case are then placed together, with the ribbon in the slots *g* in both parts of the case and the ends of the roll *e* in both parts of the case, the screw *c* inserted, and the knob D turned on, and the stamp is ready for use.

While being used in canceling stamps, all that is required to do to keep the stamp inked is to occasionally turn the roll *e* a little with the thumb and finger, pressing against the exposed two ends of the roll, which may be done while stamping, and the ink may be applied to the ink-roll through the openings in the sides of the case.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

The combination of the case A, made in two parts, and provided with the head *o* and slots *g*, the handle or knob D, the ink-roll *e*, covered with absorbing material and arranged to revolve in bearings in the case A, the die *b*, and the inking-ribbon *a*, all substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

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