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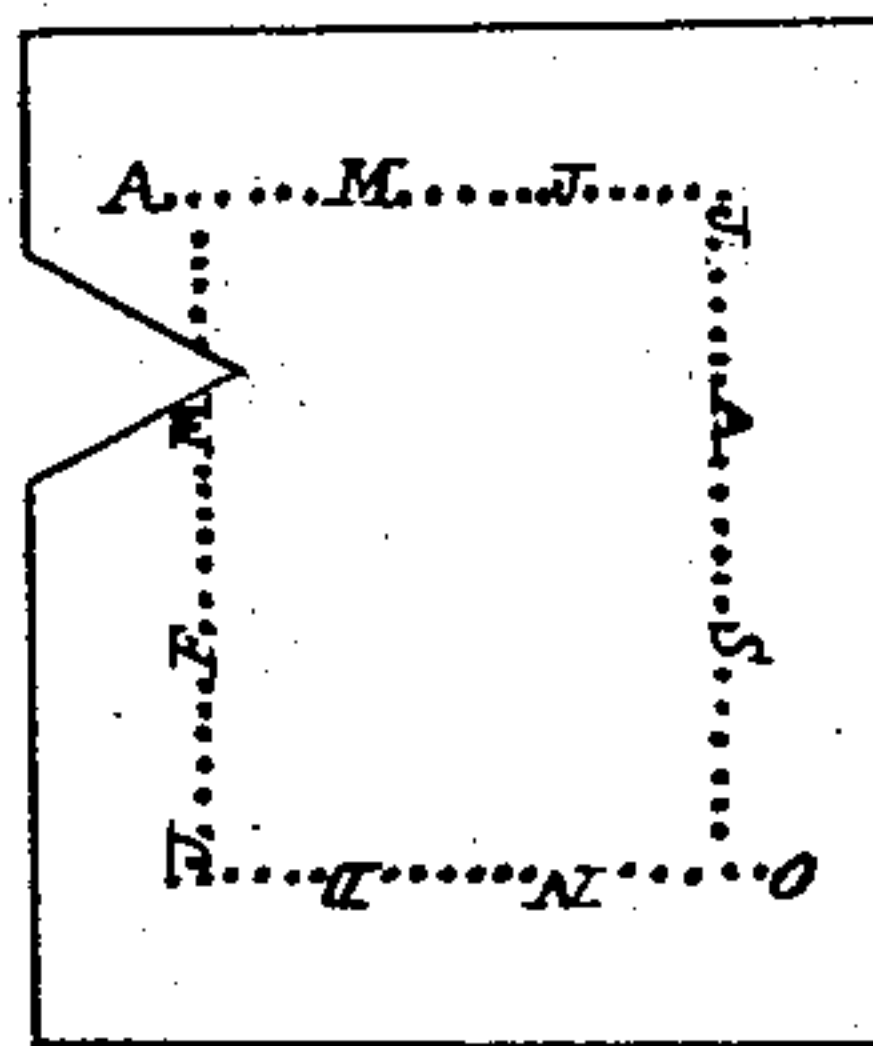
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## MODE OF CANCELING REVENUE AND OTHER STAMPS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **41,991**, dated March 22, 1861.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMANUEL HARMON, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Process of Canceling Postage or Revenue Stamps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in the clipping or cutting from the stamp the date or mark representing the approximation to the date of the month and the year of its use as a method of cancelment, instead of cutting away the other dates, as proposed.

To simplify the process I would prepare my stamp as represented in Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawings.

The letters on the borders of the stamp are the initials of the months of the year, and the dots represent periods or divisions of the month of five days each. The cancelment of this stamp would consist in the clipping from

the border the dot representing the period of the month embracing the date of its use, as shown in Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawings. The figures representing the days of the month may be substituted for the dots representing series of days, if deemed advisable, or dots representing the days of the month may be used; but I prefer the dots representing series of days as simplest and sufficiently safe.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The method of canceling revenue-stamps, in combination with engraving thereon of the initials of the months of the year, and of figures or dots representing the days, or a series of days of months, substantially as above described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name before two subscribing witnesses.

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