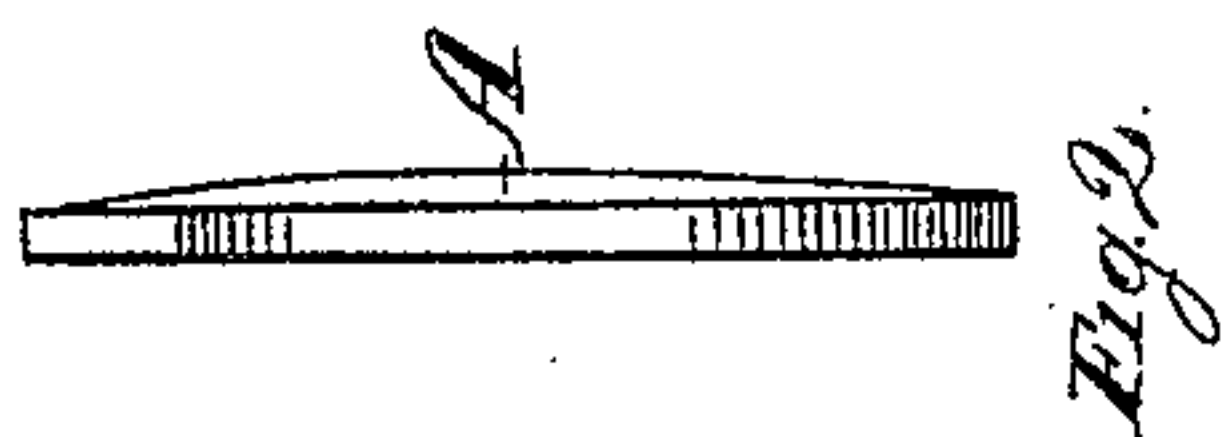
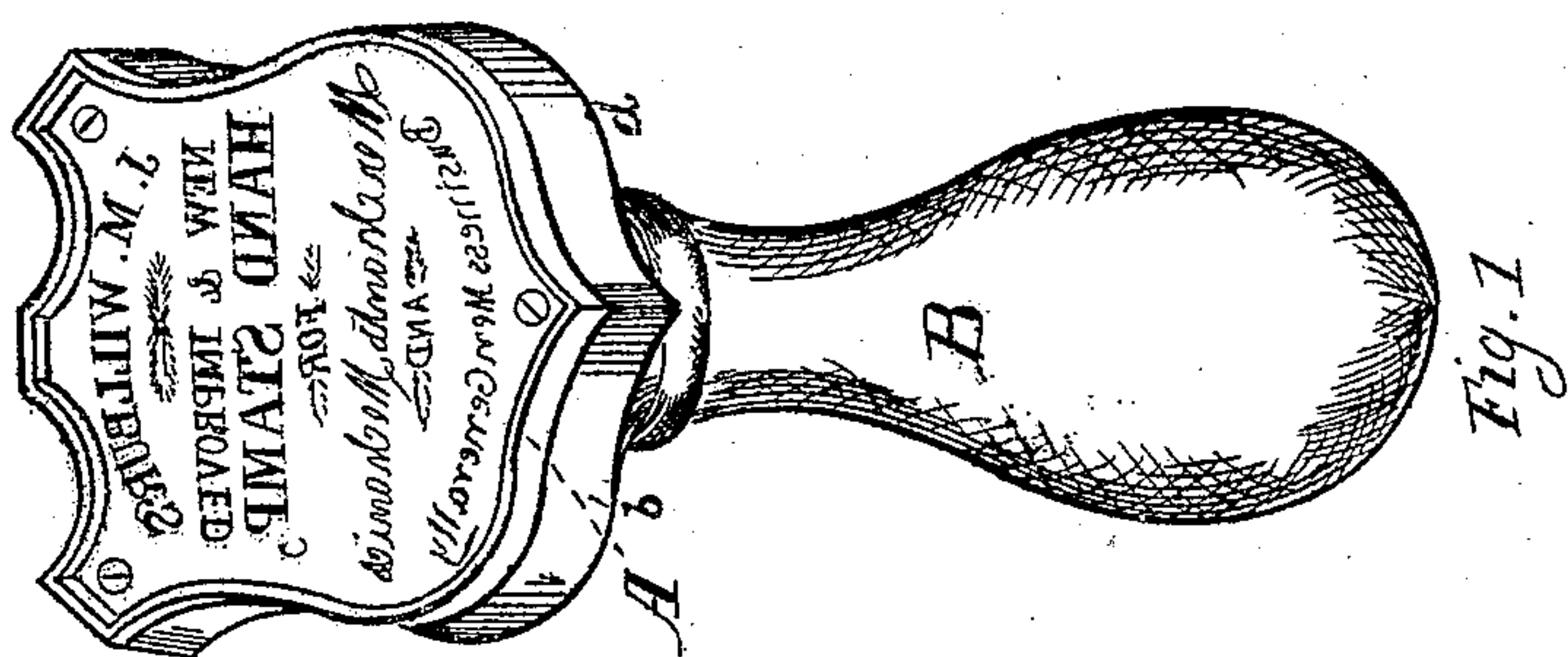


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-STAMPS.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, J. M. WILLBUR, of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, in the State of Ohio, have invented a new and improved Hand-Stamp; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2 is a side view.

A represents a stereotype or electrotpe plate of a business card, which may represent any trade or profession, intended to be printed upon cards, envelopes, letter headings, &c., the printing surface or type face of which is made convex or slightly elevated in the centre. B represents a handle having a body, *b*, to which said plate A is fastened.

The nature of this improvement consists in forming the printing surface or the face of the type of a stereotype or electrotpe plate used as a business hand-stamp in a convex form, so that when making an impression the central portion of the face of said plate will readily give a clear and distinct impression upon the paper or other material intended to receive the impression. The edges or border of the said plate can be made to give the required impression by simply rocking the hand slightly to the right and left or back and forth.

To enable others to fully understand my improvement, I will describe its construction and operation.

I make a stereotype or electrotpe plate, A, of any desirable pattern and size suitable for a business card of any trade or profession, and secure it by means of small screws or nails to a handle, B, which handle may be turned out of wood in any desirable form and size convenient to be used by hand; but in order to overcome the difficulties of obtaining a distinct impression of the central part of the printing face of the said plate A, I cause it to be pressed up in the central part so as to present a convex or rounded surface upon the face of the type; thus enabling the whole surface of the printing plate to readily give a distinct impression throughout. The hand-stamps ordinarily used have never worked satisfactorily in this respect, for when the impression was being made the edges or border would receive the most pressure, and unless the material intended to receive the impression was laid upon a slightly rounded surface the central part would be but imperfectly printed. These difficulties are entirely overcome by the use of my improvement, as, the surface of said printing plate being made convex or slightly rounded, the central part may receive an impression alike with the whole surface.

Having thus described my improvement, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Forming the printing surface A of a hand-stamp, in the manner described and for the purpose set forth.

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