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HAND STAMP.

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Fig. 1.

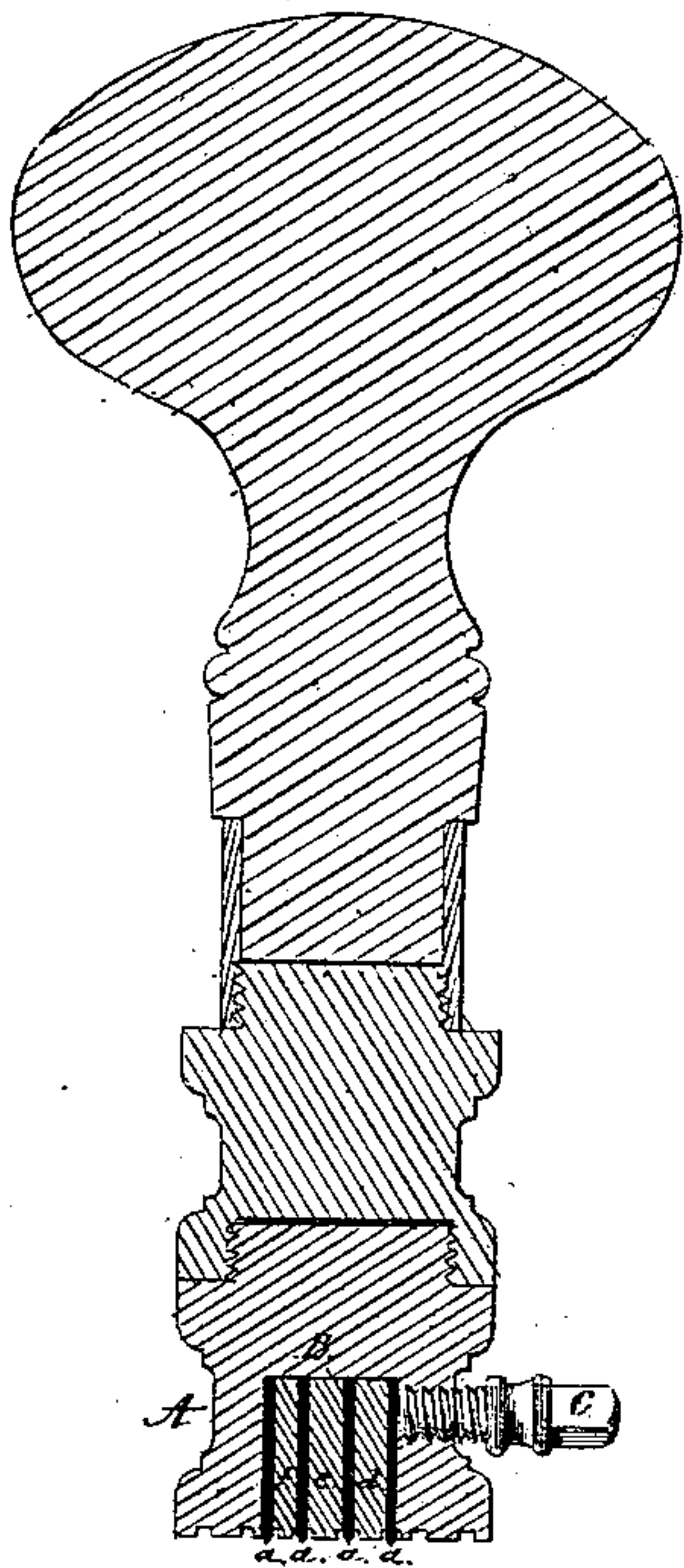


Fig. 2.

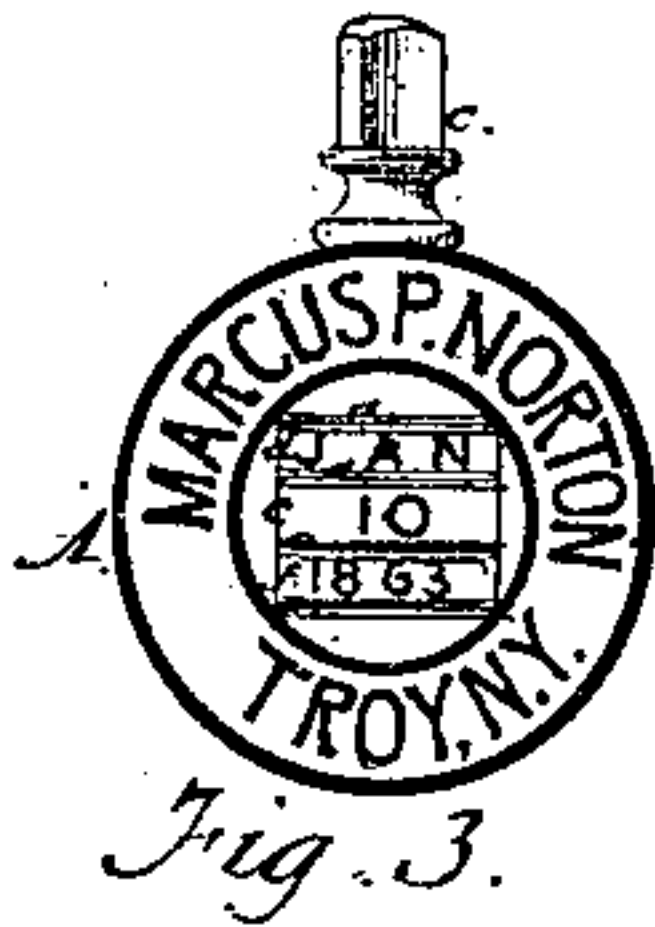
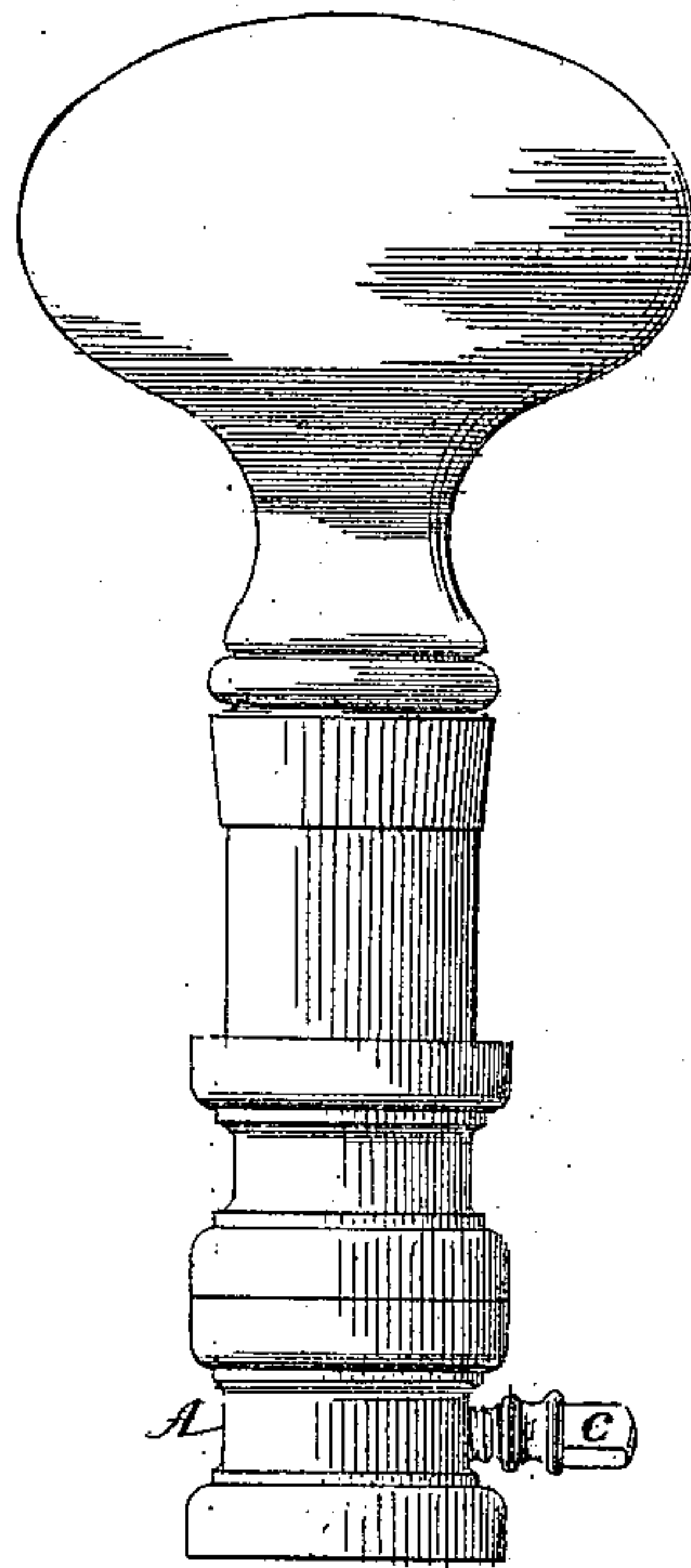


Fig. 6.

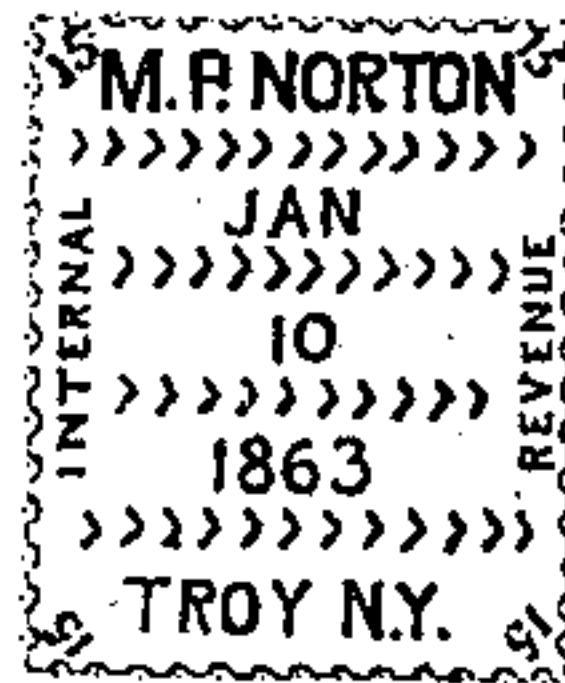
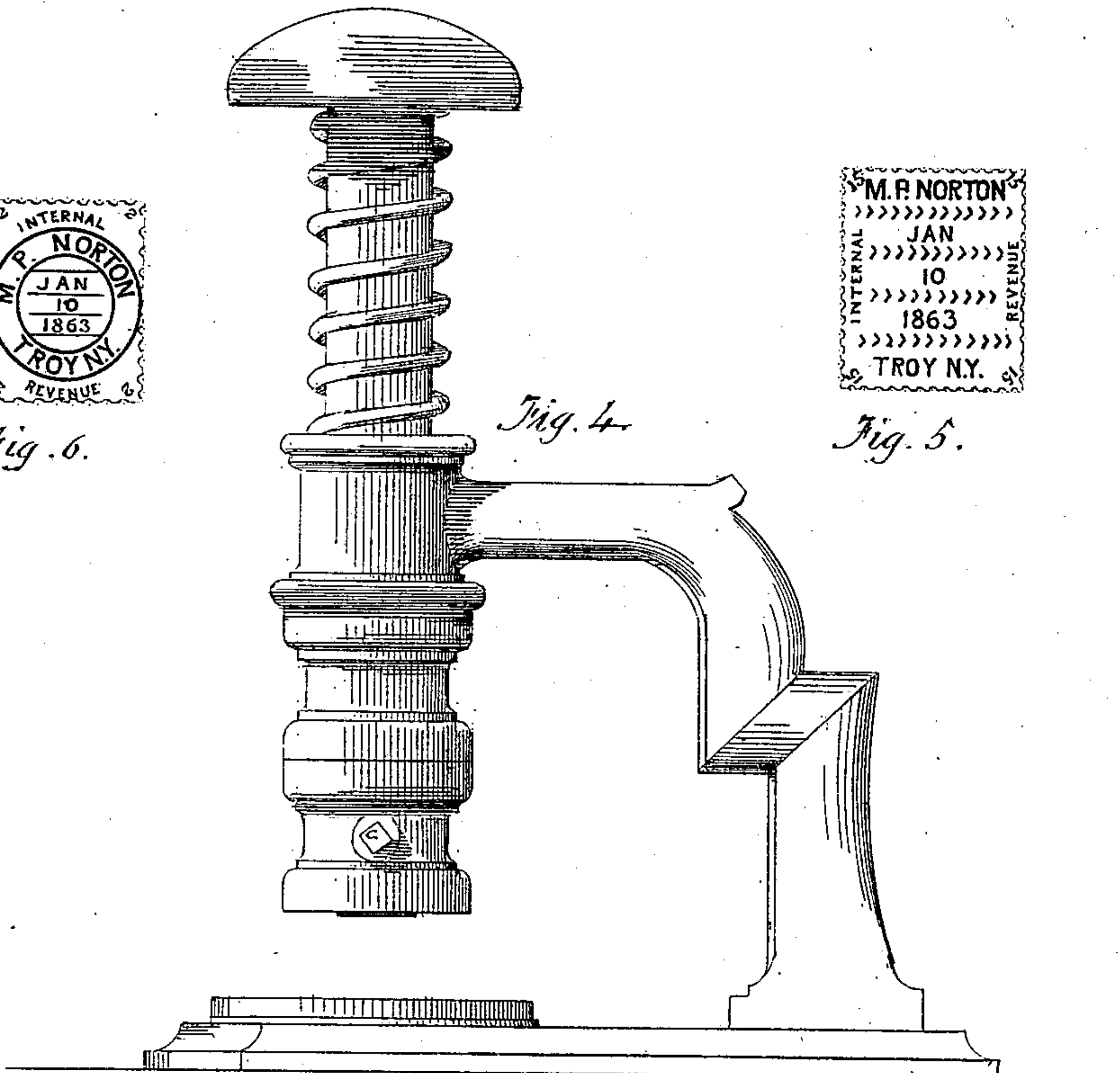


Fig. 5.

Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-STAMPS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 106,716, dated August 23, 1870.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARCUS P. NORTON, of the city of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have heretofore invented certain new and useful improvements in a device or instrument for printing, dating, and canceling internal-revenue or other stamps of value by cutting or puncturing the same in the manner and by the means substantially as herein described; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the nature, construction, and operation of the said invention.

Like letters represent and refer to like or corresponding parts upon the accompanying drawings, made in one sheet.

Figure 1 is a vertical section on a line through the center of my canceling device or instrument. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of same device or instrument. Fig. 3 is a face view, showing the printing and cutting or puncturing devices arranged and combined for printing any name and the date, and for cancellation purposes. Fig. 4 is a modification representing the invention attached to an ordinary stationary frame to receive and contain such printing, dating, and cutting or puncturing devices. Fig. 5 represents an enlarged view or plan of cancellation and printing and dating an internal-revenue stamp represented by said figure. Fig. 6 represents an internal-revenue stamp canceled by being cut in several places, together with the month, day of month, and the year; also the name and residence of the person printed or impressed upon the surface of such revenue-stamp who performs the operation of cancellation.

The nature of my invention and improvements consists in the employment of cutters or knives between the type for the month, the day of the month, and the year.

A, Figs. 1, 2, and 3, shows a device or instrument for printing or impressing the name of any bank, corporation, company, or person, and the month, the day of the month, and the year upon the government revenue-stamp, and at the same time and operation of the instrument cancel such stamp and the check, note, draft, receipt, or other paper on which such stamp may have been secured or affixed

in the usual manner, by cutting or puncturing the said revenue-stamp, and also cutting through both the stamp and paper or document on which the same shall have been used or affixed, by means of the cutting devices *a*, or knives constructed in any suitable and desirable form or shape, and arranged and combined for that purpose as herein stated. The said knives or cutters *a* are placed between and alternate with the type for the month, the day of the month, and year, as shown, both between and outside of the said type for the date, and they are each properly adjusted to the face of the dating-type or printing-surface of the device or instrument in which they are placed, arranged, combined, and firmly held or secured therein by means of a suitable screw-bolt, *c*, or by other suitable and convenient means.

At Figs. 1 and 3, *d* is the type for the month, *e* is the type for the day of the month, and *f* is the type for the year. The cutters or knives may be seen at *a*, same figures, which may each have upon the cutting or puncturing edge any form, shape, or configuration in or with which it is desirable to cancel the revenue-stamp.

The said cutting and puncturing canceling device should be made detachable for the purpose of repairs or supplying new ones when needed. When the revenue-stamp shall have been canceled by the use of my said invention and device, it will be cut or punctured, and the date thereof printed or impressed thereon, substantially as shown in accompanying drawings, cutting through the stamp and the paper to which it is affixed in the usual manner. Such cancellation is permanent, and will prevent a second or reuse of the revenue-stamp. The blow is given by the instrument or device upon the exposed surface of the revenue-stamp, and the date is thereby given thereon, and at the same time the revenue-stamp is cut or punctured in such form and in as many places as desirable.

Having thus described the nature, construction, and operation of my said instrument or device, what I claim, and desire to secure by the Letters Patent of the United States of America, is—

The arrangement of the knives or cutting devices *a*, when used alternately with the type for forming or printing the month, the day of the month, and the year, in the manner and for the purposes substantially as herein described and set forth.

In testimony whereof I have on this 12th

day of June, 1870, hereto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

MARCUS P. NORTON.

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