

J. F. W. DORMAN.
Hand-Stamp.

No. 164,273.

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FIG. I.

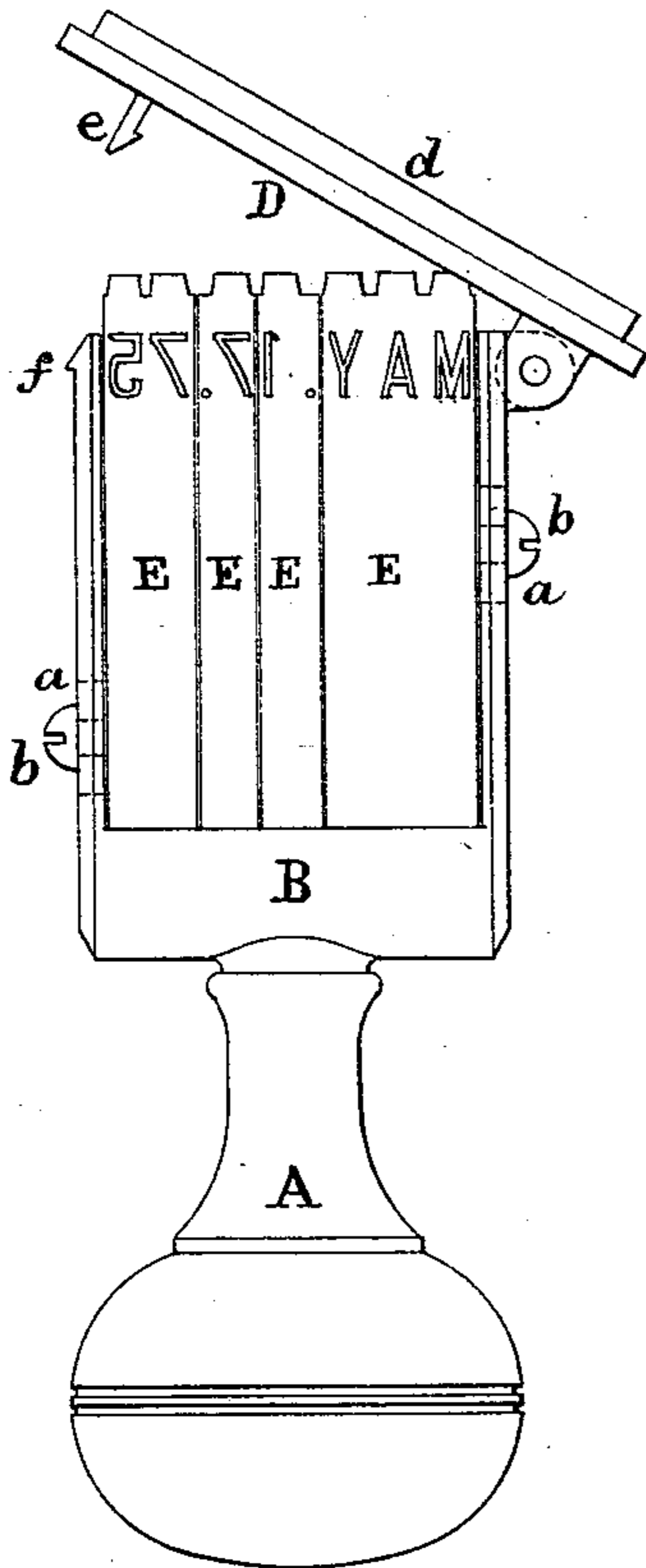
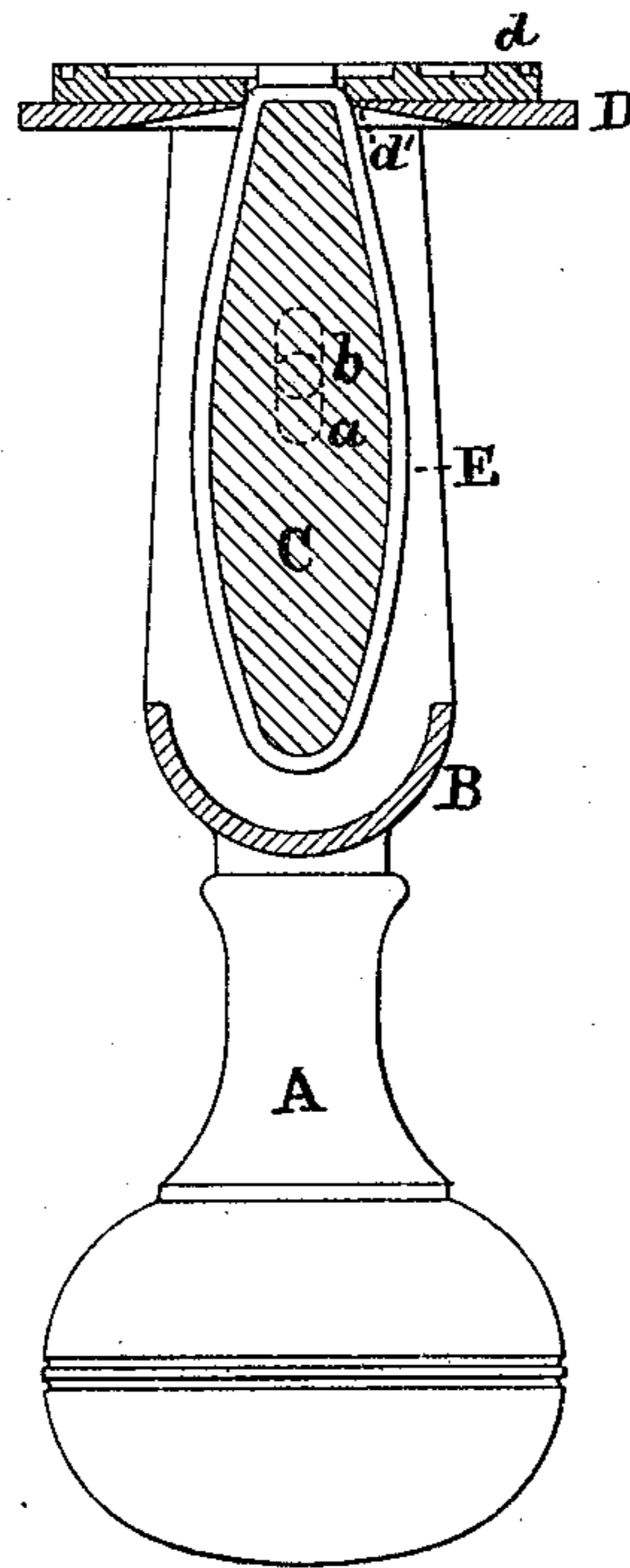


FIG. II.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-STAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. W. DORMAN, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Rubber Hand-Stamps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to means for changing the dates, which are moved as wanted to the printing-face of the stamp, to a hinged portion of the said printing-face, and to means for adjusting the dating figures and letters to the plane of the rest of the printing-face, all as more particularly hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a side view of the stamp, certain of the dating letters and figures being shown. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the stamp, the upper portions being in section. Fig. 3 is a view of the printing-face.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in all the views.

A is a handle, into which is screwed or otherwise secured the type-case B. Centrally of the type-case, and extending between the two sides thereof, is the block C, which can be vertically adjusted, slots *a* in the sides of the type-case B, through which the screws *b* pass, admitting of the adjustment. To one of the sides of the type-case is hinged the plate D, upon which is a rubber covering, *d*, the letters, figures, &c., upon which form the portion of the printing-face intended to remain unchanged. The center of the plate D is cut out at *d'* a length equal to the distance between the sides of the type-case. E E, &c., are endless rubber bands, each having molded on its edge the figures, letters, &c., which, by a proper combination or reciprocal adjustment, can be made to indicate the year, month, and day of the month. It being desired to stamp, in addition to the lettering, &c., contained on the rubber covering of the plate D, any required date, the hook *e* of the hinged plate D is first detached from the catch *f* by pressing the

sides of the type-case slightly together by hand, and moved up, as shown in Fig. 1. The bands E are then moved around the block C in order to bring the required letters and figures to the printing-face. The plate D bearing the fixed part of the type-case is then clasped down, the opening *d'* fitting over the raised letters and figures holding them in place. The stamp is then ready for use. Should it be found that the faces of the movable letters, figures, &c., should at any time be below the plane of the fixed portion of the printing-face, the movable parts can be adjusted to the said plane, as hereinbefore seen. This necessity sometimes occurs when the rubber face *d* has been removed and another substituted, varying somewhat therefrom in thickness. By hinging the plate D a smaller central opening can be used than if the letters and figures were capable of being moved without raising the said plate, and a larger amount of lettering is thereby procured thereon.

I claim as my invention and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. The rubber type-bands E, block C, and type-case B, combined substantially as specified.

2. The hinged rubber-faced type-plate D, having the opening *d'*, combined with the type-case B, substantially as shown.

3. The slotted type-case B, combined with the block C and screw *b*, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination of the type-case B, inserted in the handle A, vertically-adjustable block C, rubber type-bands E, and self-clasping hinged plate D, having the rubber type-face *d*, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this 1st day of May, 1875.

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