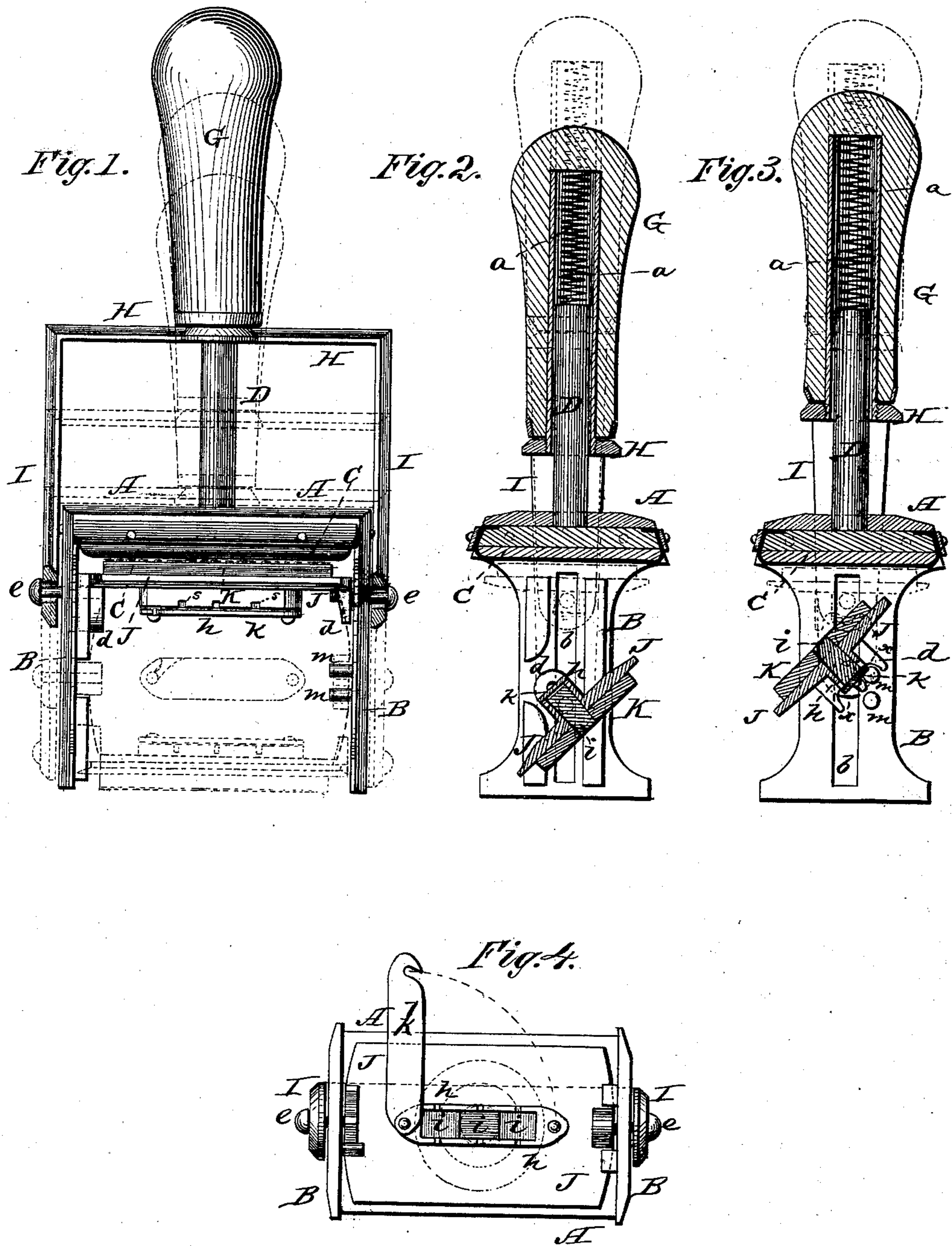


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-STAMPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JAMES F. TENNEY, of the city of Chicago, and JOHN H. REESE, of Austin, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Stamps; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of this invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a hand-stamp, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, which fully represent this invention, and to which reference is made, Figure 1 is a front view of the hand-stamp. Figs. 2 and 3 are transverse vertical sections of the same. Fig. 4 is a bottom view thereof.

The stand of our hand-stamp consists of a plate or box, A, with legs or standards B B projecting downward from the ends thereof, said standards having each a central vertical slot, *b*, as shown. To the under side of the plate or box A is secured a pad, C, of any suitable material, and from the top of the plate projects a central stem, D. This stem extends upward into a hollow handle, G, within which is placed a spiral spring, *a*, that bears on the upper end of the stem and forces the handle upward.

To the lower end of the handle G is attached a cross-bar, H, having arms I I extending downward on the outside of the side standards, B B.

J represents a plate of suitable dimensions to fit between the standards B B, and this plate is at each end, on the under side, provided with an ear or lug, *d*, and a screw or pin, *e*, passes through the end of the arm I, and through the slot *b* in the standard B into said ear or lug *d*, thereby pivoting the plate J between the standards B in the arms I I.

The spring *a* in the hollow handle G draws the plate K up in such a manner that the face of the plate K will be held against the pad C. Upon this face of the plate J is secured a stamp, K, containing any desired name or sentence.

Through the center of the stamp and plate is, however, made a slot or mortise of any

desired size, opening into a box, *h*, on the under side of the plate. This box and mortise is for the insertion of type or date-blocks *i i*, to designate the year, month, and date, which type are there held by means of a slide or cover, *k*, covering said box. The box is provided at its side or sides with openings or notches *s*, through which a pointed instrument can be inserted for the purpose of more readily removing the changeable or long type. The arrangement of this box allows of the type *i* being removed from the back without soiling the fingers.

One of the lugs *d* is formed with two notches, *x x*, and upon the adjoining standard B on the inner side are two pins, *m m*, as shown.

When the handle D is depressed the plate J is forced downward, and as the notched lug of said plate strikes the pins *m m*, the plate J is turned one-half of a revolution upon its pivots, so that the stamp K will be turned down before the downward movement is completed, and the stamp will continue to go down horizontally upon the letter, paper, or other article to be stamped.

As soon as the pressure is removed from the handle D, the spring *a* at once returns the handle, cross-bar, and plate with stamp to their former position, the pins *m* and notched lug *d* causing the plate to turn back its one-half of a revolution.

The type or date-blocks *i* are beveled at their sides to hold them in position and prevent them from protruding too far or from falling out when the plate J is reversed.

The slide or cover *k* locks the type or date-blocks in place and prevents them from being driven back in use.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The plate J, having tapering box *h*, openings *s*, and lid *k*, with the type *i*, allowing long rubber movable type to be used, in combination with the rubber stamp K, whereby the long type are more readily removed and both make perfect impressions, as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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