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Revenue-Stamp Holder.

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Fig. 1.

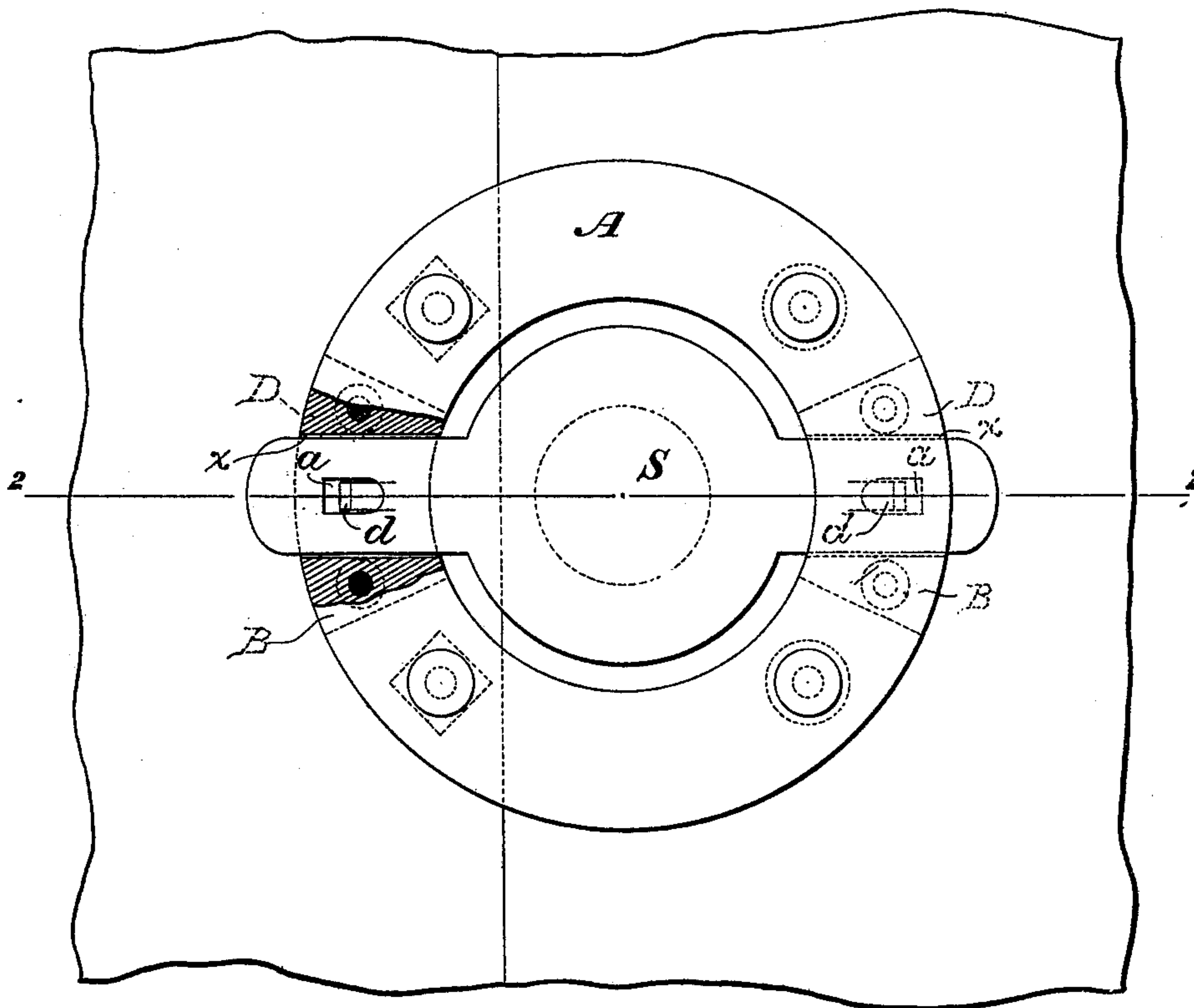
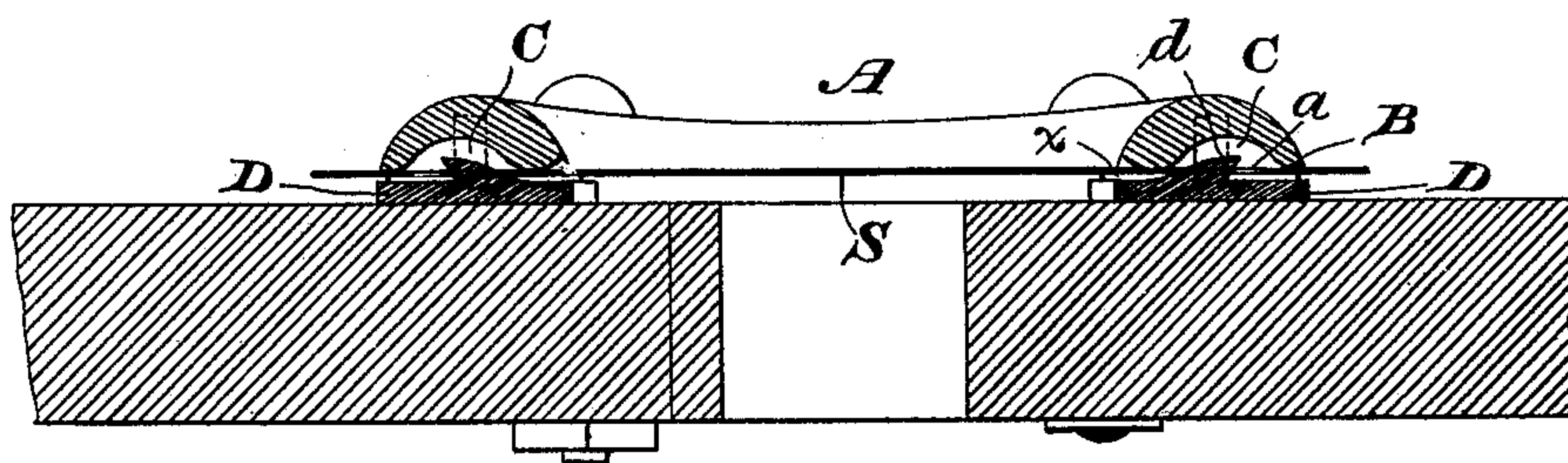


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN REVENUE-STAMP HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. SANDS, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improved Revenue-Stamp Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, convenient, and secure device for holding revenue and merchants' stamps of the kind invented by me, and patented in the United States of even date herewith.

My invention consists of an annular holder adapted to be firmly fastened to a keg, barrel, or hogshead containing liquor or liquid of any kind, around the tap-hole or bung-hole, which holder is recessed on opposite sides to receive the opposite ends of stamps, and is provided with holding-plates, which fit into the recesses, and, acting with the holders and through the agency of a projecting tooth or lug between the holders and plates, secure the stamps in place, when inserted, so that they cannot be removed, and the contents of the vessels cannot be withdrawn through the tap or bung without puncturing or tearing the stamps.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a plan view, partly in section, and Fig. 2 a vertical section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

A indicates an annular stamp-holder adapted to fit around a tap-hole or bung-hole. B B indicate recesses in its under surface on opposite sides, and C C lug-cavities cut in the tops of these recesses. D D are holding-plates, provided with holding-lugs *d d*, the whole adapted to enter and be secured in the recesses and cavities, as illustrated in the drawings.

It will be noted that the lugs are, like barbs or ratchet-teeth, inclined on one side, (next the center of the holder,) and perpendicular (or it may be inwardly-inclined) on the other side.

When the holder-plates are secured in place open ways *x x*, into which the holding-teeth project, will be left for the reception of the ends of a stamp, S, provided with end apertures, *a a*, and a central tap or bung-covering part, as set forth in my said Letters Patent

of the United States. These stamp-holders should, preferably, be riveted to the heads or staves of the liquor-vessels, around the bungs or taps, ready for the reception of the stamps, so as to be irremovable without access to the inside of the vessel.

To apply the stamps after the vessels are filled, their opposite ends are slid into the open ways *x x*, when the lugs *d d* will enter the holes *a a*, and, acting like barbs, will securely hold the stamps so that they cannot be removed without tearing them and rendering them unfit for a second use, and the contents of the vessels cannot be disturbed without detection.

The holder and stamp combined thus constitute a complete guard or lock for a bung or tap, and will prevent frauds upon the revenue, and protect merchants and dealers having liquors or liquids stored or *in transitu*.

It will be obvious that more than one lug or tooth on each side may be used, if desired; and the relative positions of the lugs and lug-cavities might be changed—that is to say, the teeth might be on the holders and the cavities in the holder-plates; and the holders might be rectangular or other shaped instead of annular; and the holders might be secured to the vessels by other means than I have indicated without departing from the substance of my invention.

It is desirable that the stamps be long enough to have their ends project a little beyond the outer margin of the holders, so that they can be seen and can be readily removed after the stamp has been broken and has served its purpose.

The holder A, with its recesses B B and lug-cavities C C, and the holding-plates D D, with their lugs or barbs *d d*, although made separately, are fixedly attached and secured together in place, and the device thus operates precisely as though made in one part, the stamp being affixed by endwise movement or the slipping of its ends in place, so as to cause its openings to register with and be engaged by the lugs. These lugs are so formed as to facilitate the insertion of the stamp and prevent its withdrawal without rupture.

It will be seen that as the stamp ends are

slid in place they ride up and along the inclined surfaces of the lugs, which, when they once engage the stamp-holes, prevent disengagement of the stamp, as will readily be understood.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, substantially as hereinbefore set forth, of the recessed holder and the lugs projecting into the recesses of the holder and fixedly secured or unchangeable in position relatively thereto, for the purpose described.

2. The combination of the recessed holder,

the holding-plates fitted in the recesses of the holder and having the upwardly-projecting lugs, and the fastening devices by which both the holder and the holding-plates are fixedly or unchangeably secured in position to receive and hold a stamp and prevent its removal without destruction, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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