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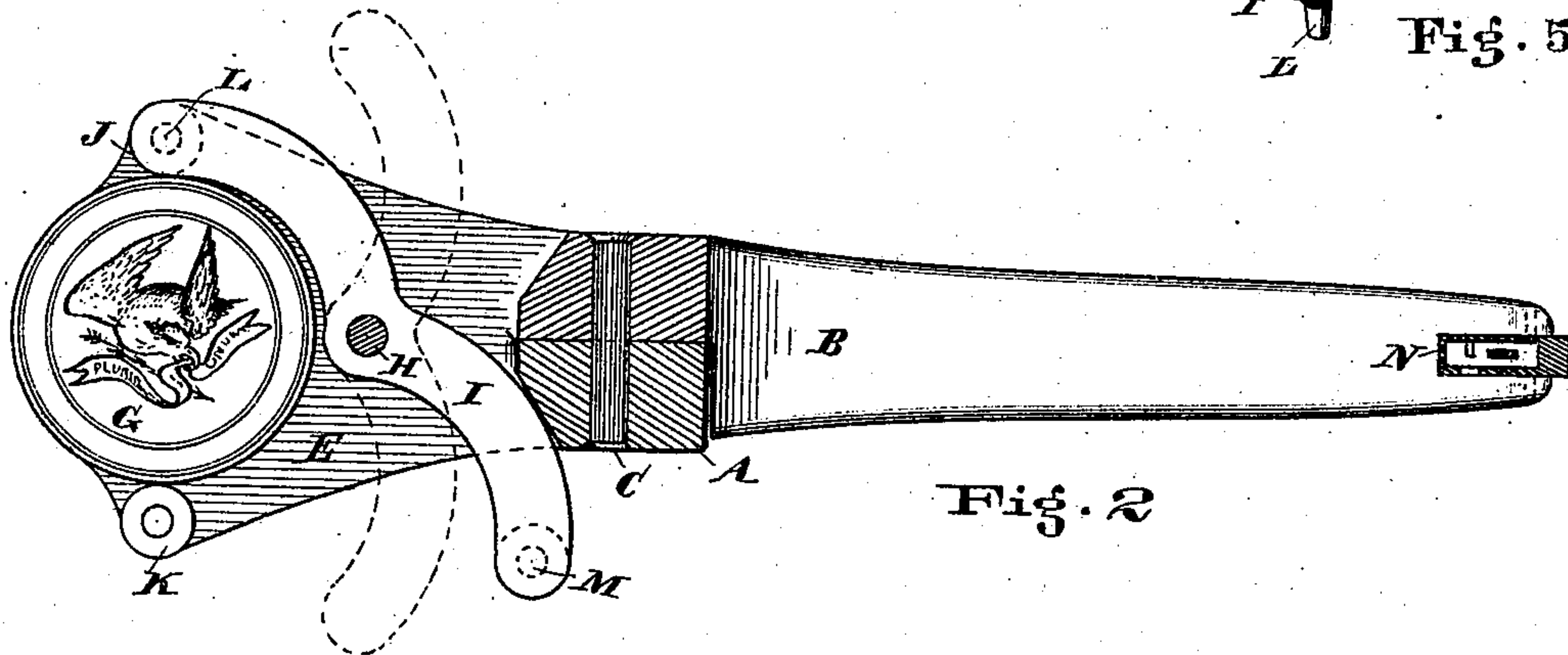
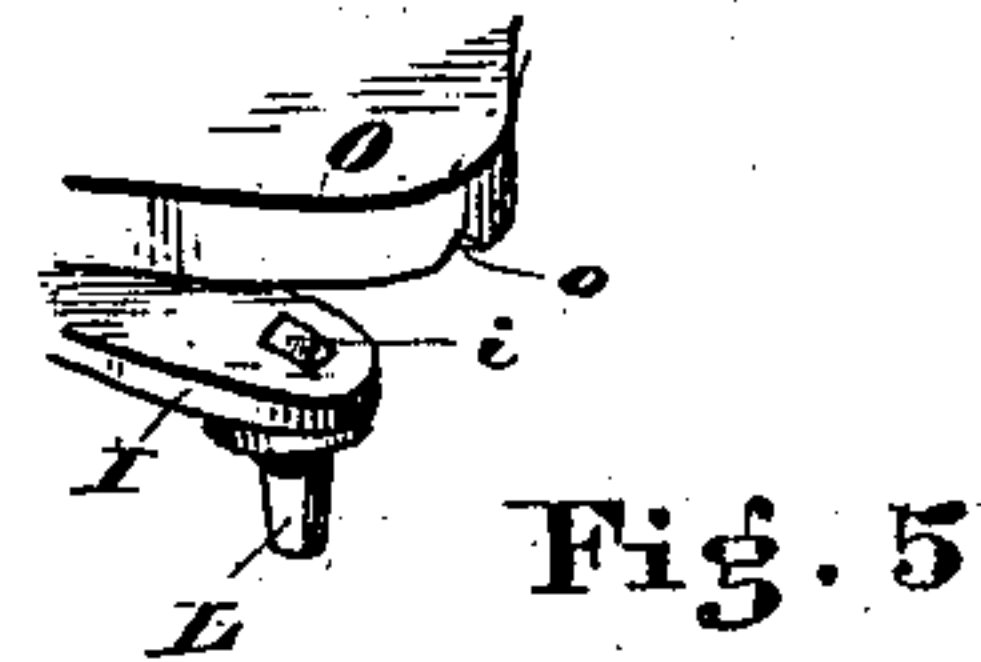
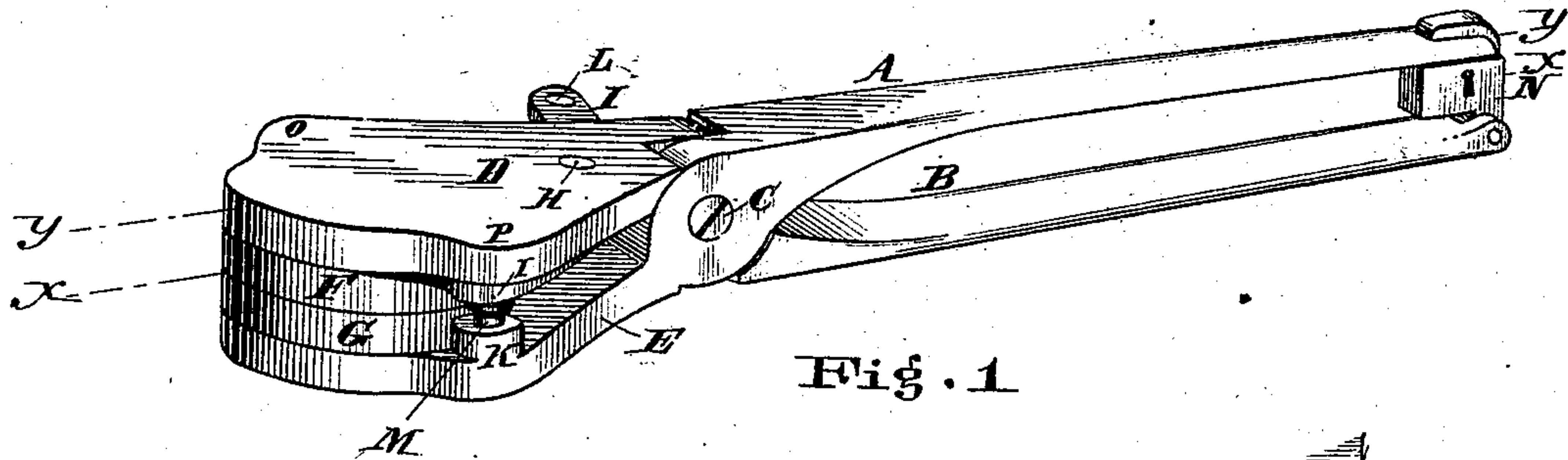
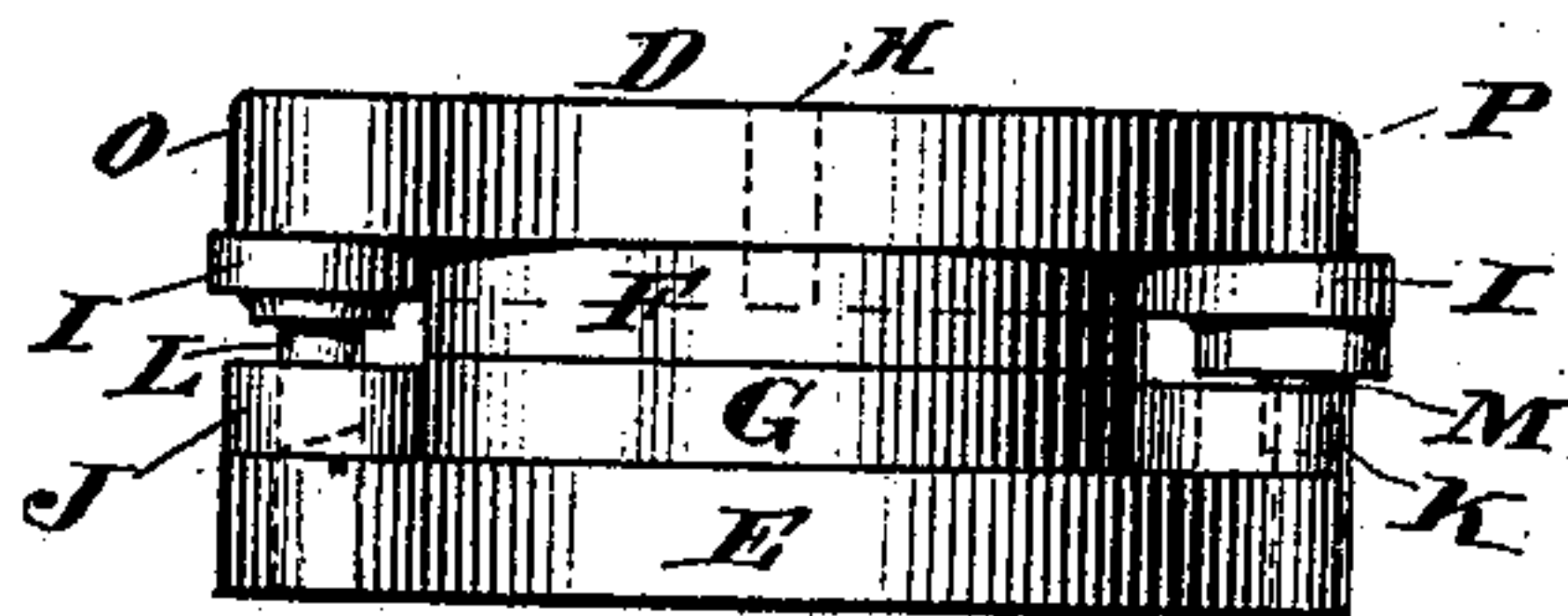
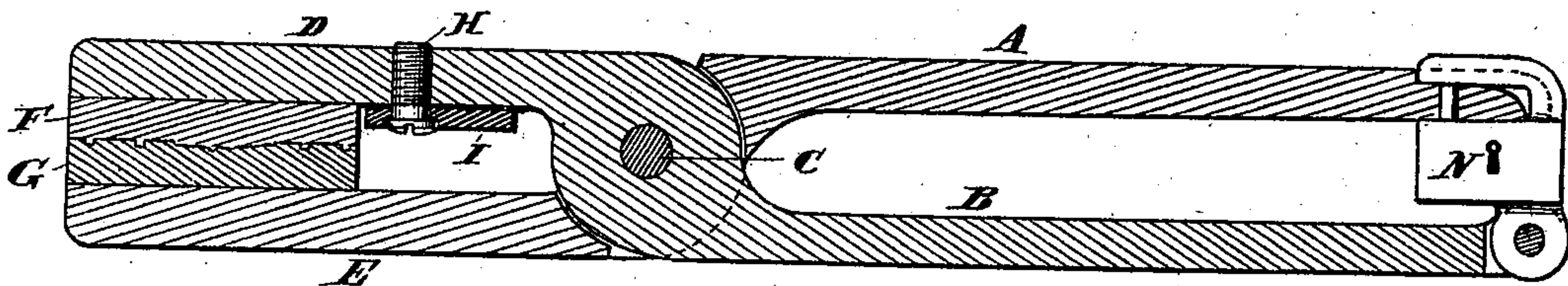


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SEAL-PRESS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. MORRIS HARDING, of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Seal-Presses, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to seal-presses commonly used by notaries and secretaries of corporations; and it consists in attaching the male and female dies respectively to a pair of levers having a common fulcrum; and, further, in supplying the ends of the levers with a suitable locking device, whereby the levers, after the dies have been brought together, are locked, and then the seal cannot be used.

My invention consists, further, in attaching to such a press, and in combination with it, the necessary parts to punch a hole through a number of sheets of paper and apply a fastener to said paper.

The object of my invention is to dispense with the costly notarial presses now so commonly used; and, further, to make a press of such a size and shape and of such light weight that it can be carried in the pocket.

The notarial presses now used are so large and cumbersome that when a notary is called to a distant office to swear a deponent or other person he is obliged to carry this weighty piece of mechanism in his arms.

By the construction shown and claimed by me the press is so small and light and of such convenient shape that it can be carried in the pocket without any inconvenience whatever.

My object is, further, to provide a party using such a press with the necessary means whereby he can secure the sheets of paper together after having taken the deposition or testimony. This press is also applicable to stamp light foil-metal plates for advertisement and then punch a hole in the same wherewith it can be secured to merchandise. It can be used for the same purpose that any of the regular hand-seal presses are used, and with its combination it can be used for nearly any kind of paper-fastener.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the seal-press when locked embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan of same through line *x x*, Fig. 1, showing the paper-fastener lever which is attached to the

upper lever of the press in the position for stamping a hole through several sheets of paper. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation of same through line *y y*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of same. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the fastener-lever-holding device.

A and B are the two levers of the press, having a common fulcrum on the pin C. The shorter levers or jaws D and E of the levers have soldered or otherwise secured to them the male and female dies F and G.

Situated behind the die F, and pivoted to the jaw D by screw H, is the lever I, which has secured to it and carries on either end part of the paper-fastening mechanism. This lever I is slightly curved upward, so as to act as a spring to itself and hold its position, when placed in the position shown in Fig. 2, in which it rests against the die F, or when the other end is brought over its respective hole.

Situated on either side of the die G, and forming part of the jaw E, are projections J and K, provided with holes which extend from top to bottom.

Secured to either end of the lever I are projecting pins L M, which, when brought over their corresponding holes in projections J and K, either form a paper punch or clamp for fastening in a metallic eye or other paper-fastener. The pin L and perforated projection J cut the hole in the paper, and the pin M and perforated projection K fasten the clamp in such holes.

On either side of the die F are extended portions O P of the lever or jaw D, which, when the ends of the lever I are brought over their respective projections and holes, press the pins downward and relieve the lever I from all work save holding its pins in a vertical position and guiding them over their respective holes.

Hinged or otherwise secured to the end of one of the levers A or B is a locking device, N, which, when these levers are brought together, locks them, thereby preventing the seal being used except by the party to whom it belongs; or it prevents the faces of the dies being defaced by opening in the pocket and rubbing against anything hard or sharp.

In some cases it need hardly be necessary to lock the levers together, and in those cases

I only use the spring-catch without the lock; but when the seal belongs to some corporation, or when the impression could easily produce fraud, it becomes necessary to use precaution, and in these cases I always supply the catch with a locking device of some kind. The lock shown in the drawings is to be opened by a key; but, if preferred, I can use any of the combination-locks now in common use. 10 The lever I may be held in the proper position for fastening papers by the knife-edge engaging in recess *o*.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a seal-

press composed of a pair of single levers working upon a common fulcrum, and having their shorter ends provided with dies and their longer ends furnished with a lock, substantially as and for the purpose specified. 20

2. As a new article of manufacture, a seal-press composed of levers A E and B D, working upon a common fulcrum, and provided with dies F G and eyeletting-lever, substantially as and for the purpose specified. 25

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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