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Fig. 1.

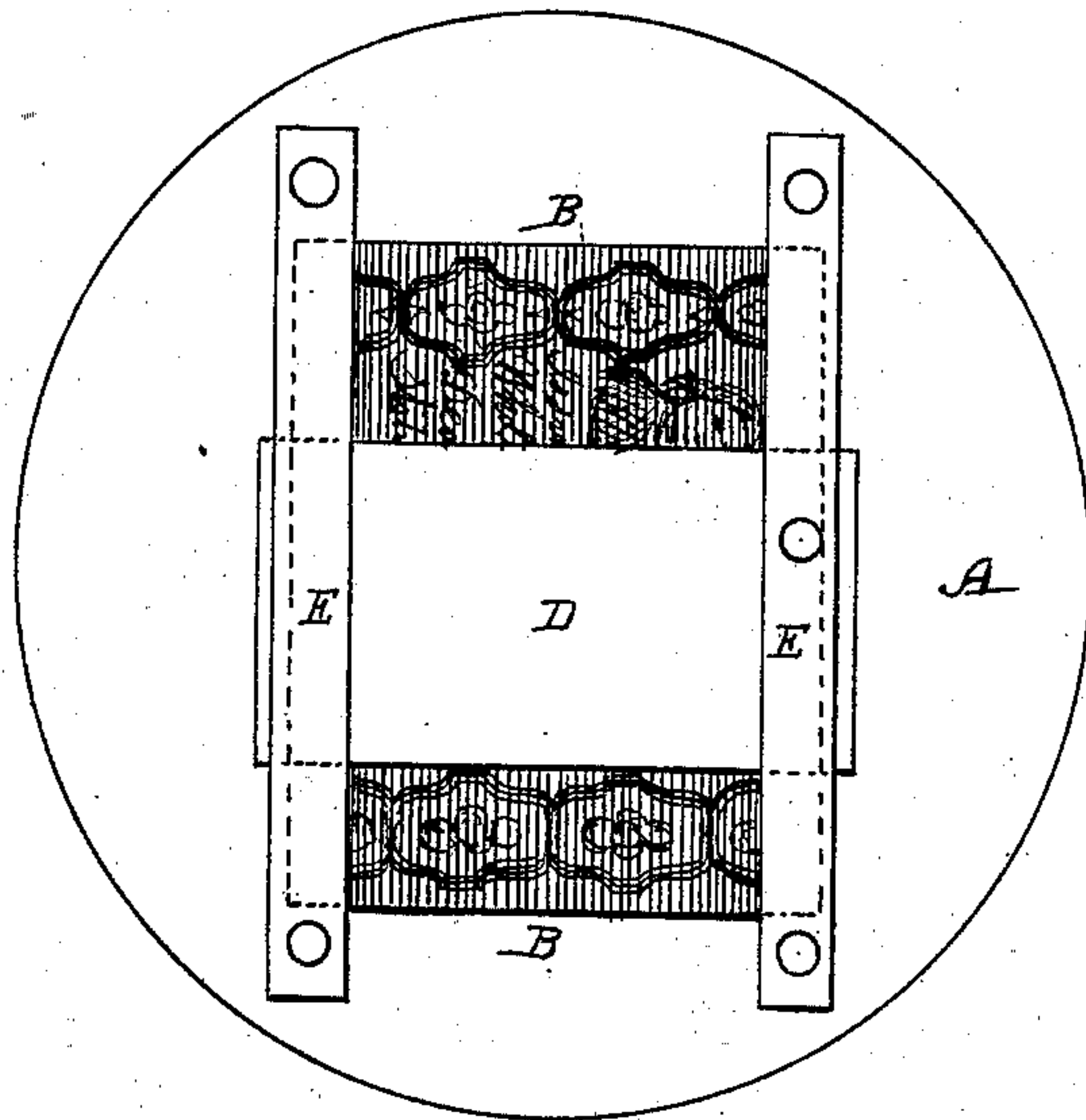
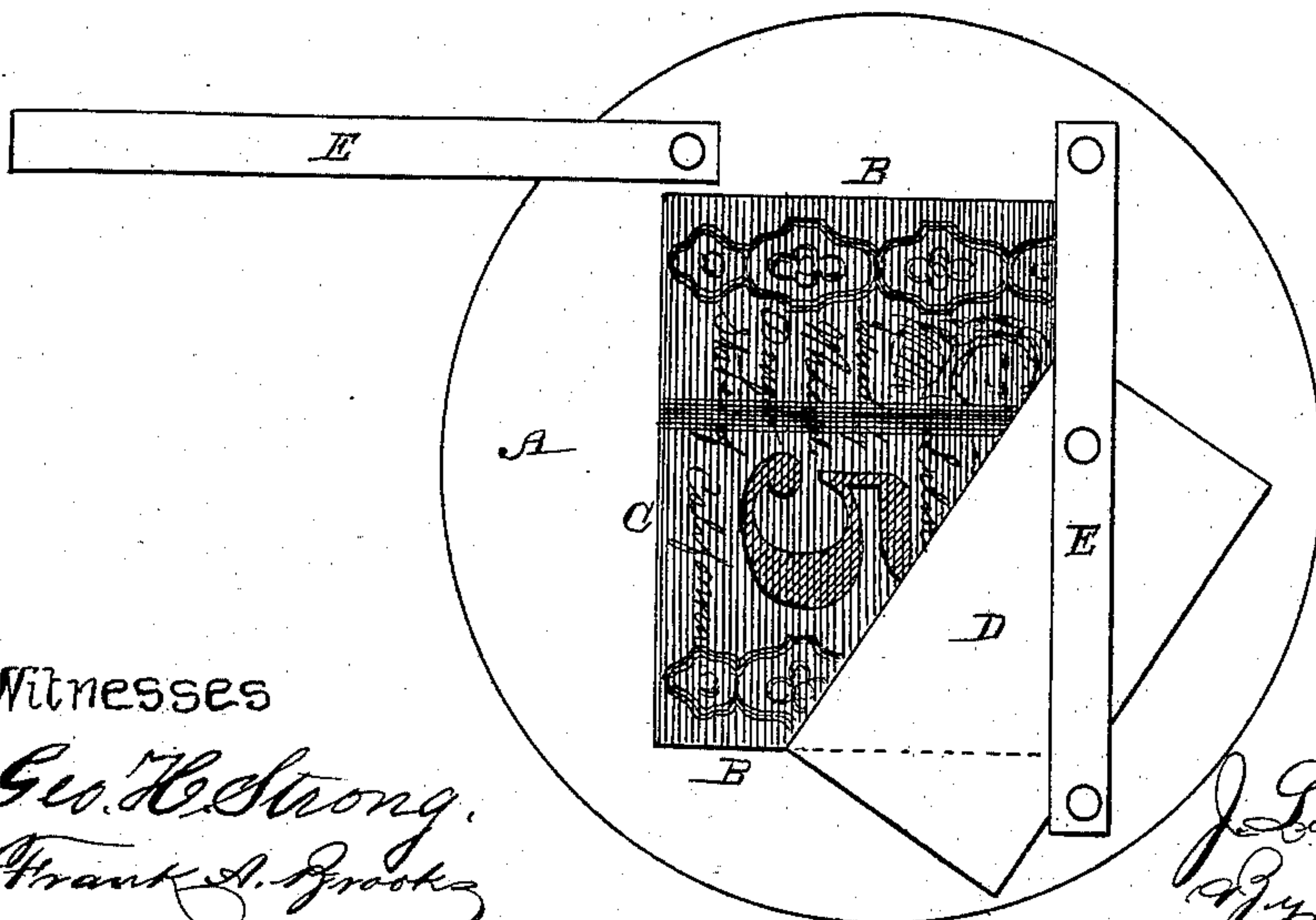


Fig. 2.



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## STAMP-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, J. LEO LILIENTHAL, of the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a Protector for Internal-Revenue Liquor-Stamps; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to and is designed as a means for protecting internal-revenue stamps employed and used by the Internal-Revenue department for distillers and liquor-dealers, by pasting upon pipes, barrels, boxes, or other packages, so that the said stamps will not become injured or destroyed during transportation or storage, and in combining with the same a shipping card or ticket. That class of internal-revenue liquor-stamps which this device is especially intended to protect have the stamp-number printed upon that portion of the stamp which extends across the center, and when the stamp is pasted upon the package the end portions are pasted down firmly. While this center, which is technically known as the "double back" or "pull back" is left free, so that when the contents of any package are to be withdrawn, that portion of the stamp bearing the stamp-number may be removed and deposited for the purposes of such withdrawal with the internal-revenue authorities.

My device is further intended to cover and protect all stamps on packages which are necessary for identification and protection. Its use and employment is a necessity in the shipment of stamped packages from one portion of the country to another—as, for instance, in sending from New York to San Francisco by sea there is much trouble experienced from the mutilation and sometimes total defacement of the stamp and stamp-number, either by rough handling or shifting of cargo, or by the rats destroying the stamp to get at the paste by which it is secured to the package.

My invention is designed to provide a protector or mask for this central portion of the stamp and the stamp-number, and, in combination with it, to provide a shipping mark or ticket, which may be formed as a part of the

protector, as will be more completely explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, 50 in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my device, showing the protector in place. Fig. 2 shows the protector turned to expose the stamp.

A is the head of a cask or package designed 55 to contain liquor.

B B are the ends, and C the central portion, of an internal-revenue stamp, such as must be pasted upon each package. These stamps have the ends pasted firmly to the package; but the 60 central strip, C, which extends entirely across the stamp and contains the stamp-number, is not pasted down, but is left free, so that it can be cut out or removed when desired. In order to protect this important central portion I 65 secure a plate, D, above it by nailing or otherwise fastening each end. In the present case I have employed two strips, E, of tin or other metal, which are tacked down so as to cover the ends of the protector and the edges of the 70 stamp while its ends are left exposed to show its character.

These protectors may be made of thin sheet metal or of card-board, and may have a name and address printed upon them; or they may 75 be made of some transparent or translucent material sufficiently strong to be not easily injured, and of a nature to repel vermin.

The protector may be removed when the destination is reached, and the stamp will be 80 found in a perfect condition.

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

A device for protecting revenue and other 85 stamps, consisting of side strips, E, in combination with the plate D, said plate D being secured centrally of the strips to protect the center of the stamp.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my 90 hand.

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