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Fig. 1

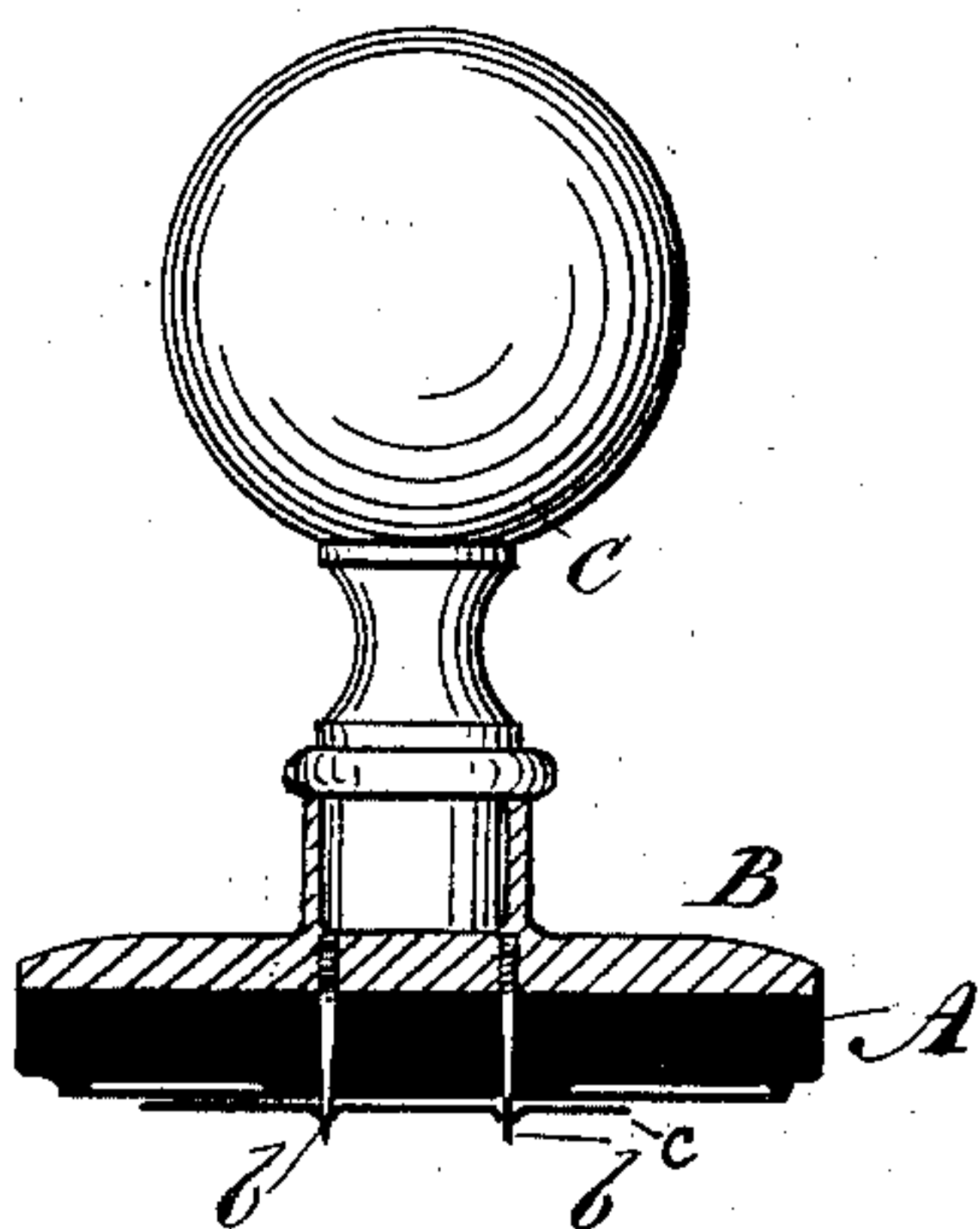


Fig. 3

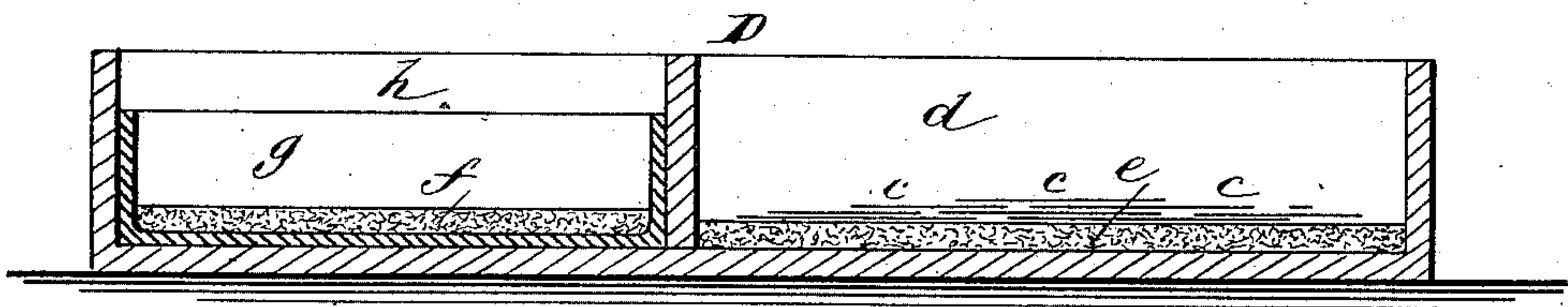
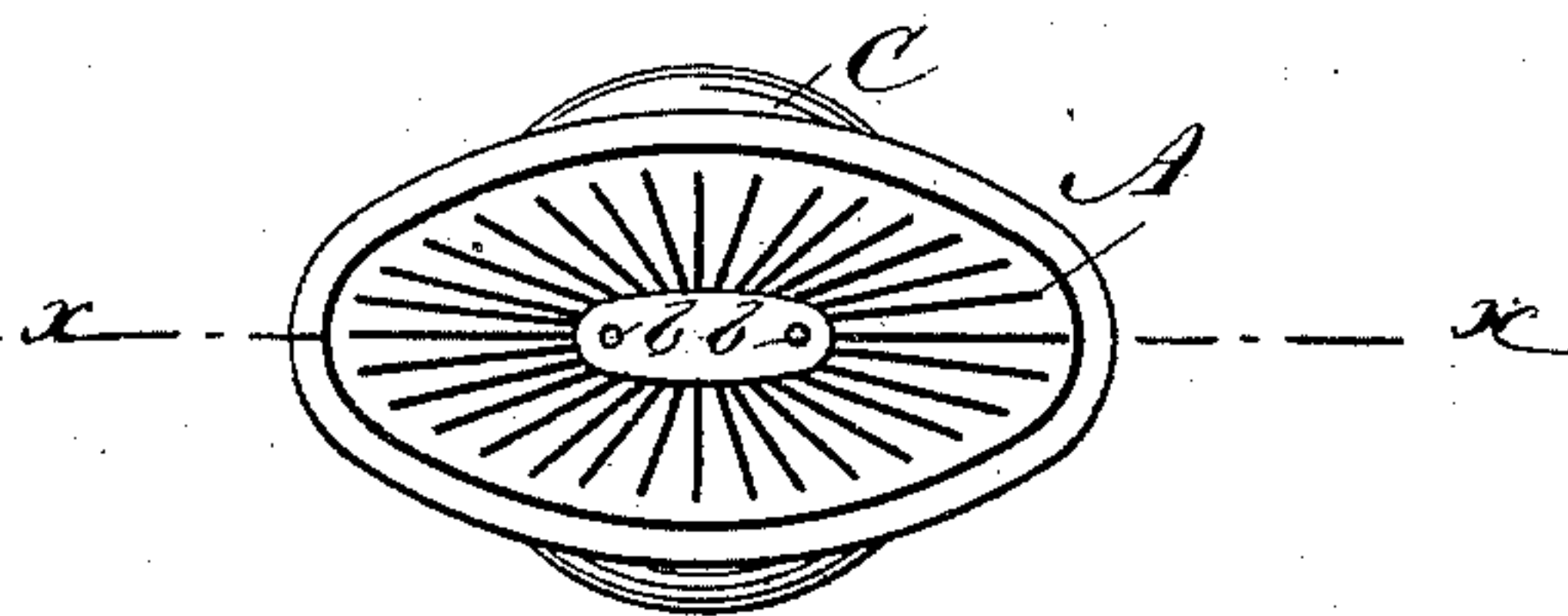


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERARD W. SCHIMMEL, of Amsterdam, Holland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Picking Up and Affixing Stamps, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a hand device of simple construction, having an elastic rubber face and sharp-pointed pins penetrating the same, for picking up and placing or fastening stamps or labels of various kinds having adhesive backs, including address-labels for newspaper-wrappers and other adhesive slips, substantially as hereinafter described, said device constituting what I term an "india-rubber stamp-fastener."

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a partly-sectional elevation of my improved stamp-fastener, the section being taken on the line *xx* in Fig. 2, which is an inverted plan or under view of the device. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of a box or case for holding the detached stamps or labels to be fastened, and cup containing a dampening pad or material that may be used in connection with my stamp-fastener, and which case may also be constructed to receive said fastener when not in use.

A is the india-rubber base or face portion of the stamp-fastener, which may be of any desired form and size, and either be plain or ribbed and ornamental on its face. This rubber base is or may be secured to a back plate or board, B, having attached to it an upright handle, C, and having projecting from its under side and penetrating the rubber base any number of strong sharp-pointed pins *bb*. The pins or prickers *b*, in their normal position, project but slightly beyond the face of the rubber block A, and they have been shown in Fig. 1 somewhat exaggerated, in order to show plainly that they do project. It is necessary that they should project slightly, not merely for the purpose of picking up the stamp *c* (see Fig. 1) from the compartment *d* of the box, but to hold onto said stamp after

the same has been picked up; otherwise the compressed rubber when expanding would force the stamp off of said pins.

In using this device the stamps or labels *c*, having adhesive matter on their backs, which on being dampened causes them to stick, are placed detached and dry, with their impression sides or faces uppermost, in the compartment *d* of the case D, having a cushion, *e*, on its bottom, to prevent breakage or injury of the pointed pins or prickers *bb* of the fastener; or stamps or labels, where numerous, may be similarly placed upon a piece of folded paper. The stamp-fastener is then pressed down on one of the series of stamps to be picked up and fastened, which will cause the rubber base A to slightly yield and the points of the pins *bb* to penetrate the stamp, and whereby the device is made to lift the stamp, which is then transferred by the fastener to a dampened pad or cushion, *f*, contained within a cup, *g*, of any suitable material, in the compartment *h* of the case D. This dampens the stamp on its gummed or adhesive back, and causes a small quantity of water to settle around the points of the pins *bb* and in the perforations made by them, which will assist the pins in holding the stamp while it is being transferred to the paper or surface on which it is to be fastened. The fastener carrying the stamp is then pressed down on the paper or surface designed to receive the stamp and quickly raised, leaving the stamp fastened, as required, behind it, after which another stamp is picked up, dampened, and fastened in like manner, and so on indefinitely.

The several operations of picking up the stamps, dampening, and sticking them may be done with the greatest rapidity by means of this device, so that a large number of stamps or labels may be fastened to their places in a very short time without the operator having occasion to bring his fingers or tongue in contact with the adhesive material on the backs of the stamps, labels, or slips.

If necessary, the papers to be stamped may be placed upon a cushion, or upon a folded piece of paper, to prevent injury to the points of the pins *bb*, and the dampening pad or cushion *f* should be sufficiently soft to have a

like protecting effect on the points of the pins. Said dampening-cushion should not be too wet, but just sufficiently so for the purpose for which it is designed, and any suitable means may be adapted for keeping it at its proper degree of dampness, or use will soon learn the operator this. The paper receiving the stamp or label should be dry. The rubber base A gives an easy and perfect action to the device and enables rigid pins or prickers *b b* to be used.

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

1. In a device for picking up and fastening stamps, labels, and other adhesive slips or articles, the elastic or yielding base A, in com-

bination with stationary pins or prickers *b*, arranged to penetrate said base, substantially as specified.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, the stamp-fastener consisting, essentially, of the rubber face-piece A, back B, to which said rubber is secured, and the pins or prickers *b*, secured to the back B, and projecting through and slightly beyond the face of the rubber, as set forth.

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