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STAMP CANCELER.

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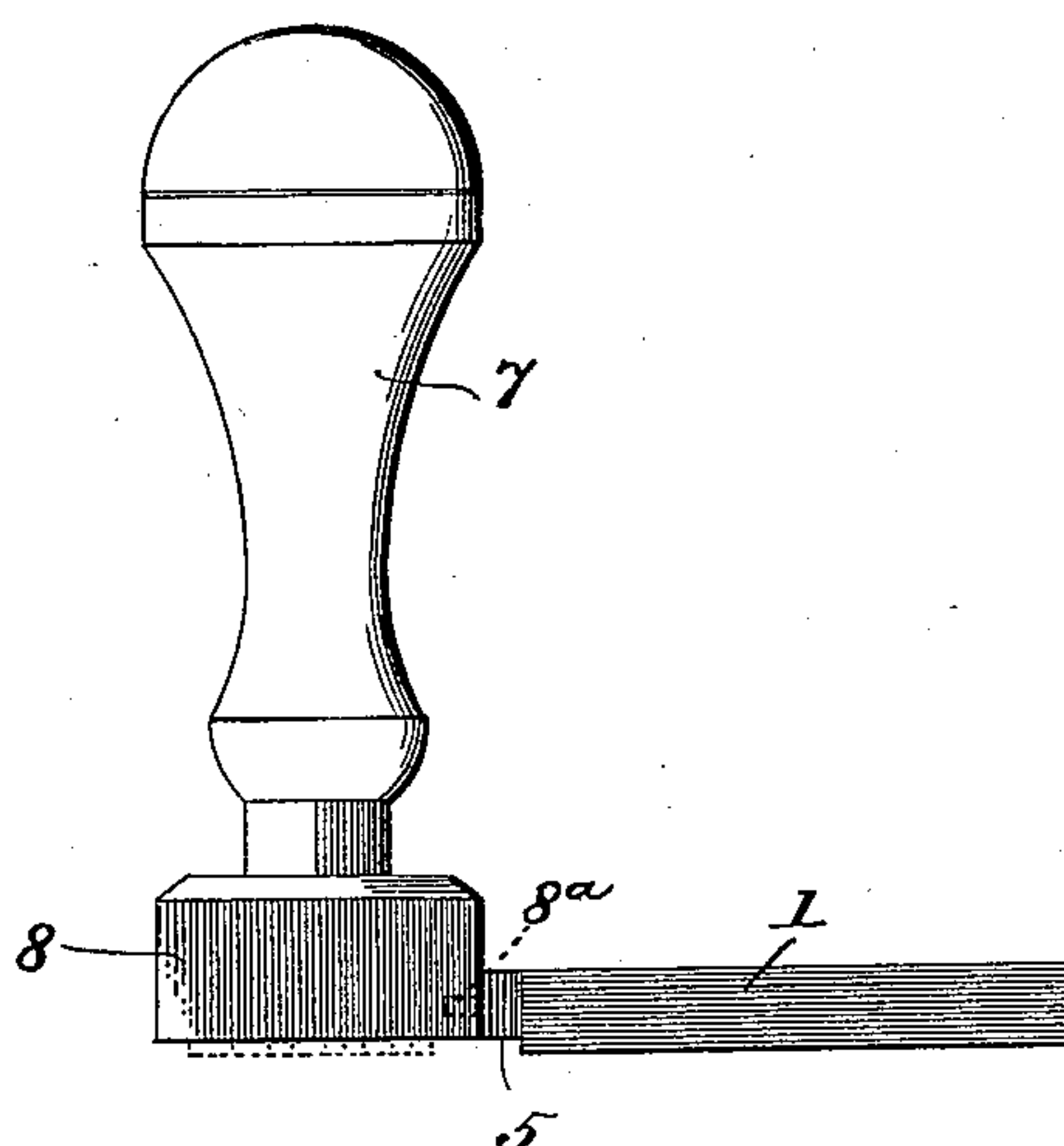


Fig. 1.

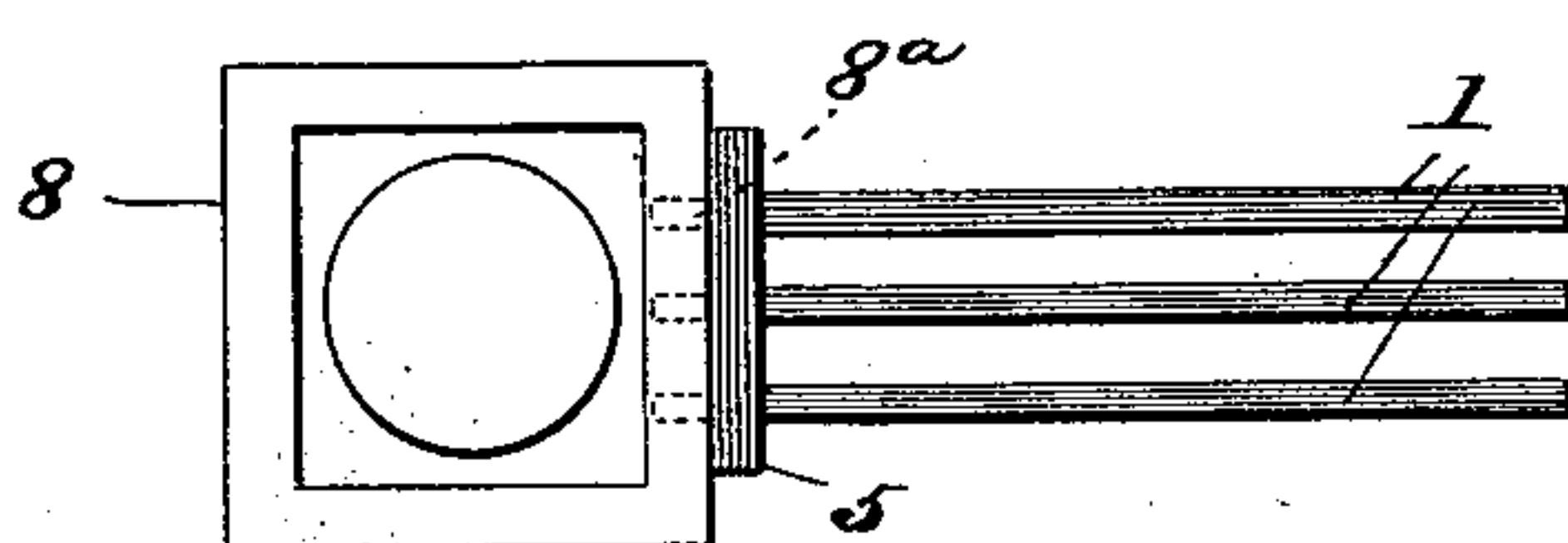


Fig. 2.

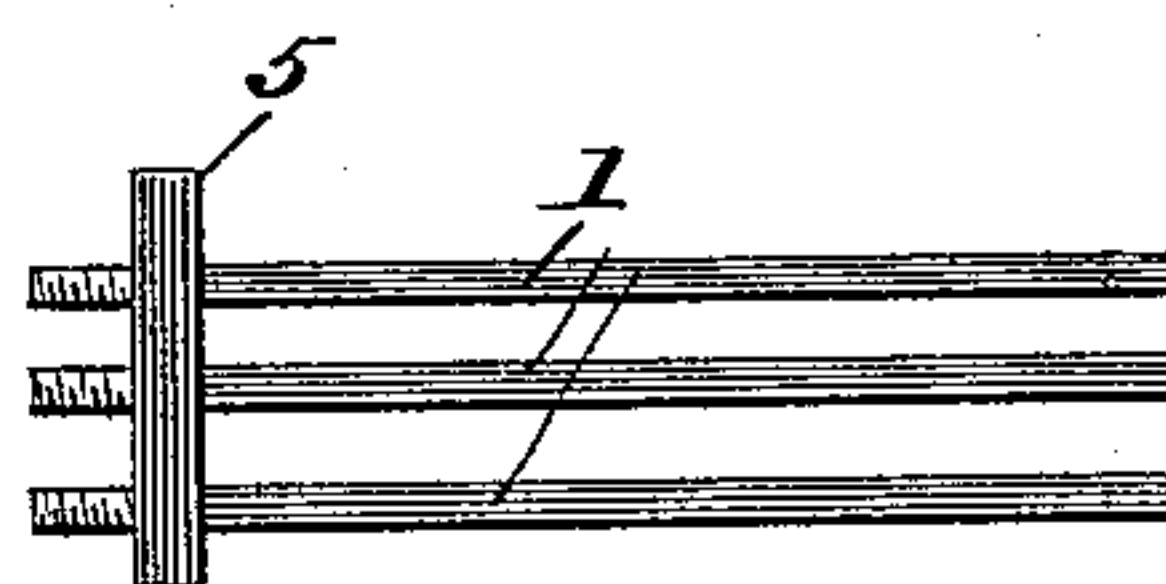


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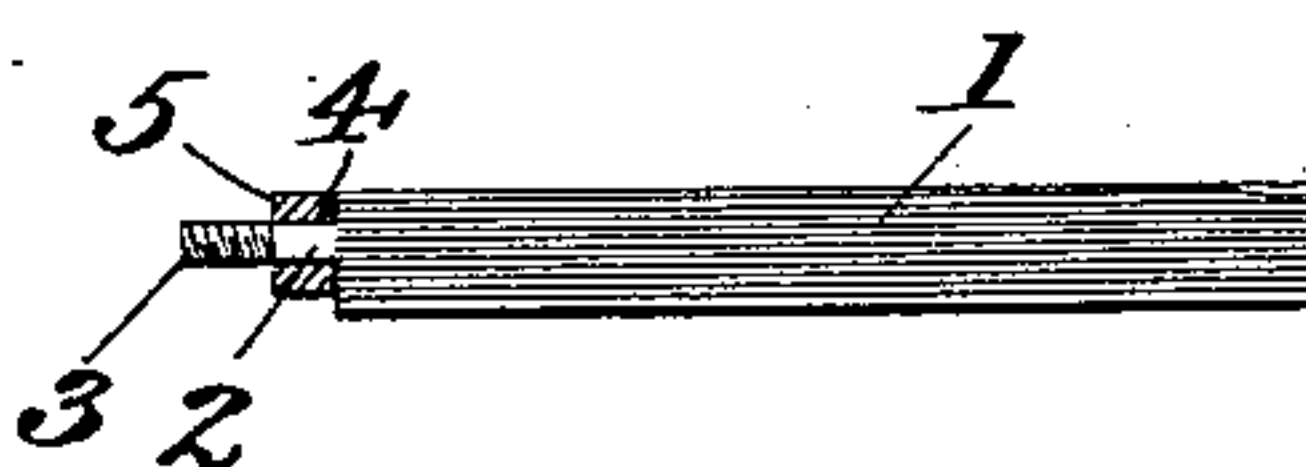


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD W. MILHADO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mineral City, in the county of Louisa and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Cancelers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an attachment for postmarking hand-stamps, and the objects in view are to produce a cheap and simple attachment adapted to be applied and secured to the side of any ordinary hand-stamp employed for postmarking mail and designed to cancel the stamps simultaneous with such postmarking by the hand-stamp.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features of the invention will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of an ordinary postmarking hand-stamp, the same having my attachment operatively applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the stamp. Fig. 3 is a detail in plan of the attachment. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

Like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In constructing my attachment I employ a series of metal bars 1, the same being of such length as to equal the combined width of two stamps, although, if desired, the length of these bars may only equal the width of one stamp, such being a mere matter of taste. Near their inner ends these bars 1 are reduced to form cylindrical portions 2, and beyond such portions the reduced ends are threaded, as indicated at 3.

The inner reduced ends of the bars 1 are passed through and have their smooth portions journaled in transverse perforations 4, formed in a transverse connecting-bar 5, beyond which the threaded portions of the aforesaid bars extend. By forming the reduced portions of the bars it will be seen that there are produced shoulders 6 in the bars 1, which

shoulders abut against the outer surface of the transverse connecting-bar 5.

Although I have shown my attachment as being composed of three bars 1, yet it will be understood that this number may be decreased or increased, as preferred.

7 designates the handle of an ordinary postmarking hand-stamp, and 8 the head thereof, in which is to be located the printing-die, all of which are of the usual construction. Of course any other style of stamp may be employed, and I have merely selected this form for the purpose of illustrating my invention in its application. The head of the present stamp is square, so that the attachment is applied to a flat surface, and the connecting-bar 5 is consequently straight. In case, however, that the attachment is to be applied to a hand-stamp having a cylindrical head, of course the connecting-bar would be curved to agree therewith, such changes I deem being wholly within my invention.

The side of the head of the stamp has a series of threaded perforations formed therein, the same being indicated as 8^a and shown by dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, such perforations agreeing in location, number, and size with the threaded ends of the bars 1. These bars 1 are a sufficient distance apart to permit of them being independently rotated, and in this manner said bars are screwed into the perforations 8 and the attachment as a whole made fast to the head of the stamp.

When in position, it will be observed that the bars act as clamping-screws, the connecting-bar resting against the side of the head of the hand-stamp and being bound or clamped between the same and the shoulders of the bars 1.

The hand-stamp is used in the ordinary manner, the imprint or postmark being made to one side of the stamp contained on the envelop, so that the plurality of marking-bars 1 will imprint upon and thereby cancel the stamps at the same time that the mail-matter is postmarked.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have produced a very simply-constructed, cheap, and readily-applied attachment for hand-stamps of the usual kind, and by the

same the time and labor expended where mail is first postmarked and subsequently the stamps canceled are decreased one-half.

Having thus fully described my invention, 5 what I claim is—

1. The herein-described stamp-canceling attachment for postmarking-stamps, the same consisting of a plurality of marking-bars, a transverse connecting-bar, and means for se- 10 curing the connecting-bar to the side of the stamp-head, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described stamp-canceling attachment for postmarking-stamps, the same consisting of a plurality of marking-bars, re- 15 duced toward their inner ends to form cylindrical bearing portions and back of the same binding or clamping shoulders said reduced portions beyond said bearing portions being threaded, and a transversely-disposed and per-

forated connecting-bar receiving said bear- 20 ing portions, substantially as specified.

3. The combination with the postmarking hand-stamp, the head of which is provided at one side with a plurality of threaded perforations, of the connecting-bar applied to the 25 side of said head and having alining perforations, and the series of marking-bars having reduced inner ends journaled in the perforations of the connecting-bar and threaded beyond the same in the perforations in the 30 head of the stamp, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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