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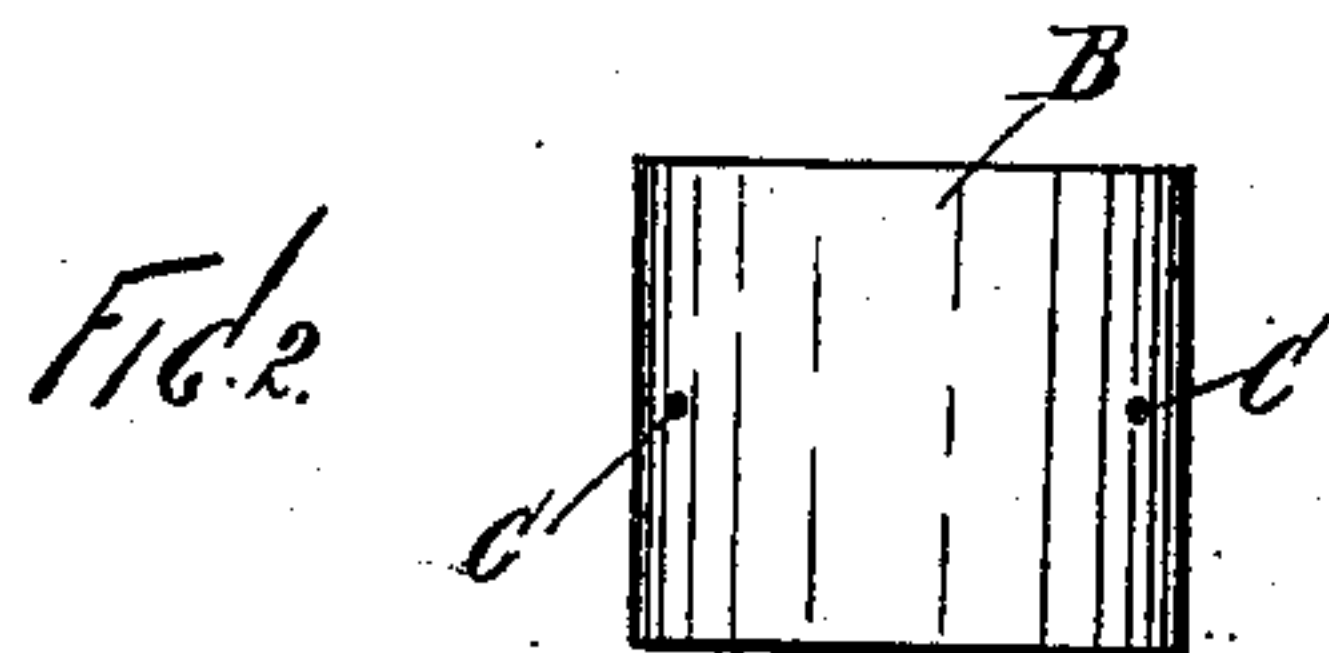
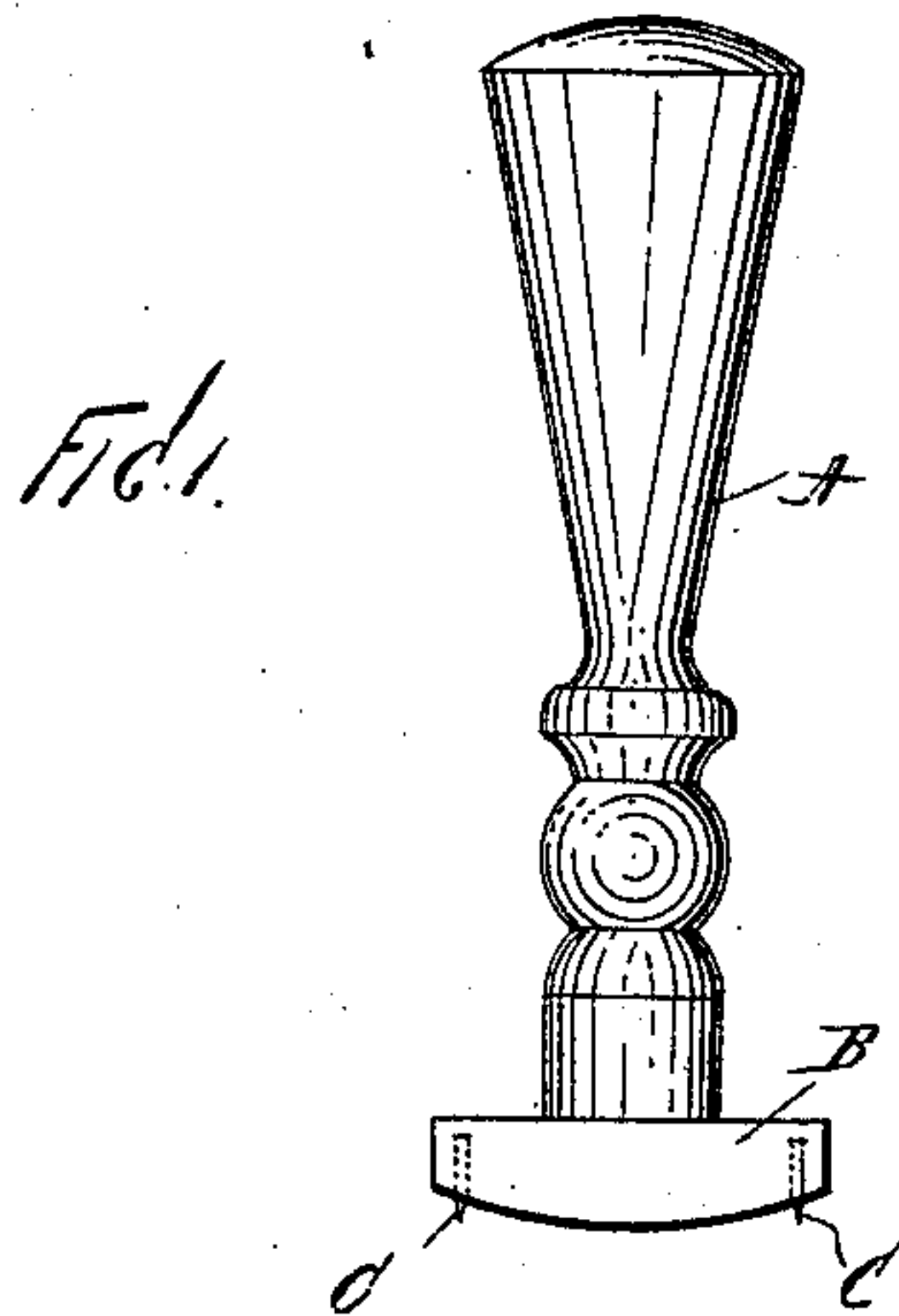
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL P. MACLAURIN, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at New York, (Brooklyn,) in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Picking Up and Affixing Stamps, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices for picking up stamps and applying them to a moistening-pad and to an envelop; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is simple in construction and also inexpensive and well adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved stamp picker and applier, and Fig. 2 a bottom plan view thereof.

In the drawings forming part of this specification the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same letters of reference in each of the views, and in the practice of my invention I provide a device for the purpose herein specified which comprises a handle A, which may be of any desired shape or form and composed of any desired material, and said handle is provided at its lower end with a head B, which is preferably rectangular in form, as shown in the drawings, and the lower side of which is convex, the central portion being thicker than the end portions thereof, and said head is provided, preferably at each end, with sharp prongs or pin-points C, which are rigidly secured therein and which project below the convex surface thereof a sufficient distance only to pick up a stamp.

In practice the convex lower side of the head B is pressed on the face of the stamp and the handle swung laterally. This operation forces the points or prongs C through the stamp, and the latter is held thereby. The stamp, held by the head B, is then pressed

on the moistening-pad, after which it is pressed on the envelop, and the gummed surface thereof adheres to the envelop and secures the stamp thereto, and the picker and applier is raised therefrom, the stamp remaining secured to the envelop.

In applying the stamp to the envelop the central portion of the convex bottom of the head B is pressed on the envelop and the handle is swung laterally, slight pressure being applied thereto, thus causing the entire gummed surface of the stamp to adhere to the envelop, and this operation also removes the prongs or points C from the stamp and leaves it secured to the envelop, as will be readily understood.

The prongs or points C may be secured in the head B in any desired manner, and my improved device for applying stamps to envelops may be used in connection with a moistening-pad of any desired construction, and said device is simple in construction and operation and well adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and it will be apparent that changes in and modifications of the construction herein described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

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

A device of the class described comprising a head provided with a handle the operative surface of said head being convexly curved and provided adjacent each end with rigidly-secured prongs the relative arrangement and construction being such that said head and handle form a double lever with the pins at the operative ends, and a curved bearing-surface between said pins, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 22d day of June, 1898.

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