

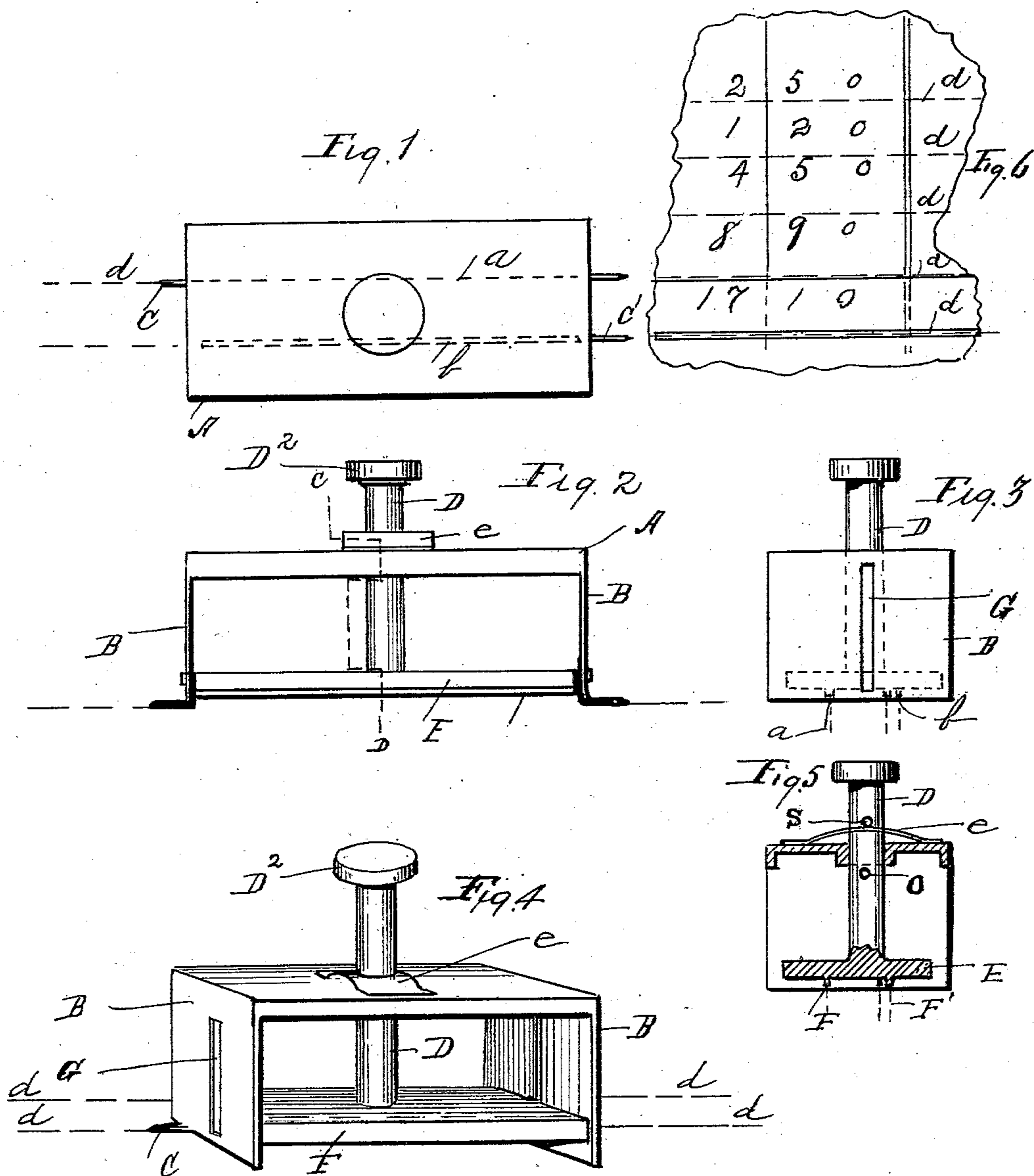
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER A. SHEA, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Philadelphia, Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Guiding Ledger-Footings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to hand-stamps; and it consists of features fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

The object of my invention is to provide a hand-stamp with a means to guide it so the user can properly line the footings of the ledger and of statements.

Usually in good bookkeeping practice each individual account in a ledger requires in footing a single and a double line in red ink, and it is usually ruled with a pen. My invention insures the said lines being properly and neatly located, and it also lessens the work of the accountant, as is obvious.

It consists of a hand-stamp having in combination with the platen a finger which serves as a line-guide.

I do not limit myself to a stamp operated by a spring, as I could also use an ordinary rubber stamp with a wooden frame, the guide showing the position the ruling-lines will take; neither do I limit myself to one finger, or indeed any specific guide. The said finger is placed in practice on some part of the stamp or frame, and when the footing of the account is complete it is designed to rest on the normal ruled lines of the ledger-page and on such individual line and such position of the page as the account to which it is applied would suggest.

In the drawings like parts are referred to by marks or letters of a corresponding kind in the different views.

Figure 1 is a general plan of a stamp having my invention applied. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is an end view; Fig. 4, a perspective view. Fig. 5 is a section on the line C D; and Fig. 6 is a section from the page of a ledger or of a statement, showing the practical application of the device.

A is the top, and B B the sides, of a hand-press, having slots G G, one slot in each end.

E is the platen, and F is the ink-carrying member fixed thereto, as is also F'.

C is the line-guide or indicator carried by the frame B, and in practice it is designed to place this indicator on the line, as indicated by *d* in Fig. 1, also *d* in Figs. 4 and 6. C' is also a line-guide. These fingers are designed to rest on the normal ruled lines of the ledger-page. This will bring the imprinting members F and F' at the position as shown in Fig. 6, which will always have them relatively correct, and the labor of ruling the same with a pen is obviated.

D is the handle-supporting rod for the finger-button D², and a spring *e* normally keeps the platen raised. The pin S contacts with the spring aforesaid, against which pin it exerts its force and therethrough to the said rod D. The pin O determines the upward movement of the rod D and platen E, as is evident.

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

1. A line regulating and adjusting device for ledger or like rulings, comprising a hand-stamp being provided with a frame, means carried by the stamp or frame for indicating the position the imprint will be made on the ledger-page, said means consisting of an endwise-projecting line-indicator, said imprint being parallel to the normal rulings of the ledger-page.

2. A line regulating and adjusting device comprising a hand-stamp frame, a platen carried thereby, ruling imprinting projections carried by the platen and an indicator or line-guide carried by the frame, said indicator consisting of an endwise-projecting member carried by the frame, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A line regulator and guide in a hand-stamp for lining ledger-footings comprising a platen, imprinting members, a supporting-frame and a line-guide, said guide comprising an endwise projection carried by the platen-carrying frame, as and for the purpose set out.

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