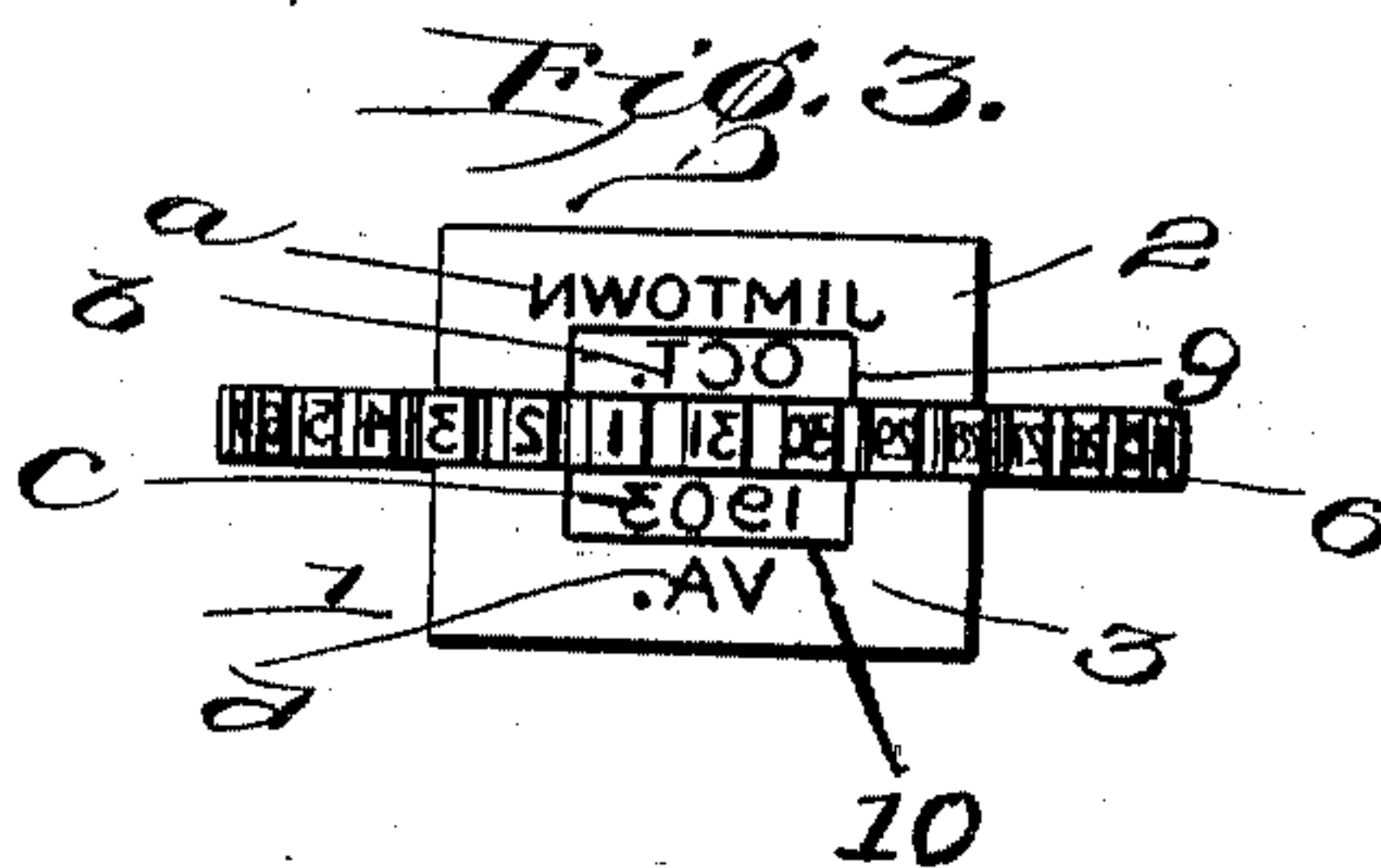
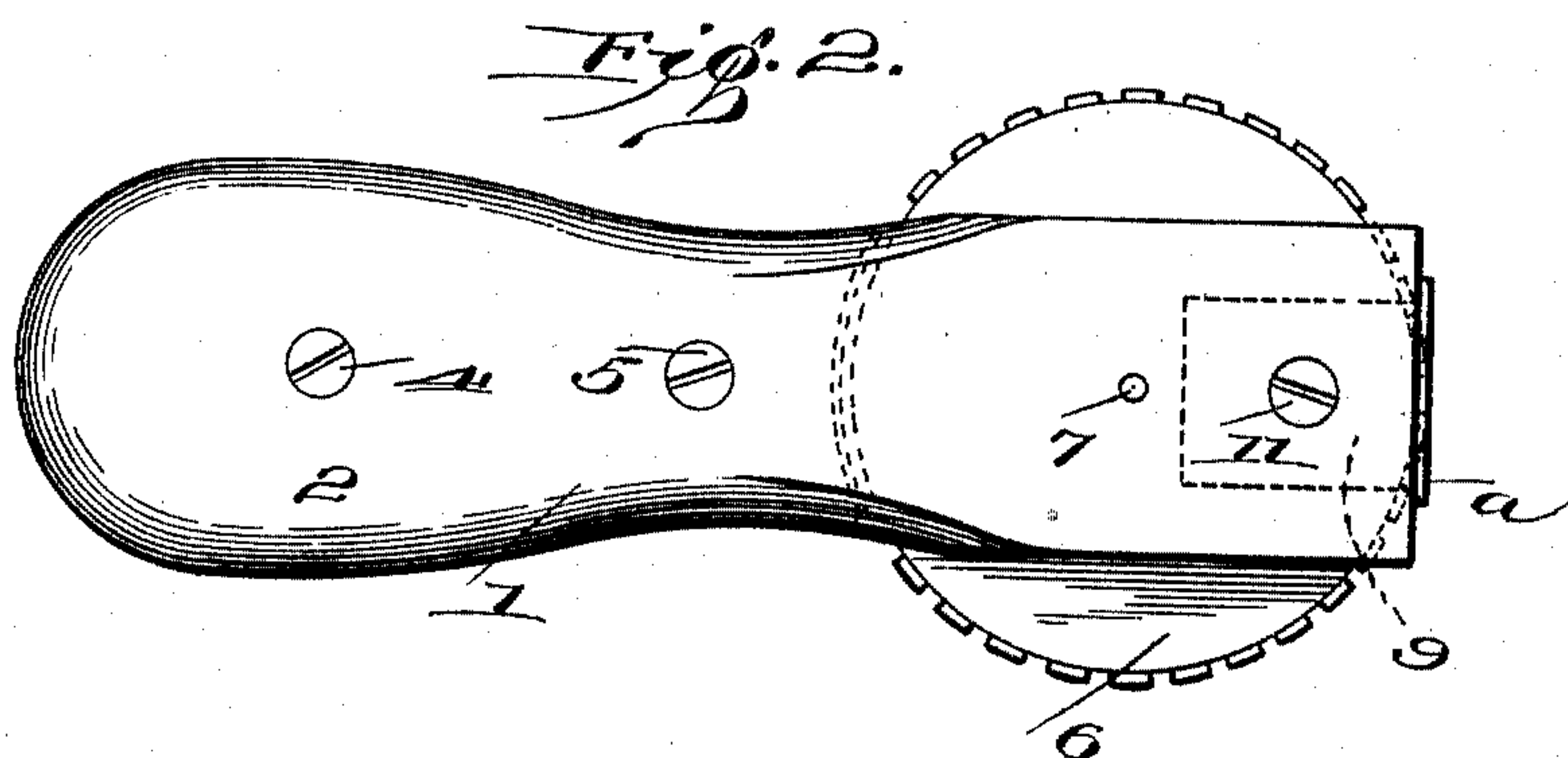
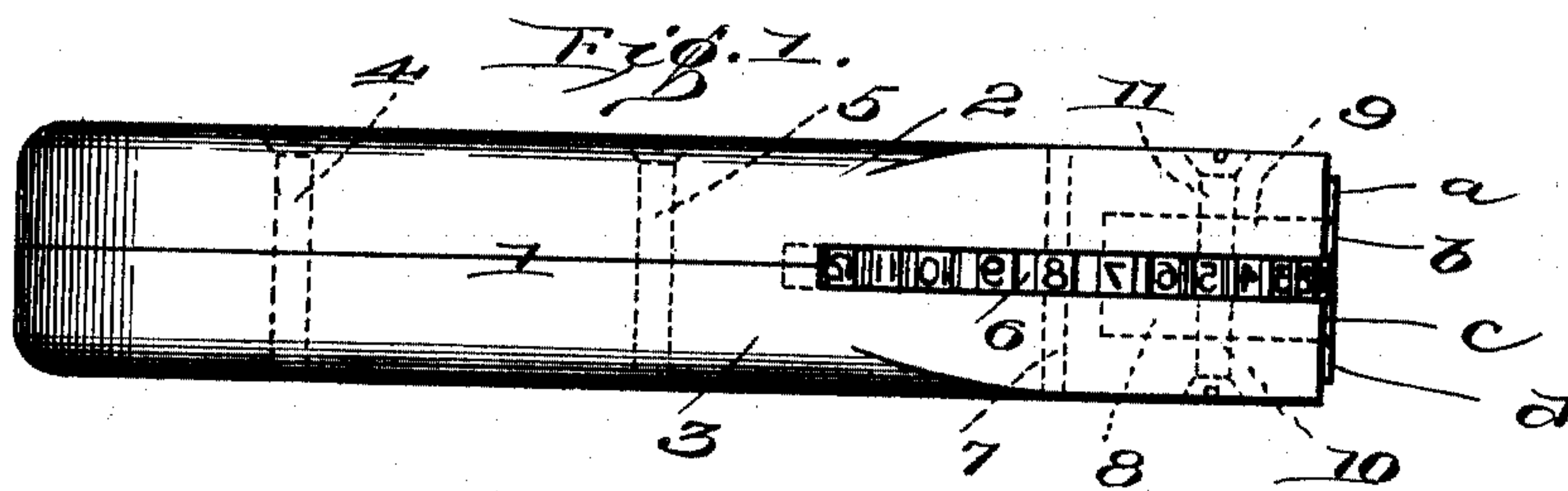


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE EDWARD McVEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Gypsum, in the county of Smyth and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cancellation-Stamps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in cancellation-stamps such as are used by holding in the hand for canceling letters.

My invention comprises novel features which will be hereinafter described, and particularly defined in the claim.

The object of my invention is to produce a hand-stamp of such design that it may be cheaply made and readily adjusted for difference in dates and also of such character that there is no reasonable likelihood of its being injured or getting out of order.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation showing one edge of the stamp. Fig. 2 is a plan showing the side face of the stamp. Fig. 3 is an elevation showing the end face of the stamp.

Corresponding parts in all the figures are denoted by the same reference characters.

The handle 1 is composed of two parts 2 and 3, meeting, preferably, upon a central longitudinal plane. These two parts are secured together in any convenient manner, preferably by screws 4 and 5. The end of the handle which contains the stamps is provided with a wheel-receiving slot formed by recessing each half of the handle. In this slot upon a shaft 7 is journaled a wheel 6, upon the periphery of which are formed the numbers running from "1" to "31," inclusive, and adapted to be used for the days of the month.

Immediately outside of the date-wheel in the end of each half of the handle is provided a recess adapted to receive blocks 8 and 9, one of which, 8, has on its outer face figures representing the year, and the other, 9, has letters representing the months. These blocks are secured in place by means of screws 10 and 11, which pass through the handle and screw into the blocks. These blocks, as well as the date-wheel, are designed to be cast or otherwise

formed of steel, with the figures and letters integral therewith. I also prefer to construct the handle of metal and to cast integral therewith upon the end which carries the dating-wheel letters representing the name of the office and the State, one being placed upon one half of the handle and the other upon the other half.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 3, *a* represents the name of the office. *b* is the month. Next after this comes the date-wheel 6, which has upon its periphery the thirty-one numbers. Next after this is the year-stamp *c*, and after this the stamp *d*, which contains the name of the State. As the stamps for the month and the year are seldom changed, these are made as blocks, which may be inserted and secured by a screw. As the day of the month is frequently changed, this stamp consists of a wheel which may be quickly turned to present the proper number. This wheel is secured against turning by tightening the screw 5, which binds the two halves of the handle together close to the date-wheel. By loosening this screw the wheel may be readily turned. The clamp may be adjusted so that the wheel may be readily turned and yet be securely held in place without changing the screw 5.

It will be readily seen that this stamp is of solid and durable construction, such that it is not likely to get out of order, and at the same time may be quickly adjusted to change the date. There are also no parts which require frequent changing that are liable to become lost. The manner of construction of this stamp will also insure it against injury. It may also be cheaply made and will wear an indefinite length of time.

I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the details of construction and arrangement as herein described and illustrated, as it is manifest that variations and modifications may be made in the features of construction and arrangement in the adaptation of the device to various conditions of use without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention and improvements. I therefore reserve the right to all such variation and modification as properly fall within the scope of

my invention and the terms of the following claim.

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

- 5 A cancellation-stamp, comprising a handle divided longitudinally from end to end to form individual meeting sections, each section having a recess in its inner face at the same end forming a fork, and a subrecess in the walls
10 of the first recess, a date-wheel journaled in the recess between the arms of said fork, blocks removably secured in the subrecesses and screws passing through said sections and

adapted to be turned therein in one direction to draw said sections toward each other to lock 15 the date-wheel or to be turned in the reverse direction to separate the sections to allow the date-wheel to be turned, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 20 in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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