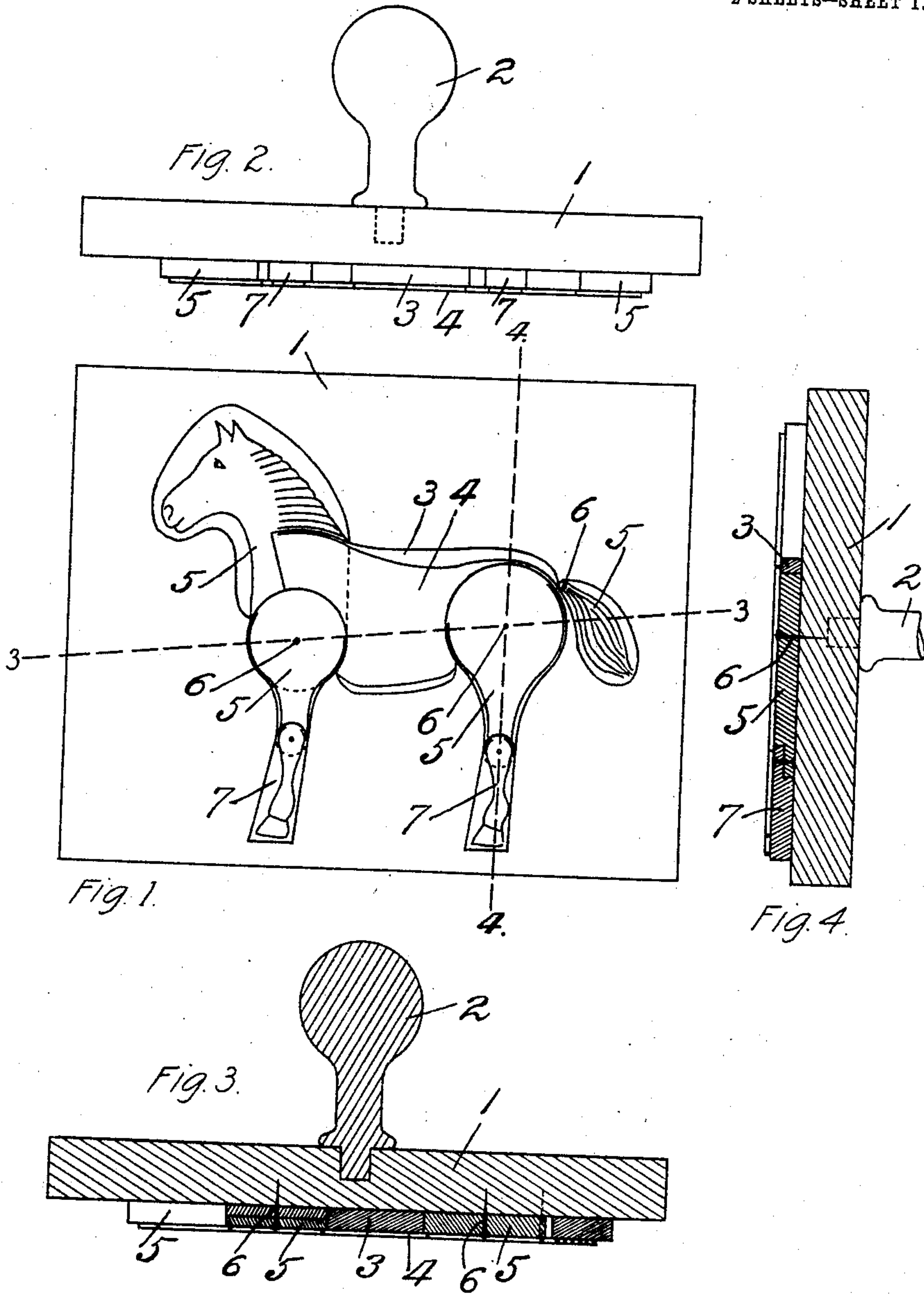


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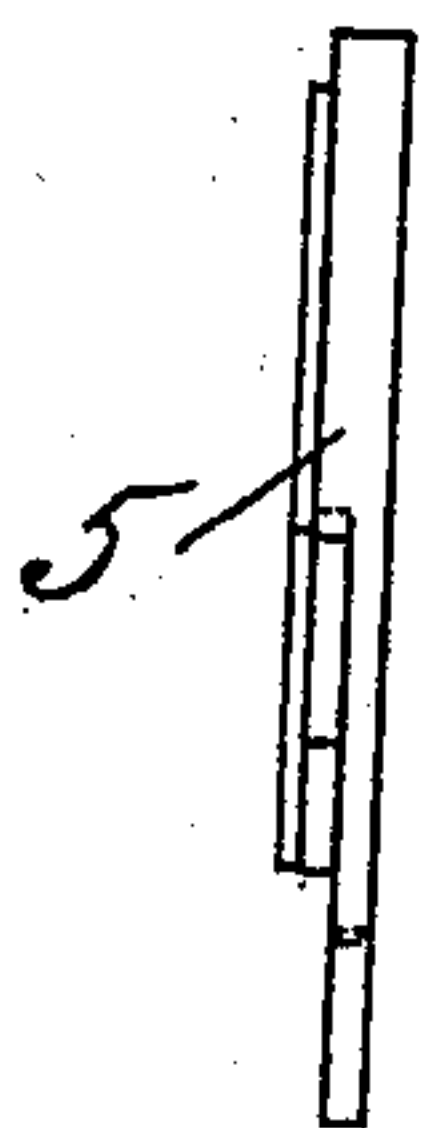


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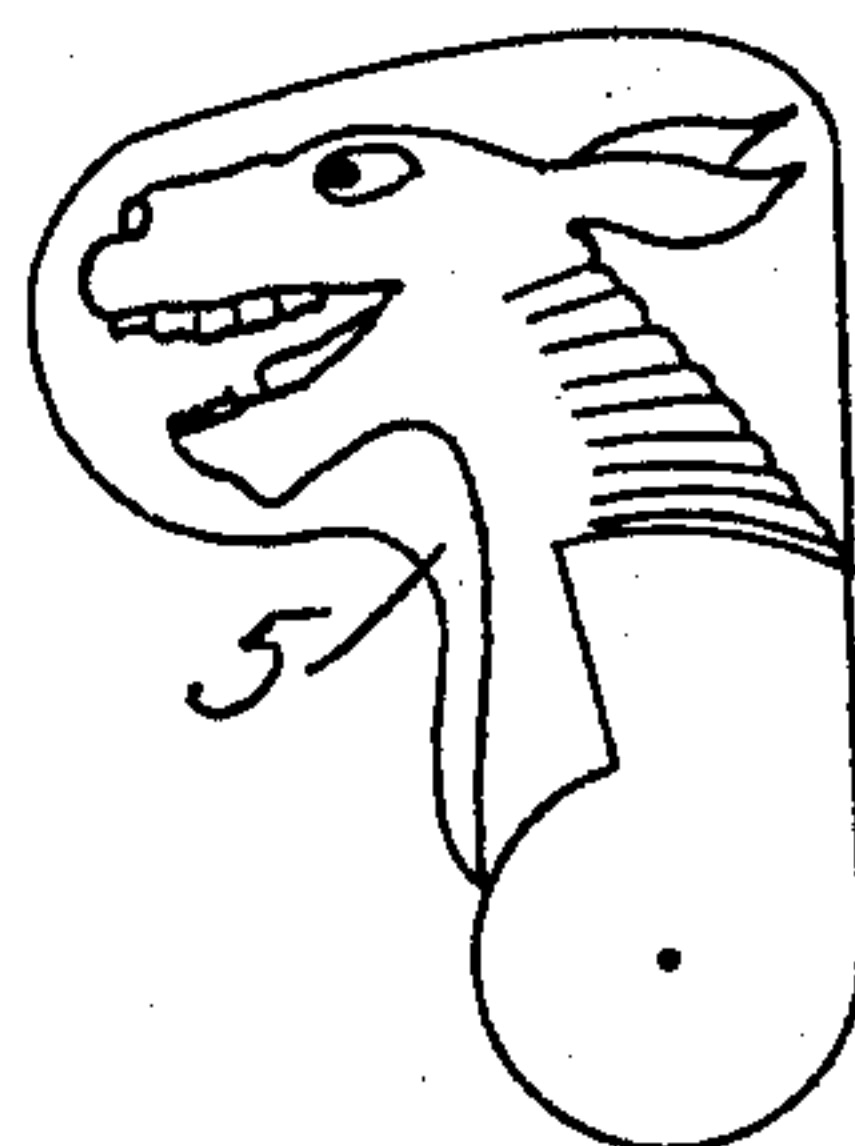


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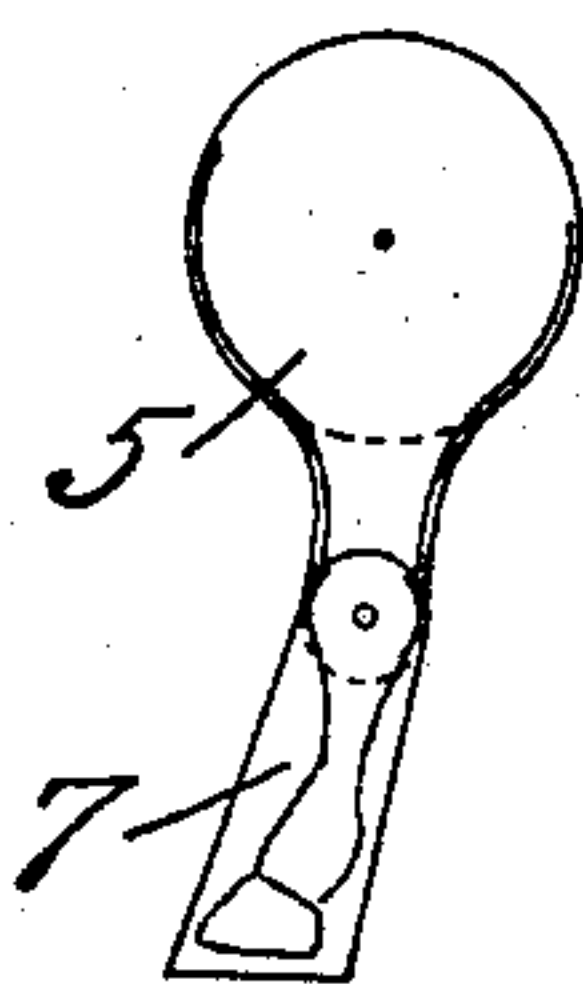


Fig. 8.



Fig. 9.

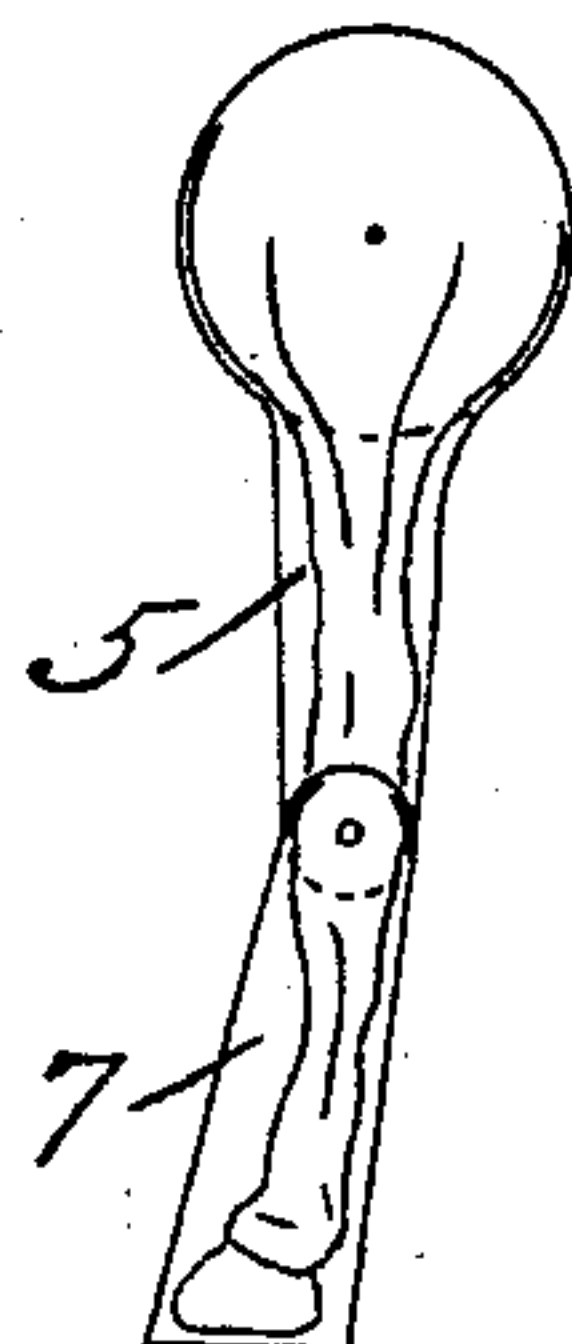


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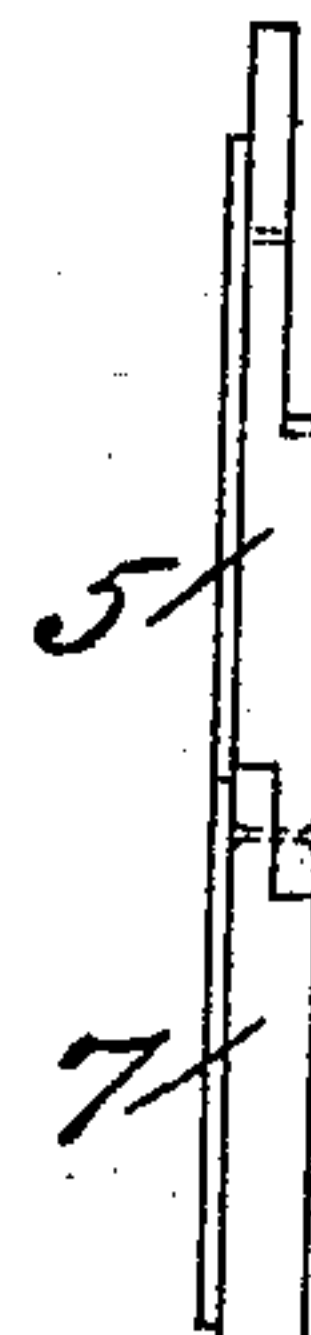


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PHILIP B. HILL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Little Rock, county of Pulaski, State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Variable Printing-Stamps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to printing stamps and has for its principal object to provide for varying the configuration of the impression; and it consists principally in making the impression surfaces on separate members which are mounted on a common base so as to be relatively movable.

It also consists in the arrangements and combinations of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification, and wherein like symbols refer to like parts wherever they occur, Figure 1 is a view of the face of a hand stamp embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a side view thereof; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Figs. 5 and 6 are detail views of interchangeable head members, and Fig. 7 is a side view thereof; Figs. 8 and 10 are detail views of interchangeable limb members, and Figs. 9 and 11 are side views thereof, respectively.

My device comprises a base 1 having an even surface on one side and provided on the opposite side with a handle 2 as in the ordinary rubber hand stamp. Mounted on the surface of the base opposite the handle is a plate or member 3, which is preferably fixed immovably to said base. Upon this member 3 is mounted a facing 4 of rubber or other suitable material adapted to receive ink from an inking pad and to make an impression therewith, the printing surface being formed in relief as in the ordinary rubber hand stamp. The printing surface of the member 3 is designed to print the body portion of the figure and is hereinafter referred to as the body member.

Members 5 are suitably mounted to permit movement thereof relative to the body member. These members may be mounted on the base (as shown in Fig. 3) by means of a headed tack or pin 6 that serves both as a fastener and as a pivot for such members. These pivotal members are provided with a facing similar to that of the body member and have their printing surfaces shaped to conform to the printing surface of the body member. Obviously, the pivotal members can be mounted upon the body member instead of upon the base.

In some instances, it is desirable to provide the outer end of a pivotal member with a secondary member 7 that is capable of movement relative thereto. For such purpose, the secondary member 7 is preferably pivotally mounted directly on the primary pivotal member 5, and the two together constitute in effect a single jointed member, as shown in Figs. 8 and 10. In such

case, the secondary member is provided with a printing surface like that of the body member and of the primary pivotal member, and the design of its printing surface is made to complement that of its primary pivotal member. The printing surfaces of the several members are arranged to lie in the same plane, so that all of the surfaces may print with a single impression. For this purpose, the several members are designed so that the base constitutes a backing for all of them while their printing surfaces are made flush with each other. It is noted that the pivots of the several pivotally mounted members are transverse to the printing surfaces, in consequence of which the printing surfaces remain flush with each other in all positions to which the pivotal members may be turned.

The accompanying drawing illustrates my invention embodied in a device designed to print the picture of a horse in various positions. For this purpose, the printing surfaces of the primary printing members are designed to print the head, tail and upper portions of the limbs, respectively, while the printing surface of the secondary members are designed to print the shanks. Obviously, the designs of the printing surfaces may be varied to represent human beings or animals of all kinds and geometrical or ornamental designs; and the number of joints may be varied as desired. So, too, it is not necessary that the members be mounted pivotally as their relative movement may be accomplished by other methods of mounting them. It is desirable to make up these variable printing stamps in sets or series to be used in conjunction with each other, by which means the combinations of their several impressions may be varied indefinitely. So, too, it is desirable to make the members removable and interchangeable. For instance, the horse head of Figs. 1 and 5 may be removed and replaced with the head of Fig. 7; in like manner the limbs shown in Figs. 8 and 10 may be used interchangeably by merely drawing and resetting the pivotal tack or fastener.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A hand stamp provided on one of its faces with a body printing surface and a plurality of elongated printing surfaces eccentrically pivotally mounted with respect to each other, the pivots being transverse to the printing surfaces and near the margin of the body printing surface.
2. A toy printing stamp comprising a base, a body member thereon having a printing surface, and elongated members removably pivoted on said body member near their ends and likewise provided with printing surfaces, the pivots being transverse to the printing surface.
3. A toy printing stamp comprising a base, a body member thereon having a printing surface, and elongated members pivoted near their ends adjacent to the margin of the body member and likewise provided with printing surfaces, the pivots being transverse to the printing surfaces and the several printing surfaces constituting parts of a unitary design.

4. A toy printing stamp comprising a base, a body member thereon having a printing surface, elongated members pivotally mounted relative to said body member and likewise provided with printing surfaces, and a plurality of  
5 interchangeable members and means for pivotally mounting them on said body member, said interchangeable members being provided with printing surfaces of different design, the pivots being transverse to the printing surfaces.
- 10 5. A hand stamp having a base, a member fixed thereon, and elongated members pivotally mounted with respect to said base, and secondary members eccentrically pivotally mounted on said last-mentioned members near the outer ends thereof, all of said members having flush printing surfaces, the pivots being transverse to the printing  
15 surfaces.
6. A hand stamp having a member fixed thereon and provided with a printing surface simulating the body of an animal, jointed members pivotally mounted relative to said body member and having printing surfaces simulating the limbs of the animal, and members movable relative to said body member and provided with printing surfaces simulating the head and tail of said animal, all of said printing surfaces being flush with each other.
- Signed at Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas, this  
30th day of March, 1907, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.
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