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CHECK STAMPING DEVICE.

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Fig. 1

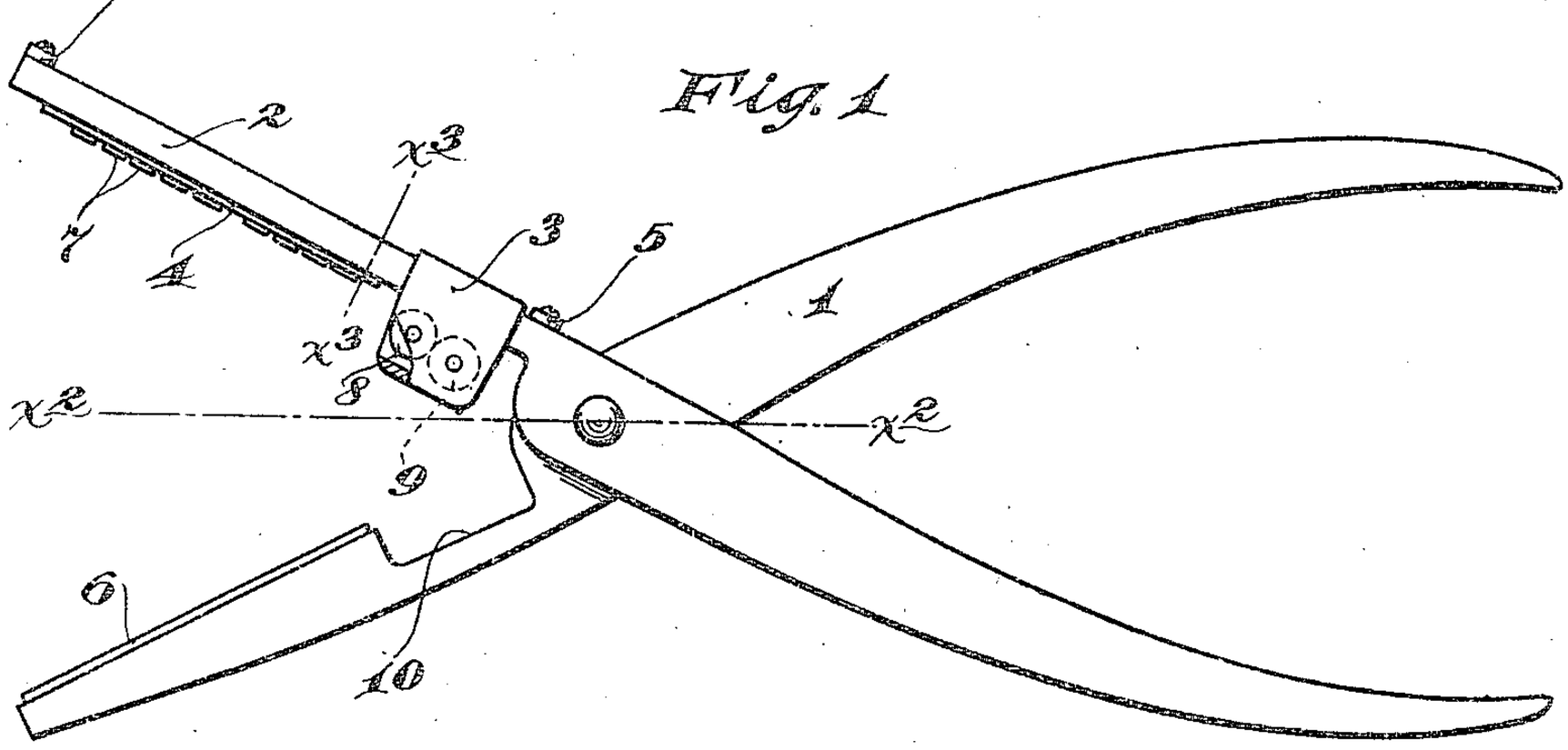


Fig. 2

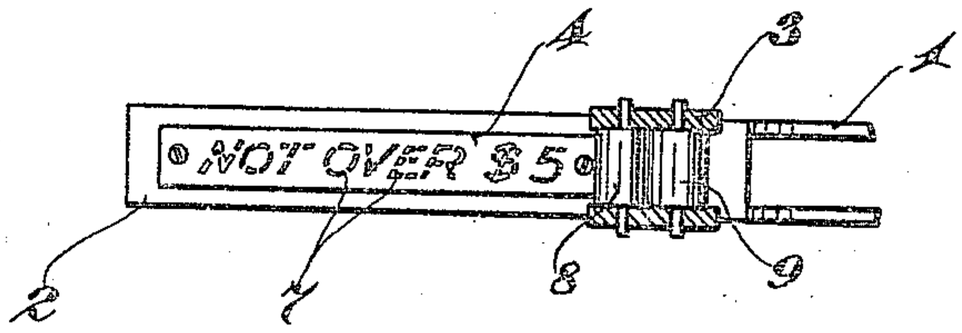
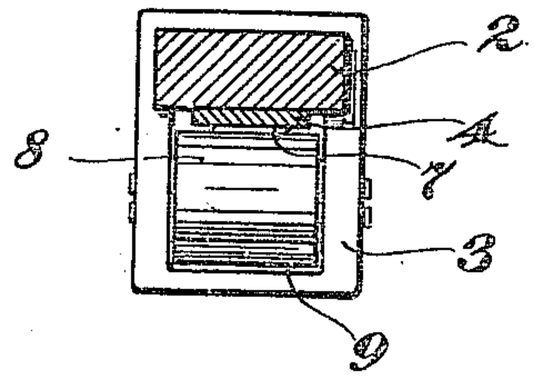


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK G. LUNDEEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Courtenay, in the county of Stutsman and State of North Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Stamping Devices; 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 has for its object to provide an extremely simple and efficient check stamping device to prevent checks from being raised in value, and, to this end, the invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described and defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the invention, like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view, with some parts broken away, showing the improved device; Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken approximately on the line x^2 x^2 of Fig. 1, some parts being broken away; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse section taken on the line x^3 x^3 of Fig. 1.

The numeral 1 indicates a pair of pliers made up of a pair of intermediately pivoted levers. The jaw of one of the levers is formed with straight parallel edges 2, which afford a run-way for a rectangular open roller-supporting frame 3. To the lever jaw having the straight edges 2, a type bar 4 and inner and outer stop clips 5 are secured. To the jaw of the other lever is secured a matrix bar 6. The bars 4 and 6 and the stop 5 may be detachably secured to the levers by screws or by any other suitable means. On the type bar 4 are type 7 which, as shown in Fig. 2, are arranged to print "Not over $5.00". Different bars, having different dollar amounts marked thereon, will, in practice, be interchangeably used. The so-called matrix bar 6 may be either a pliable strip or a metallic strip. If a metallic strip, it must have indentations corresponding to the type on the bar 4, and must be an interchangeable matrix strip. If the type and the matrix bar are both metal, the coöperating type and the impression should be made to loosely fit so that they will not completely cut out the characters but will emboss and only partly cut the same.

Located within the roller carrying frame 3 is a pair of frictional engaging rollers 8 and 9, the shafts of which are journaled in the sides of the said frame. The roller 9 has a pliable absorbent facing that should be kept saturated with ink to be delivered therefrom onto the roller 8. The roller 8 is a distributing roller which, under a sliding movement of the frame 3 on the straight edges 2 of the coöperating lever jaw, will be caused to run over the type 7 and distribute the ink thereon. This roller 8 should have a pliable face or body, preferably of rubber or similar material. When the device is to be used to stamp a check, the frame 3 is moved against the stop 5, as shown in Fig. 1, where it will be entirely out of the printing zone; and it will be noted that the jaw of the other lever is cut away at 10 to afford a clearance for the said frame 3 in the printing and stamping action. The device, when used to stamp a check, embosses and partly cuts away the characters and, at the same time, inks the same, preferably with indelible ink, so that it will be impossible to obliterate the marking of a check produced by the use of the device.

The device is very simple, of small cost and efficient for the purposes had in view.

What I claim is:

1. In a stamping device of the kind described, the combination with a pair of intermediately pivoted levers, one of the said levers having a jaw with straight edges and with type secured thereto, a rectangular frame mounted to slide on the straight edged jaw, and a pair of coöperating rollers mounted within said frame, one thereof having an absorbent face adapted to hold ink and the other roller being arranged to engage the face of said type, under a sliding movement of said frame, substantially as described.

2. In a stamping device of the kind described, the combination with a pair of intermediately pivoted levers, the jaw of one of the said levers having straight edges, inner and outer stops and a longitudinally extended detachably secured bar with type thereon, a rectangular frame mounted to slide on the straight edge of said jaw, between said stops, a pair of frictional engag-

ing rollers journaled in said frame, one thereof having an absorbent face adapted to hold ink and the other roller arranged to engage the face of said type, under sliding movements of said jaw, the jaw of the other lever being provided with a matrix bar for engagement with said type, also having a notch affording a clearance for said roller-supporting frame, when the latter is moved inwardly to an operating position, substantially as described.

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

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