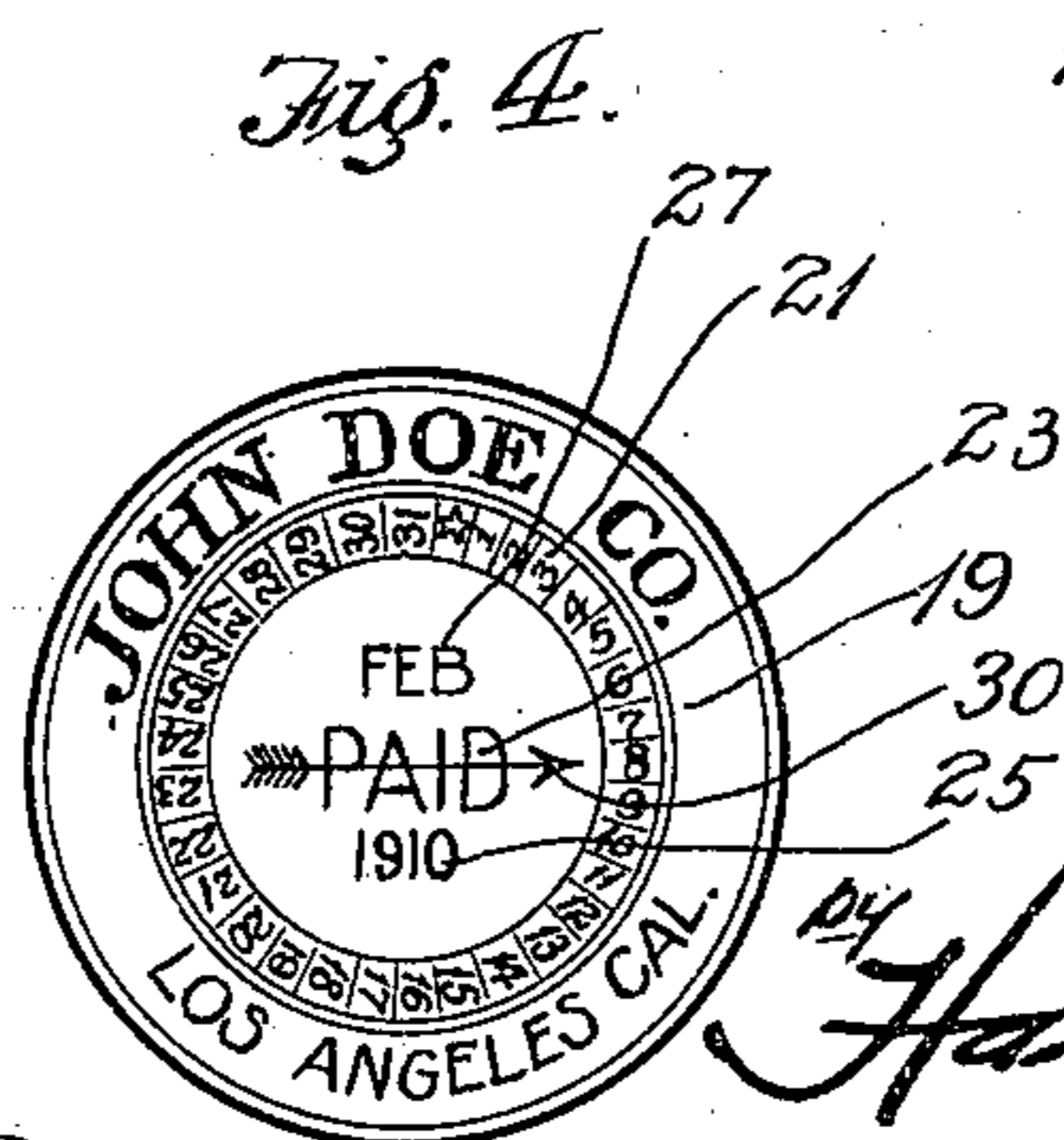
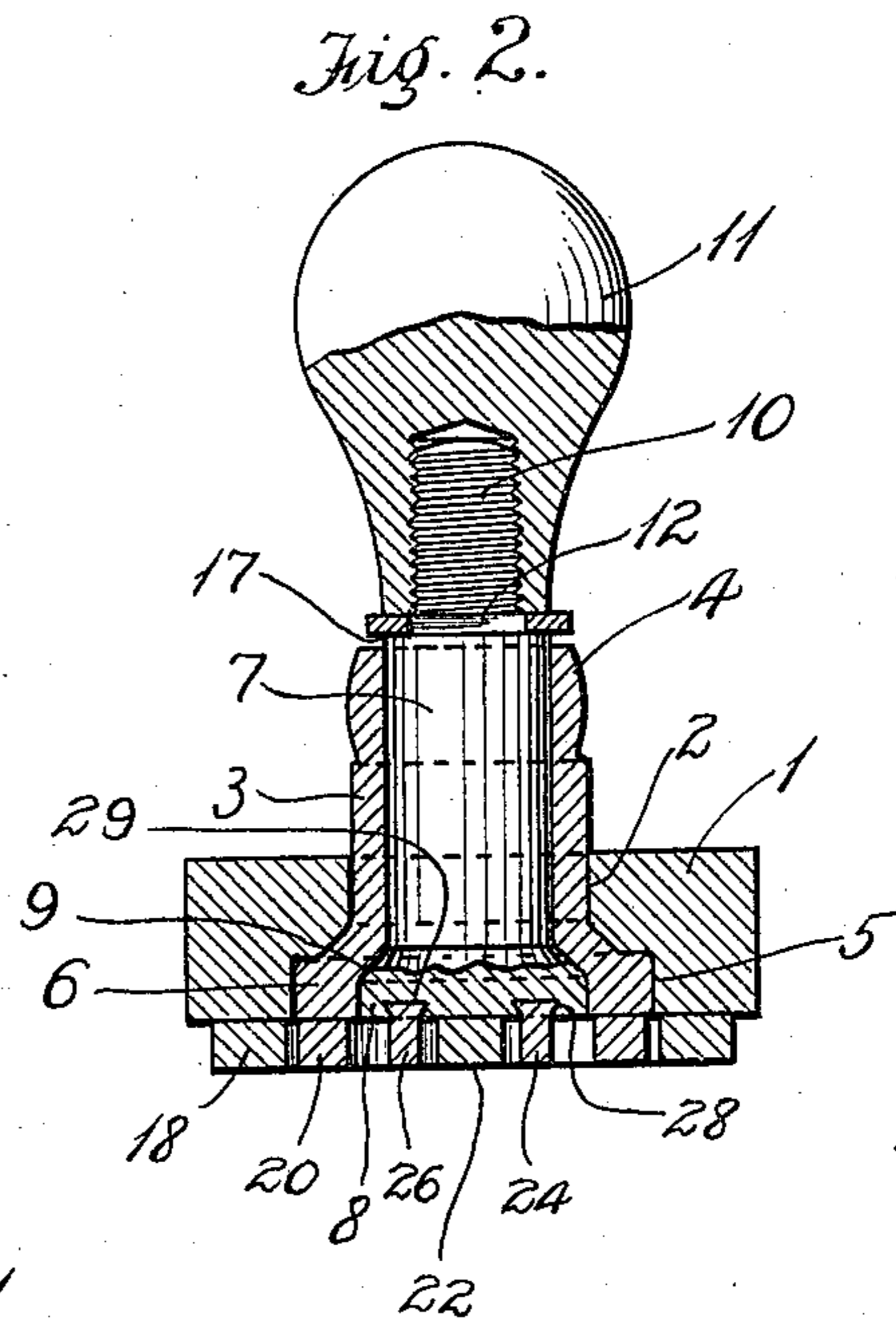
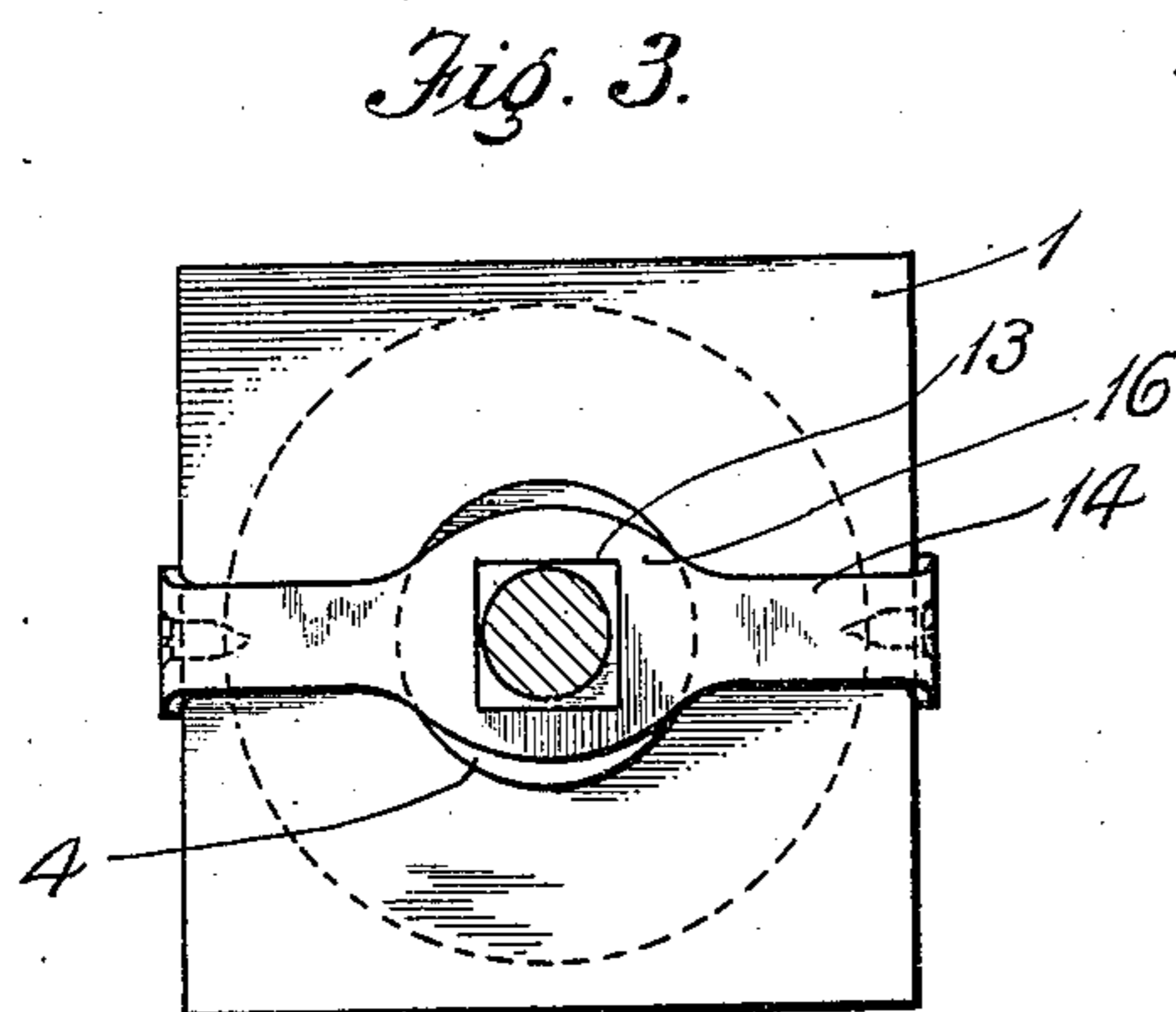
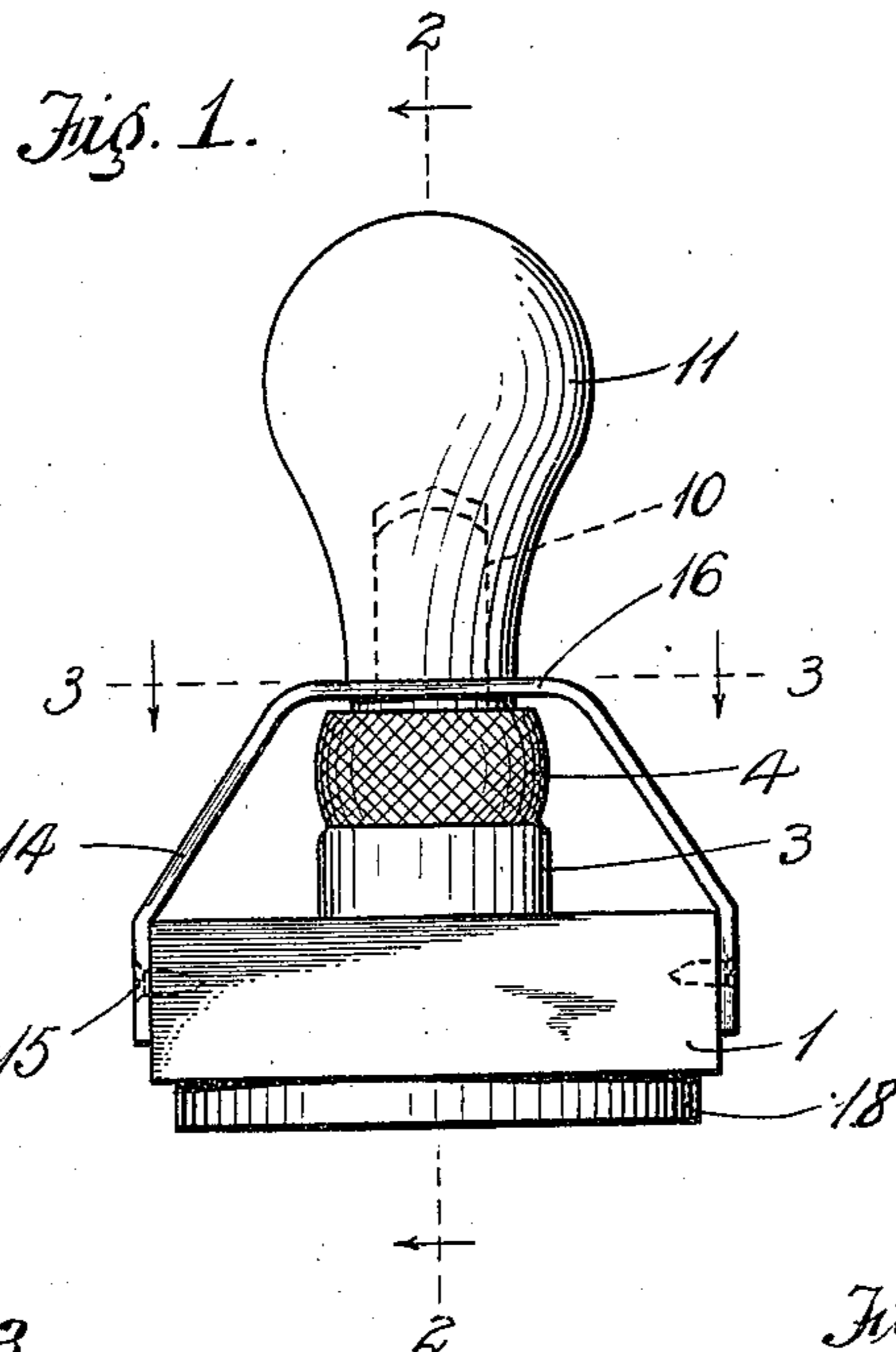


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMER H. SANBORN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stamps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hand stamps such as used for applying dates upon letters or papers.

The object of the invention is to produce a stamp of simple construction which is arranged in such a way that the date can be readily changed from day to day, and so that the date on the impression will always appear in an upright position.

In the annexed drawing which fully illustrates my invention: Figure 1 is a side elevation of a stamp constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, the upper part of the handle being shown in elevation. Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows the impression made by the stamp on the paper or letter to which the stamp is applied.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents the body of the stamp which is in the form of a square block. This block is provided with a central opening or bore 2 in which there is rotatably mounted a sleeve 3. The upper part of this sleeve is formed into a knurled collar 4. The under side of block 1 is formed with a counterbore 5 which forms a seat for an enlarged collar or foot 6 which is formed on the lower end of the sleeve 3. In the bore of the tubular sleeve 3 a centrally disposed stem 7 is mounted. The lower end of this stem is formed into an enlarged collar 8. The lower end of the sleeve 6 is formed with a counterbore 9 which receives this collar and forms a seat therefor as will be readily understood. The upper end of stem 7 is formed with a reduced threaded stud 10 upon which a handle or knob 11 screws. At its base the stud 10 is formed into an angular or square neck 12 and this neck 12 is received in an angular or square opening 13 which is formed in a yoke or bar 14, the extremities of which are secured to the side faces of the block 1 by suitable fastening devices 15. As indicated in Fig. 1 the opening 13 is formed in a horizontal extension 16 of the yoke 14 and this extension seats upon the shoulder 17 which is formed at the upper end of the stem.

On the under side of the block 1 a main ring 18 of the stamp is rigidly secured and this ring is formed of some elastic material such as rubber. The impression from this ring produces the effect shown at 19 in Fig. 4. On the lower end of the sleeve 3 a date ring 20 is attached, and this date ring has its lower face divided into thirty-two equal angular divisions. These divisions are numbered consecutively from one to thirty one to correspond to the days of the month as indicated at 21 in Fig. 4; and with a blank or star.

On the lower face of the stem 7 a central stamp 22 may be permanently attached and this stamp bears characters which will print the word paid as indicated at 23 or any other word which may form a permanent part of the impression of the stamp. Adjacent to this central type 22 a removable type 24 is attached to the under side of the stem and this bears the date of the year such as 1910 as indicated at 25 in Fig. 4. Opposite this type 24 a similar type 26 is removably mounted which indicates the month such as Feb. as indicated at 27 in Fig. 4. The type 24 and 26 are in the form of blocks of soft rubber having enlarged dovetail tongues 28 formed on their inner faces, and these dovetail tongues are adapted to be received in dovetail grooves 29 in which they fit neatly so as to retain the type as will be readily understood. As indicated in Fig. 4 the central stamp 22 bears an arrow or pointer as shown at 30 which forms a permanent part of the impression from this center stamp and maintains a fixed position with respect to the character on the outer ring 18. As shown in Fig. 4 the date February 8 is indicated. In order to change the date to the 9th it is only necessary to seize the knurled collar 4 and give sleeve 3 a slight rotation so as to rotate the ring 20 and bring the number 9 of this ring opposite to the point of the arrow 30.

Special attention is called to the fact that a stamp constructed as described indicating the day of the month will always appear in an upright position so that all of the characters in the impression from the stamp will be read from the same side. In this connection special attention is also called to the fact that stem 7 is non-rotatable, being fastened against rotation by reason of the angular or square neck 12 which fits into the angular opening 13. The type 24 and 26

may be changed from time to time as the year and month change.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters

5 Patent is:—

1. A stamp of the class described having a body with fixed centrally and outwardly disposed characters maintained constantly in a single fixed position with respect to said
10 body, and having a fixed indicating pointer adapted to impress the paper, and a rotatable date ring cooperating with said pointer, having numbers arranged consecutively corresponding to the days of the month adapted
15 to impress the paper simultaneously, said outwardly disposed characters being arranged in a ring around said date ring, and said indicating pointer being arranged so that the number indicated thereby is in an
20 upright position with respect to said outwardly disposed characters.

2. A stamp of the class described having a body, a centrally disposed type with an indicating pointer adapted to impress the paper
25 and fixed with respect to said body, a date ring rotatably mounted and having divisions numbered consecutively to correspond with the days in the month, the body of said stamp also having characters arranged in a
30 ring around said date ring having a single fixed position and adapted to be read from the same side as the number of said date ring which lies opposite said pointer.

3. A stamp of the class described having a
35 body, a rotatably mounted sleeve in said body, a centrally disposed stem having a stud with an angular neck, said stem holding said sleeve rotatably in said body, a yoke rigidly attached to said body and having a
40 horizontal portion with an angular opening

to engage the angular neck of said stem, a handle adapted to screw upon said stud and securing said sleeve in said body, and characters rigidly attached to the under faces of said body sleeve and stem adapted to im- 45 press the paper.

4. A stamp of the class described having a body, a centrally disposed type having an indicating pointer adapted to impress the paper and fixed with respect to said body, a
50 date ring rotatably mounted and having divisions numbered consecutively to correspond with the days in the months, the body of said stamp also having a complete outer ring surrounding said first ring and bearing
55 characters, said outer ring having a single fixed position and adapted to be read from the same side as the number of said ring which lies opposite said pointer.

5. A stamp of the class described having a
60 body, a centrally disposed type with an indicating pointer adapted to impress the paper and fixed with respect to said body, a ring rotatably mounted and having divisions
65 bearing numbers arranged in progressive order, the body of said stamp also having an outer ring with circumferentially arranged characters thereupon, said outer ring having a single fixed position and adapted to be
70 read from the same side as the number of said inner ring which lies opposite said pointer.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 26th day of February, 1910.

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