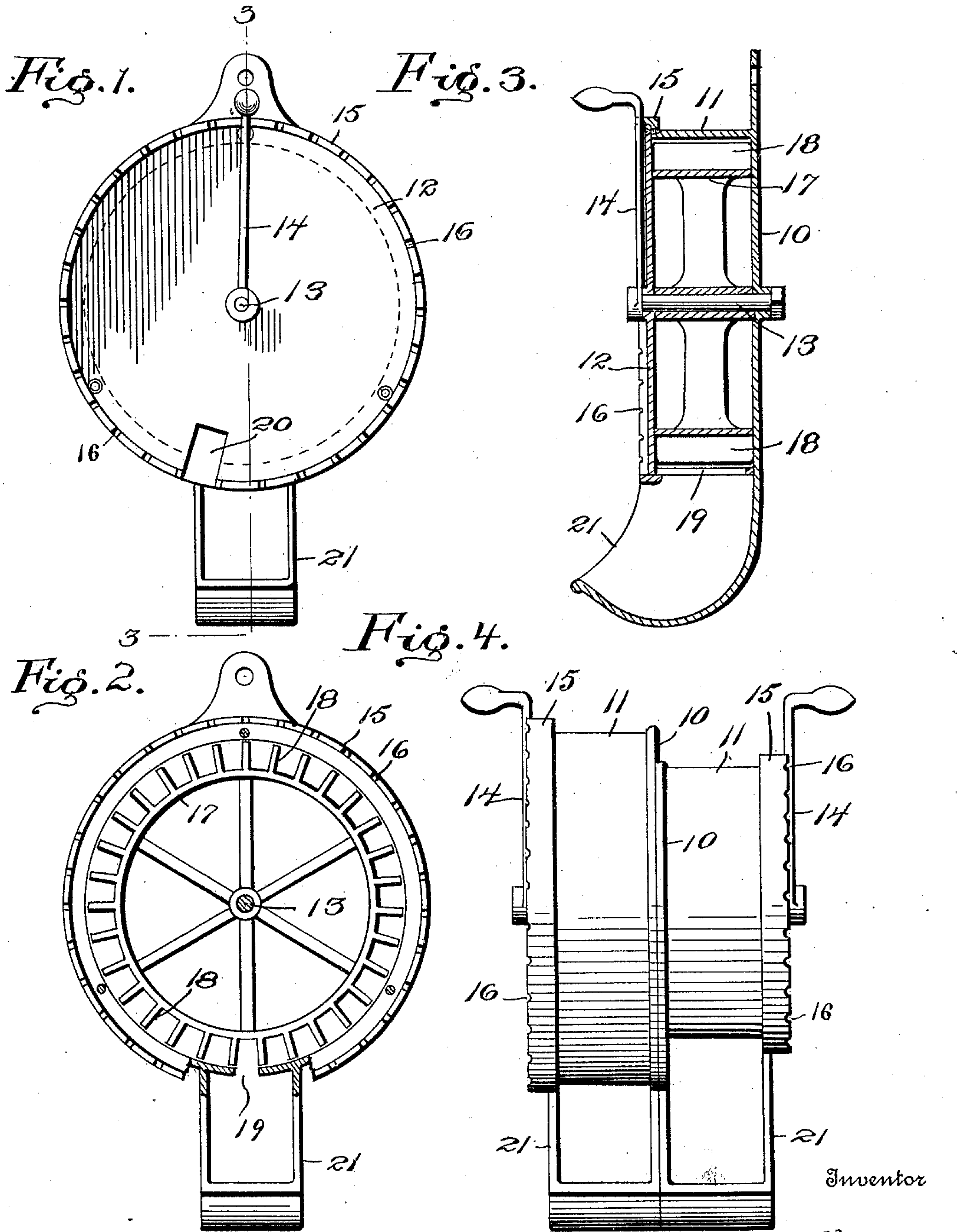


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MERCER E. CHAPMAN, citizen of the United States, residing at Dripping Springs, in the county of Hays and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Type-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in devices for holding type and similar devices, more particularly for holding the type employed in dating stamps, and has for one of its objects to provide a simply constructed device wherein means are provided for receiving and supporting the type which has been used and delivering the type which is to be next employed in convenient position for insertion into the stamp.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character whereby means are provided for independently supporting and delivering the type of different orders, as for instance the type for the days of the month, type for the days of the week, type for the months of the year, and type for the years.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claim, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved device in its simpler form; Fig. 2 is a front view with the outer face plate detached and the lower portion partly in section to illustrate the construction of the interior mechanism; Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a side elevation illustrating the device arranged with two casings for the supporting and delivering devices.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the accompanying drawings by the same reference characters.

The improved device comprises in general an outer casing shell, preferably in the form of a shallow cylinder and comprising a back portion 10, a cylindrical side 11, and a front 12, the latter being detachable, as shown.

Mounted for rotation in the back 10 is a shaft 13 which projects through the front 12 and is provided with an operating lever 14 movable over the face member 12. The side member 11 is provided with a projecting

flange 15 in which a plurality of notches 16 are formed to receive the lever 14 and hold the latter from movement against accidental displacement, but which will permit the lever to be moved when force is applied, the object to be hereinafter explained.

Connected to the shaft 13 and partaking of its motion, within the shell, is a drum 17 having a plurality of spaced outwardly directed wings 18 which fill the space between the drum and the interior of the shell, and thus form a series of pockets or receptacles around the face of the drum. If the improved device is to be employed for holding the type which corresponds to the days of the month the drum will be provided with 31 of the recesses, and if the device is to be employed for holding type representing the days of the week 7 of the recesses will be employed, and if the drum is to be employed to hold type representing the months of the year 12 of the recesses will be employed, as will be obvious.

In Fig. 1 the drum is shown provided with 31 of the wings, thus providing 31 of the recesses, or one for each day of the month. At one point in the cylindrical side 11 of the casing, preferably at the lowest point, an opening 19 is provided corresponding in area to one of the recesses formed by the wings, and formed through the front 12 adjacent to the opening 19 is another opening 20, the latter being placed opposite the next receptacle. Depending from the shell is a receiver 21 into which the type falls through the opening 19.

The type employed in dating stamps are sometimes of rubber, and sometimes of metal, but the improved device is adapted for any of the different forms of type employed.

With a device thus constructed it will be obvious that after the dating stamp has been provided with the type representing the current date, as for instance 10, type number 9 is then inserted through the opening 20 and thus deposited in the pocket or receptacle of the drum, which for the time being is opposite the opening. The lever 14 is then actuated forwardly two notches, as the type number 10, as before stated, has been inserted into the stamp, to bring the pocket for the type number 11 opposite the opening 20, and type number 11 inserted into the pocket. The lever 14 is then moved forwardly another notch to bring pocket for



type number 12 opposite the opening 20 which is then opposite and so on around until type number 31 has been deposited in its pocket and then type numbers 1 to 9 inserted, thus leaving the vacant pocket for type number 10 opposite the opening 19. When the date is to be changed the lever 14 is actuated to bring the pocket for type number 11 opposite the opening 19, in which the type is deposited, and bringing the vacant pocket for the type number 10 opposite the opening 20 and into which the discarded type number 10 is deposited. By this means the type which is required is deposited in the receptacle 21 in convenient position, and the operator is not required to pick over a lot of type which may be badly mixed and which frequently causes annoying delays. The reserve type are thus retained in position and protected and no danger exists of their becoming mixed or "pied".

If the improved device is to be employed for a plurality of the drums and casings, as before stated, for the days of the week, months and years, each of the casings and its drum will be arranged with its own shaft 13 and each provided with its independent lever 14, as shown in Fig. 4. When two or more of the drums are employed the receptacles 21 will be arranged to deliver sidewise instead of from the front, as shown in Fig. 4, but the improved device requires no further changes to adapt it to hold all of the

different type which may be required in the dating stamp.

The improved device is simple in construction, and can be inexpensively manufactured of any suitable material and any required size.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:—

A device of the class described, comprising a casing including an outer cylindrical member a rear member and a front member, said cylindrical member having an opening at its lowest point and said front member having an opening therethrough in advance of the opening in the cylindrical member, a drum mounted for rotation within said casing and extending from the back to the front of the same, a plurality of wings extending radially from the drum and operating in close proximity to the interior of the casing, the wings forming a plurality of closed pockets between the drum and the casing, said pockets successively passing said opening when the drum is rotated, and a receptacle over which said drum is rotated and located beneath the opening in the cylindrical member of the casing.

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

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