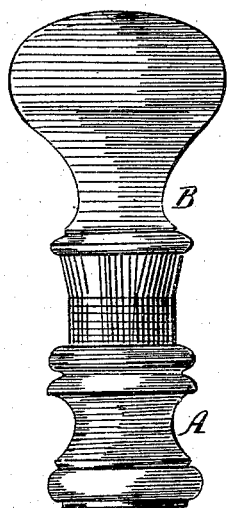


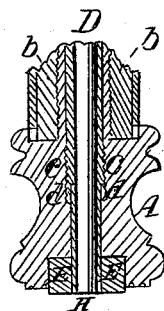
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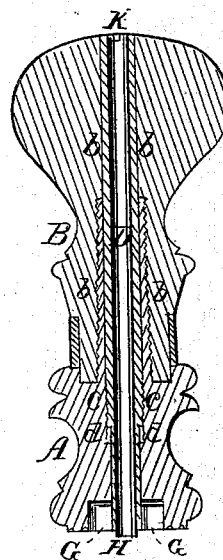
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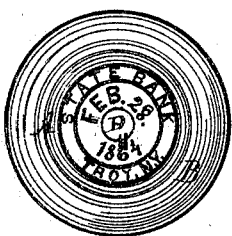
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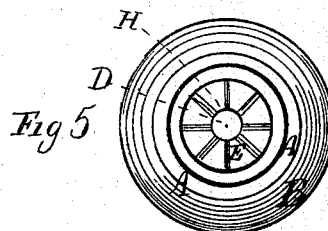
*Fig. 4*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 5*

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## CANCELING-STAMP.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **49,432**, dated August 15, 1865; antedated August 4, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARCUS P. NORTON, of the city of Troy, county of Rensselaer, State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Marking and Canceling Internal Revenue or Postage Stamps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being hereby had to the accompanying drawings, with letters of reference marked thereon, which make a part of this specification.

Like letters represent and refer to like or corresponding parts.

Figure 1 is an elevation or front view. Fig. 2 is a view or section perpendicular through the center of each part of the said stamp, hereinafter more fully described. Fig. 3 is a face view of the stamp. Fig. 4 is a sectional view vertically through the center of each part, hereinafter more fully described and set forth. Fig. 5 is also a face view, showing the cork or elastic substance in combination with the center adjustable punch, hereinafter described.

The nature of my invention consists in the employment of an adjustable punch, for the purpose of canceling internal-revenue stamps by punching a hole or holes through the same at the same time and operation of giving an impression in ink upon such revenue stamp of the name of the person, persons, or corporation so canceling the same; also, in canceling postage-stamps by punching a hole or holes through the same at the same time and operation of giving an impression in ink upon such postage-stamp by means of a cork, wood, or any elastic substance in combination therewith, so as to thus effectually prevent a second or re use of any such revenue or postage stamp, arranged and combined in the manner substantially as and for the purposes herein described and set forth.

Having thus described the nature of my said improvement or invention, I will here proceed to describe the construction and operation of the same, which are as follows, to wit:

A is the body or main part of said stamp, and may be of any size, shape, or material which will answer the required purpose. Upon the lower end or surface of the said main part I construct a ring for the purpose of engraving thereon any name of person, bank, corporation, or business firm desirable.

D, Figs. 3, 4, and 5, is an adjustable punch made of steel, and of any size deemed best. This punch extends the whole distance from the stamping or lower surface of said main part A, Fig. 2, upward through the handle B, same figure; or it may terminate at any desirable point above such stamping-surface, care being taken to provide means for such parts of the paper as may be cut by such upon the inside of the same to escape, so as not to obstruct the full and free operation of such punch. It may be in the center of the stamp, or upon one or more sides thereof, the principle being the same in either case. This punch is provided with a male screw, *c c*, which is upon the outer surface of the said punch, and which corresponds to and operates in the female screw *d d*, Figs. 2 and 4. By the means of such screw the cutting portion H, Figs. 2 and 4, may be adjusted so as to cut the said stamp or paper on which the same may be to any depth required or desired. The said adjustment of the said punch is made by means of a screw-driver operated in the recess *k*, same figure, or by any suitable device. There is a stem belonging to the said main part A, which extends upward into the wood handle B, same figure. The said stem is screwed into such handle, as seen at *b b*, Figs. 2 and 4, by means of which the two parts are firmly held together. E E, Fig. 4, is cork, wood, or rubber, or any elastic substance surrounding the said adjustable punch D, same figure, which is for the purpose of blotting or defacing in ink the postage-stamp, at the same time of cutting or punching through the same a hole or holes by the means aforesaid. Surrounding the said cork, wood, or other elastic material through which said adjustable punch passes, and on the metal portion of the stamp, may be the name of the person, firm, bank, or corporation using the said stamp. There may be one or more such punches arranged upon or near the outer edge of said stamp. This said punch may be used and combined with the postage-stamp-canceling device patented to me on the 14th of April, 1863, in combination with the postoffice post-marking device as combined therewith for the purposes set forth in that patent. This stamp is to be operated in the same manner as that of the ordinary hand-stamp.

E, Fig. 5, shows a configuration upon the working surface of the said cork, wood, or elas-

tic device for the purposes aforesaid, and which may also have any configuration desirable, and will then cancel the postage-stamp in ink, and by a hole or holes punched through the same at one blow and operation of the instrument, while at the same time the post-mark will also be given upon the envelope near to the said stamp. The said punch will be guided and governed by the said screw in the said main part A, as aforesaid, and may be adjusted by any convenient means.

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

1. The adjustable punch D, arranged and combined in the manner substantially as and for the purposes herein described and set forth.

2. The said punch, in combination with the cork, wood, or any elastic substance E, in the manner substantially as and for the purposes herein described and set forth.

In testimony whereof I have, on this 26th day of February, 1864, hereunto set my hand.

MARCUS P. NORTON.

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