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Fig. 1.

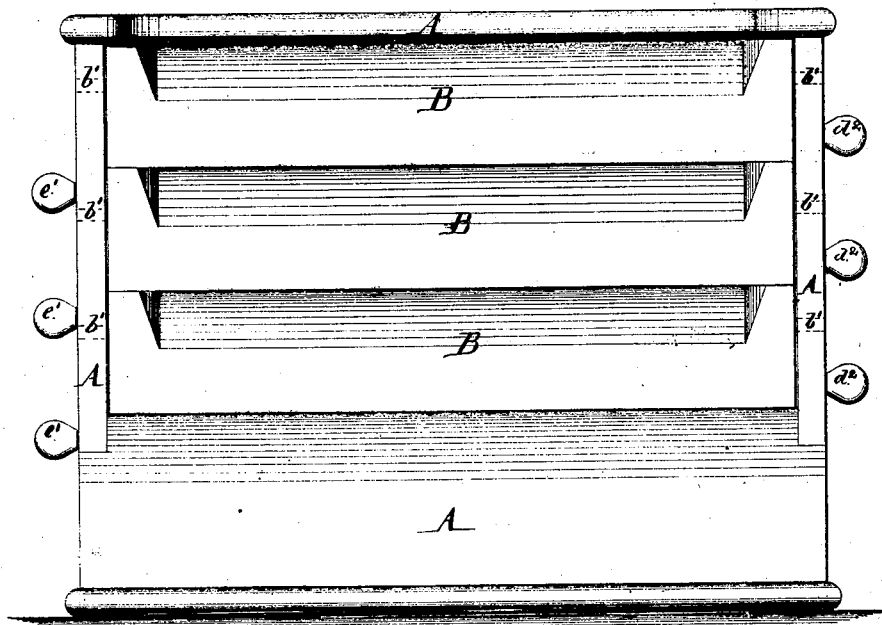
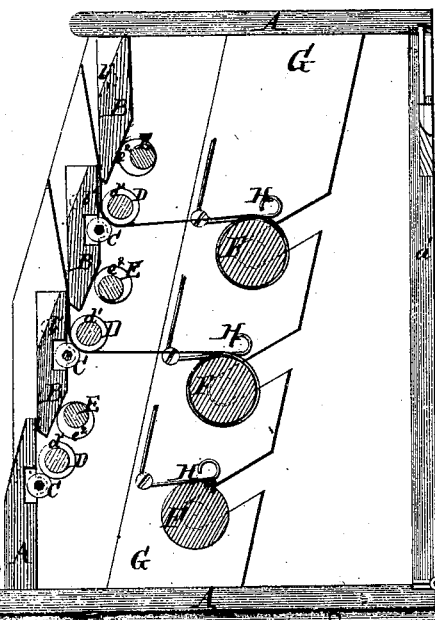


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAGE-STAMP HOLDERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS ROPES, of Ishpenning, in the county of Marquette and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stamp-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved stamp-holder.

Figure 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved device for holding postage and internal-revenue stamps, designed more especially for use in post-offices and other places where stamps are sold at retail, which shall be so constructed that the different denominations will be held distinctly in view, and in such a way that they may be easily and quickly detached, when required, and which shall be simple in construction and easily and conveniently operated; and

It consists in the construction and combination of the various parts of the apparatus, as hereinafter more fully described.

A is the case or frame of the holder, the rear side *a'* of which is hinged at one edge, and secured by a bolt or other convenient fastening, so as to allow ready access to the interior of the holder.

B are slats extending across the forward part of the case A and forming the front side of said case. Any desired number of slats B may be used, according to the number of different denominations to be kept for sale or which are ordinarily called for.

The slats B are pivoted at their ends, a little below their upper edges, to the ends of the case A by the pivots *b'*, in such positions that the upper edge of each lower slat may overlap the lower edge of the adjacent upper slat, as shown in fig. 2.

C are small rollers, let into the lower part of the inner sides of the slats B, and pivoted to said slats. Two or more rollers C may be used with each slat, which said two or three rollers may be all attached to the same rod or shaft so as to revolve together, or each roller may revolve independently.

The rollers C are designed to press the sheets of stamps against the feed-rollers D, so that they may feed forward by the revolution of the said feed-rollers D.

The rollers D are pivoted to the ends of the slats A, and have rubber tubing, *d'*, placed upon them, directly opposite the rollers C.

The rollers D, at one end, pass through the casing A, and have knobs, *d'*, attached to them, by means of which they are revolved to feed the sheets of stamps forward.

E are cam or eccentric rods or rollers, which are pivoted to the casing A, and project at one end, preferably the end opposite to that through which the ends of the feed-rollers D project, through the said casing A, and have knobs, *e'*, attached to said projecting ends for convenience in operating them.

The cam-rollers E are pivoted to the case A in such positions that the cams *e'* may be turned against the lower parts of the inner sides of the slats B, to force the upper edge of each lower slat against the lower edge of the adjacent upper slat, to securely clamp and hold the sheets of stamps.

F are the receiving-rollers, upon which the sheets of stamps are wound, and which are pivoted in inclined slots in the strips G, attached to the inner sides of the ends of the casing A, so that they can be conveniently removed to have the sheets of stamps wound upon them. By gumming the edges of several sheets of stamps to each other any desired number of said sheets may be wound upon the said rollers.

H are springs, attached to the strips G, and the free ends of which rest upon the rollers F, or upon the sheets of stamps wound upon said rollers, to keep the said sheets wound closely upon the said rollers.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the pivoted slats B, pressure-rollers C, feed-rollers D, cam-rollers E, receiving-rollers F, and springs H with each other, and with the case or box A, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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