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## HAND-STAMP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM JAMES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Hand-Stamp, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in hand-stamps.

The object of the present invention is to provide a hand-stamp which is adapted to receive a number of die plates or strips, and which is capable of permitting the die plates or strips to be readily removed and replaced by other strips.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hand-stamp constructed in accordance with the invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are end views. Fig. 4 is a detail view of one of the die plates or strips. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the spring-plate.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by letter, A designates a rectangular block, having secured to its upper face a centrally-arranged handle B. The block A is provided at one end with a plate C, which is secured thereto by screws or the like, and which projects slightly beyond the block and is provided with a series of perforations *c'*, that are adapted to receive and retain die plates or strips D at one end of the block. The other end of the block A has secured thereto, by screws or the like, a spring-plate E, which is slotted or cut and divided into a series of tongues that are designed to engage the die-strips D and hold them at this end of the block and to be pulled away from the latter to release the die-strips D and permit them to be changed or arranged. The spring-tongues *e* have small semicircular burrs *e'* struck up from their upper ends to provide finger-holds and opening *e''*, that are in the same plane as the perforations *c'*. The die-strips have secured to them rubber dies F, and are provided at their ends with small projections *d*, which

engage in the perforations and openings of the plates at the end of the block A, and these die-strips are preferably constructed of spring metal and slightly curved, whereby when one is released the tendency is to spring away from the block. Each strip D has one line of rubber type secured to it, and by this arrangement any desired number of lines can be used and the subject-matter may be changed and arranged at pleasure.

From the foregoing description and accompanying drawings the construction, operation, and advantages of the invention will readily be understood.

What I claim is—

1. A hand-stamp comprising the rectangular block A, the plate C, secured at one end of the block and projecting slightly from the same, the spring-plate secured at the other end of the block, and the series of die-strips arranged lengthwise between the plates with their ends adjacent thereto and adapted to be engaged thereby, substantially as described.

2. A hand-stamp comprising the block A, the plate C, secured at one end of the block and provided with a series of perforations, the spring-plate secured at the other end of the block and divided into a series of tongues provided with openings, and the series of die-strips having projections at their ends to engage the plate C and the tongues, substantially as described.

3. A hand-stamp comprising the block A, the perforated plate C, secured at one end of the block, the spring-plate secured at the other end of the block and divided into a series of tongues having burrs struck from their upper ends to provide finger-holds and openings, and the slightly-curved die-strips constructed of spring metal and having projections at their ends, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

WILLIAM JAMES.

Witnesses:

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ABE SCHACKNE.