

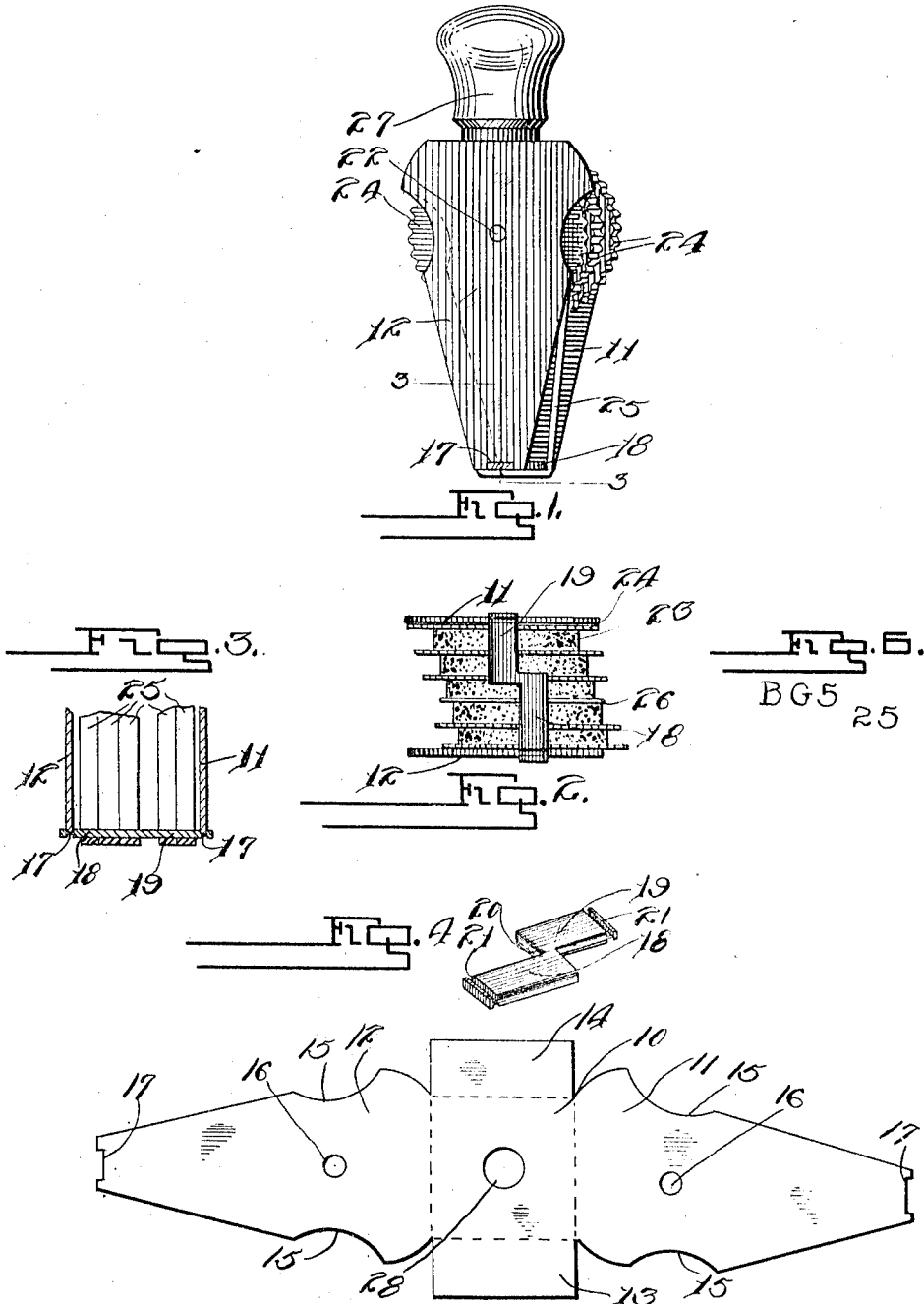
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. McCLURE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Emporia, in the county of Lyon and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to stamps which are intended to be used by merchants so that the cost and the selling price of the article may be placed upon the article by a single operation. This stamp is constructed somewhat similar to a dating stamp, and is provided with a novel type of bridge so that the characters will be divided into two sets, one set being positioned above the other, thus indicating that one set is the cost-price and the second set is the selling price. It is also necessary that the arms of the frame which carry the bridge should be positioned out of alinement so that the ends of the bridge may be centrally located upon the ends of the arms.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the stamp. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view. Fig. 3 is a section along the line 3—3 in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the bridge. Fig. 5 is a view of the blank from which the frame of the stamp is formed. Fig. 6 is a view showing an arrangement of letters which may be formed by this stamp.

The frame of this stamp is formed from the blank shown in Fig. 5, and comprises the head 10 from which the arms 11 and 12 and side pieces 13 and 14 extend. The arms 11 and 12 extend with their longitudinal axis out of alinement so that the arms are bent to the position shown in Fig. 1, they will be positioned out of alinement as shown. The arms are each provided with the cut-out portions 15, and an opening 16 near the head 10 and with the notch 17 at the end forming a seat for the bridge. The arms 11 and 12 are bent at right angles to the head 10 and the side pieces 13 and 14 are bent so that they are positioned between the arms 11 and 12 thus holding the upper portions of the arms in spaced relation. The free ends of the arms are connected by the bridge shown in Fig. 4, the bridge being positioned in the seat 17. The bridge has its end portions 18 and 19 positioned out of alinement

and connected by the web 20. Grooves 21 are cut in the ends of the bridge so that the bridge may be rigidly mounted in the seats 17 thus doing away with the danger of the bridge slipping loose. A shaft 22 passes through the frame and has its ends mounted in the openings 16 so that the disks 23 may be rotatably mounted in the frame. The disks are preferably formed of cork and are provided at one side with metallic disks 24 having roughened edges so that the disks may be readily turned. The disks are positioned so that they extend across the cut out portions 15 thus making it easy to turn the disks. Bands 25 each carrying indicating characters pass around disks 23 and over the bridge. These bands may either carry numbers or other desired characters, such for instance as the alphabet or a code. The disks are divided into two sets by means of the plate 26 and the bands passing around one set of disks pass over the end 18 of the bridge and the bands passing around the remaining disks pass over the end 19 of the bridge. It will thus be seen that when the bands are moved so that the desired characters appear on the bridge and the stamp used that a set of indicating characters will be printed similar to those shown in Fig. 6, with one set positioned above the other. The merchant sets the stamp so that the purchase-price will be indicated by the code characters in one set, and the selling price indicated by either a code or by numerals in the remaining set. It will then be easy for an employee who knows the code to make a sale without danger of selling the goods below cost. The usual handle 27 is riveted in the opening 28.

What is claimed is:—

1. A stamp comprising a head, arms extending from opposite sides of said head and having their ends offset, side pieces extending from said head between said arms, a bridge connecting the ends of said arms, the end portions of said bridge being out of alinement, and marking means upon said bridge whereby sets of characters may be printed out of alinement.

2. A stamp comprising a frame, a bridge carried by said frame, certain portions of said bridge being out of alinement and connected at their inner ends, bands passing over the disalined portions of said bridge, and marking means carried by said bands.

3. A stamp comprising a frame, a bridge

carried by said frame, the end portions of said bridge being positioned out of alinement, and bands passing over said bridge, said bands having marking characters  
5 formed thereon.

4. A stamp comprising a frame having a head, arms extending from said head, a shaft passing through said arms, disks rotatably mounted upon said shaft, a bridge  
10 connecting the ends of said arms, the end portions of said bridge being positioned out of alinement, and bands passing around said disks and over said bridge, marking characters being formed upon said bands.

15 5. A stamp comprising a head, arms extending from said head and having their ends offset, strips extending from the sides of said head and positioned between the upper portions of said arms, a bridge con-

necting the free ends of said arms, the ends  
20 of said bridge being positioned out of alinement, disks rotatably mounted between said arms, and type bands passing over said disks and over said bridge whereby characters printed by said bands will form a  
25 plurality of groups of characters printed out of alinement.

6. A stamp comprising a frame, a bridge carried by said frame, said bridge comprising end portions positioned out of alinement,  
30 a neck connecting the end portions, and printing means cooperating with said bridge.

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

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