

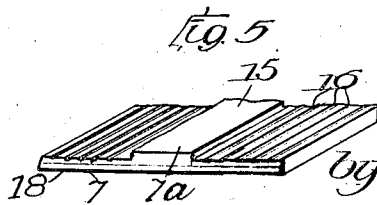
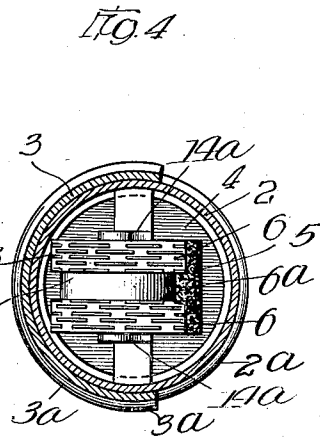
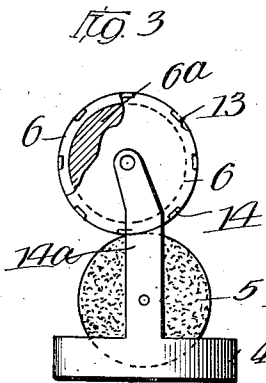
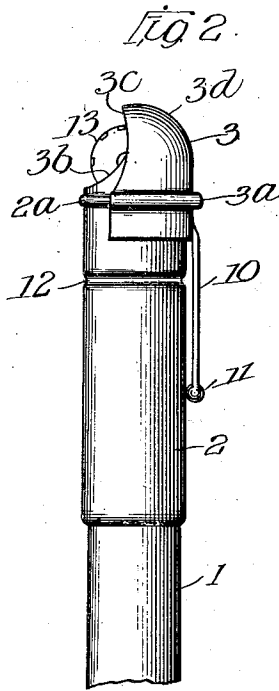
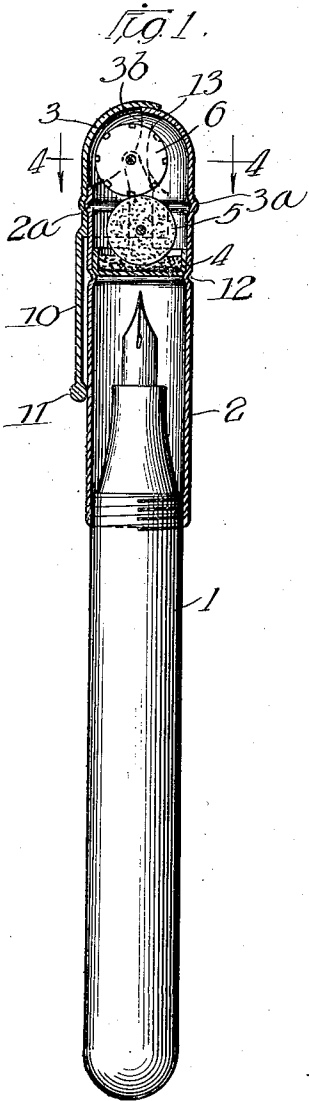
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. BARNES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a Check-Protector, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to check protectors, and primarily to that type of protector which may be embodied in a suitable portion of a fountain pen or other similar device, so that the same is a part thereof and will be readily accessible for use.

The invention has among its various objects the production of a device of this character which is simple and inexpensive in construction, which will mutilate and at the same time ink the mutilated surface, thus insuring against altering the check or other instrument which is desired to be protected.

The invention has as an additional object the provision of an arrangement whereby the mechanism is enclosed when not in use, or exposed when its use is desired.

The invention has as a further object the provision of a clip which is carried by the above referred to closure, so that the pen or pencil may be conveniently carried by the user without fear of loss.

The invention has these and other objects, all of which will be more readily understood when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which one form of the invention is illustrated, it being understood however, that the invention is not limited to the precise construction shown, as changes and modifications may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims, to which reference is to be made in defining the invention.

In the drawings Fig. 1 illustrates a fountain pen the cap of which is provided with the protector mechanism;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a portion of a fountain pen showing a cap provided with a closure for the mechanism shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged side elevation of the mutilating and inking mechanism employed in the arrangement shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a device with which the protector may cooperate to facilitate the mutilation of the check, this

device carrying a blotter, the whole being designed to be carried in the fold of a check book.

In the embodiment of the invention as illustrated in the drawings the same is shown as applied to a fountain pen cap 2 which is of the usual construction, only differing in that same is provided with the cutaway portion 3^b, which is closed by the closure 3, this being rotatable to expose the opening and the mutilating and inking mechanism, or may be closed to prevent access thereto.

To rotatably hold this closure 3 in its proper relative position with relation to the cap, said cap is provided with a circumferential bead 2^a which cooperates with the circumferential recessed portion 3^a of the closure. Thus the closure is securely held with relation to the cap and may be rotated so that the cut-away portion 3^c of the closure may be arranged to expose the opening 3^b in the cap, or the solid portion 3^d may be arranged so as to close this aperture when the use of the perforating and inking mechanism is not desired. A resilient arm 10 extends from the closure 3 and has the enlargement 11 provided thereon. This last named construction provides a clip whereby the pen holder may be properly held with relation to the garment of the wearer. The cap 2 is further provided with an inwardly projecting circumferential bead 12 which acts as a stop and limits the movement of the mutilating and inking mechanism, when same is positioned within the cap.

This mutilating and inking mechanism is composed of a mutilating wheel 6 which protrudes beyond the aperture 3^b in the cap so that when the closure is positioned as shown in Fig. 2, the wheel is exposed, which readily permits it to be brought into contact with the instrument to be protected with the desired pressure, so as to mutilate it. The face of this wheel is provided with the mutilating elements 13 and the space 14. The object of this latter portion will be explained in the following.

This wheel contacts with the inking roller 5 which supplies ink to the mutilating elements and extends into a pan 4 in which is placed the inking material which may be a pad impregnated with inking material to feed the inking roller 5. The mutilating

wheel and inking roller are journaled in the separated arms 14^a—14^a which project from the pan 4. This latter element rests upon the bead 12 of the cap and holds said pan, roller and mutilating element with relation to the cap.

In Fig. 5 is illustrated a structure which may if so desired, be utilized in cooperation with the device previously explained, so as to insure the mutilation of the instrument. This structure is composed of an outer thin sheet metal or hard rubber shell 7, having the raised portion 15 and the parallel depressions 16—16 provided upon each side of the raised portion. The raised portion 7^a provides a track for the groove formed by the space 14 of the element 6. The grooves 16 are spaced apart from each other a distance corresponding to that provided between the mutilating elements of the uppermost roller. Thus when a check or other instrument is placed upon the pad and the device mounted in the cap is passed across the same the grooves in the pad will permit the mutilating elements to depress the paper into the grooves and mutilate it.

It is the intention to provide a device of this character which may be conveniently carried in a check book, and which is also provided with a blotter 18 which is suitably secured to the under side of the shell 7.

From the foregoing explanation it is evident that a simple and effective arrangement is provided for mutilating and inking the mutilated surface of a check, etc., which is readily accessible for use and which may be enclosed when not in use or exposed when its use is desired, also that the device together with the pen may be held in the garment of the user without fear of loss.

Having thus described the invention what I claim and desire to cover by Letters Patent is:

1. A fountain pen cap having a roller provided with mutilating elements carried

by the cap, means whereby the roller may be exposed or enclosed and a clip provided upon said means.

2. A fountain pen cap having an ink pan provided therein, supports extending from said pan, a roller arranged adjacent said pan, another roller cooperating with the first mentioned roller, said last mentioned roller being provided with inking and mutilating elements and said rollers being mounted in said supports.

3. A fountain pen cap having a mutilating roller carried by the cap and rotatable means whereby the roller may be exposed or enclosed.

4. A fountain pen cap having a mutilating roller carried by the cap and rotatable means whereby the roller may be exposed or enclosed, and a clip extending from said means.

5. A fountain pen cap having a mutilating roller, an inking roller; a pan for the reception of inking material for the inking roller arranged within the cap, arms extending from said pan and said rollers being mounted in said arms.

6. A fountain pen cap having a mutilating roller, an inking roller, a pan for the reception of inking material for the inking roller arranged within the cap, said cap having means for holding said rollers and pan within the cap.

7. A fountain pen cap having a mutilating roller, an inking roller and an ink feeding means arranged adjacent the inking roller, said cap having an aperture provided in juxtaposition to the mutilating roller and a rotatable closure for said aperture.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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