

## BAKER & VAWTER COMPANY

This Paper Punch was the invention of John F. Brown assignor to Albert R. Baker of Indianapolis, Indiana, no doubt of BAKER & VAWTER CO. Chicago, Illinois.

The inventor applied for the patent on October 22, 1899 and after a brief period the patent was approved on June 17, 1890.

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Brown indicated that this invention is designed to provide a very simple and inexpensive punching machine, whereby perforations may be made in the tops of letters, bills, and other papers which are to be filed away in file cases or binders by threading them upon wires or posts of such cases or binders.

This particular example is made of cast iron and has a small plate on the front inscribed BAKER & VAWTER CO. CHICAGO, ILL. PATENT PENDING



William Arthur Vawter, president of the Baker & Vawter Company, was born at Lafayette, Indiana on May 22, 1858 and is a son of Achilles and Elizabeth (Richardson) Vawter. He was educated in the schools of Indiana and on September 24, 1881, married at Plainfield, Alice R. Hadley and to them were born the following children: Cora C., William A., and George H.

Starting at the age of 14, William learned the trade of compositor at Indianapolis in the office of Wright, Baker & Company and in due time became foreman of their composing room. In 1881 he embarked in the mercantile business at Plainfield, Ind., and later at Danville, continuing until 1886. In the latter year he came to Chicago and became a partner in the printing establishment of Baker, Vawter & Company. Two years later the firm was incorporated under the name of Baker-Vawter Company.

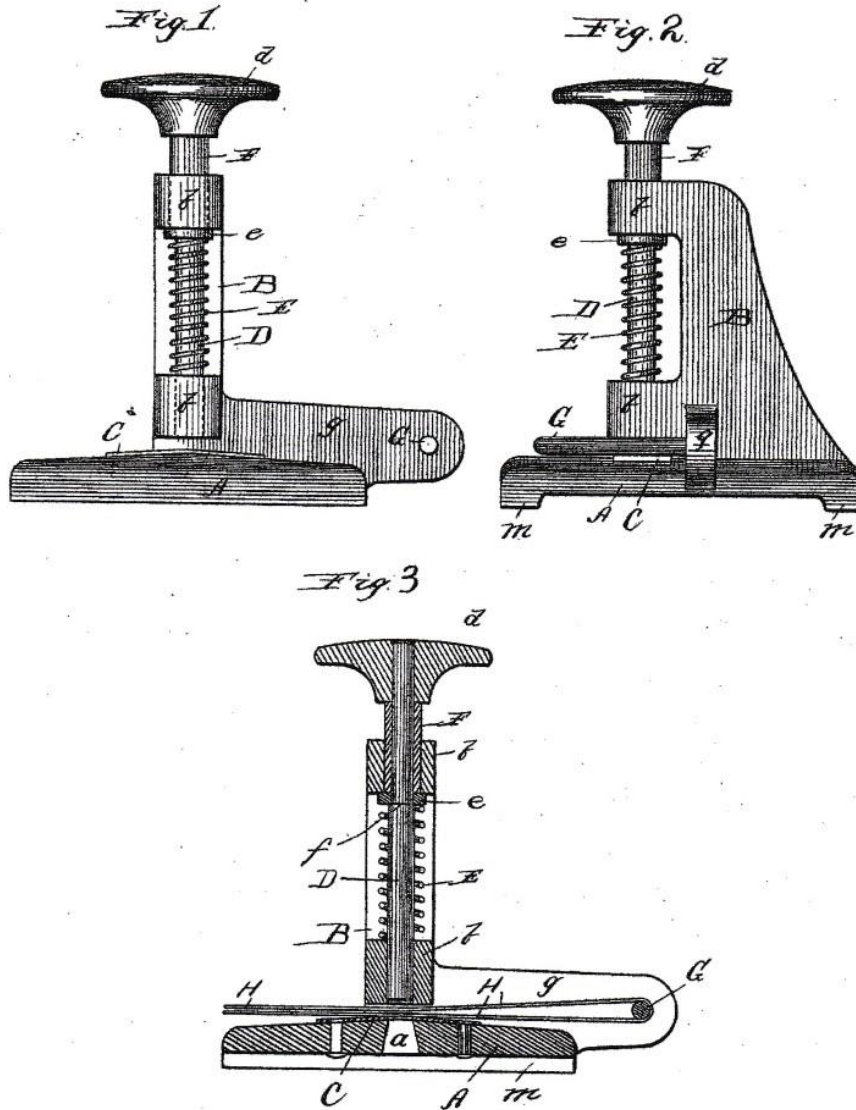
William died on December 25, 1921 after a prolonged illness.

(No Model.)

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PAPER PUNCH.

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