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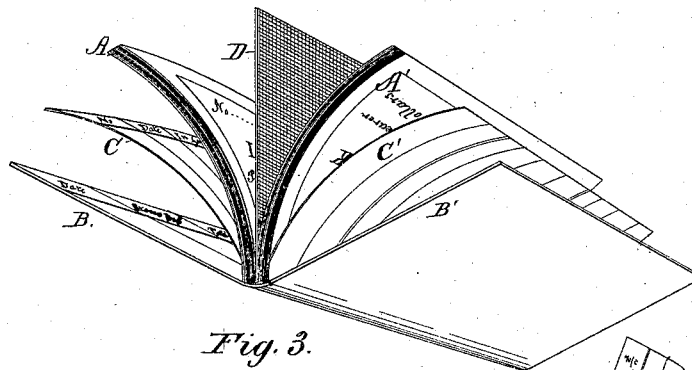


Fig. 3.

Date	Items Deposited	Total	Date	Items Drawn	Total	Balance
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IMPROVEMENT IN BANK-CHECK BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. NORRINGTON, of West Bay City, in the county of Bay and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Bank-Check Book; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

I have obtained Letters Patent of the United States, No. 203,365, for a pocket bank-check book having no stubs or stub-blanks, but consisting, essentially, of a series of leaves of blank checks and another series of leaves of the same size, which are marked or printed to form blank indexes suitable for keeping a compact continuous record of the number, date, amount, &c., of the checks drawn (or made by filling out said blank-check leaves.)

By that invention many disadvantages attending the use of the old form of bank-check books having stubs are avoided. In such stubless check-book the index-leaves containing the record of the number, date, &c., of the checks drawn are inserted at intervals between the blank-check leaves throughout the book, and bound together with them.

My present invention is an improvement upon such patented stubless check-book; and the features of the improvement are the division of the blank checks into two parts, which are reversed in position, so that one half or part of the checks face one cover of the book and the other half face the other cover, and in attaching leaves to the covers, or utilizing the covers themselves, for containing the condensed record of the bank deposits and withdrawals of the depositor or person possessing and using the check-book. Hence, when all the blank checks have been used and detached, the book-covers, or the index-leaves attached to them, together with the fly-leaves, which contain the special index or record of the number, date, amount, &c., of the checks filled out, will constitute the sole remaining portions of the book. These can be packed with many other like records in a small space and preserved for reference, if desired.

In accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of the book lying open, and having portions of the leaves turned up to show their order of ar-

rangement. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the book with the sets or series of leaves separated. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a modified form of check-book, the same lying open.

In said figures, A A' indicate the two separate sets or series of blank-check leaves; B B', the covers, and C C' the fly-leaves.

The leaves of one set or series, A, of blank checks are printed so as to face the left-hand cover, B, while the leaves of the other set or series, A', are reversed, and thus face the other or right-hand cover, B'. A colored or otherwise distinctively marked leaf, D, is inserted between the separate sets or series A A', to divide or indicate the division between them.

Between each such set or series of blank-check leaves and the contiguous cover is a fly-leaf, C or C', which contains the special continuous record of the "No.," "Date," "In whose favor," and "Amount" of the several checks made or drawn by filling out the blanks, A or A', which face that particular fly-leaf—that is to say, the symbol and words "No.," "Date," "In favor of," and "Amount" are printed prominently at the top of each fly-leaf C or C', on the side facing the blank checks A or A'. These pages of the fly-leaf are properly ruled vertically and horizontally, the number of blank leaves following in each series, A or A', being equal in number to the number of such horizontal lines.

On the inside of each cover, B or B', at the top thereof, and occupying nearly half the length of the cover, are printed the following words: "Date," "Items deposited," "Total," and on the same line, and occupying the remaining portion of the length of the same cover, are printed the words "Date," "Items drawn," "Total," and "Balance." The covers are ruled vertically and horizontally, as shown. Thus one portion—the left-hand portion—of each cover, B or B', contains a suitable blank index for a condensed record of the deposits made in the bank and the date of the same, and on the other or right-hand portion a blank index for a like record of withdrawals from the bank, together with a bank balance-sheet. Thus, by entering on this index the several amounts deposited in or drawn from the bank from time to time, and summing up the same

in the respective "Total" columns, and carrying out the numerical results in the "Balance," the depositor is able to ascertain at a glance not only the present state or amount of his bank account, but he has also before him a complete record of his regular dealings with the bank in the role of an ordinary depositor. Each cover, B or B', is thus the general index, and the fly-leaves C C' are the special indexes to which the depositor refers for information, and together they constitute the only portion of the original check-book when the blank checks or check-leaves A A' have been filled out and detached. These parts B B' and C C' may be kept for reference and packed with others used and accumulated by the depositor in his bank transactions.

It will be seen that by the conjunction and arrangement of parts as above described I form a check-book having less thickness than one in which a series of fly or index leaves are bound in at intervals with the blank-check leaves, and the record or index is also more full or complete and perfect.

It is obvious the principle of the invention

is also applicable to receipt-books and others used in business transactions, and that the ruling will be different according to the use or purpose of the book.

I am aware double-indexing books have been provided with leaves which are graduated in length, thus leaving spaces at both their ends for heading and paging.

What I claim is—

The improved stubless bank-check and record book, formed of the two sets or series of blank checks A and A', reversed in position, as described, the two corresponding fly-leaves C C', each having a double heading and ruling, and facing one of the series of blank checks, and the covers B B', each having a general condensed record heading indicating the amounts deposited and withdrawn, and the balance or amount in bank subject to order, all as shown and described.

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