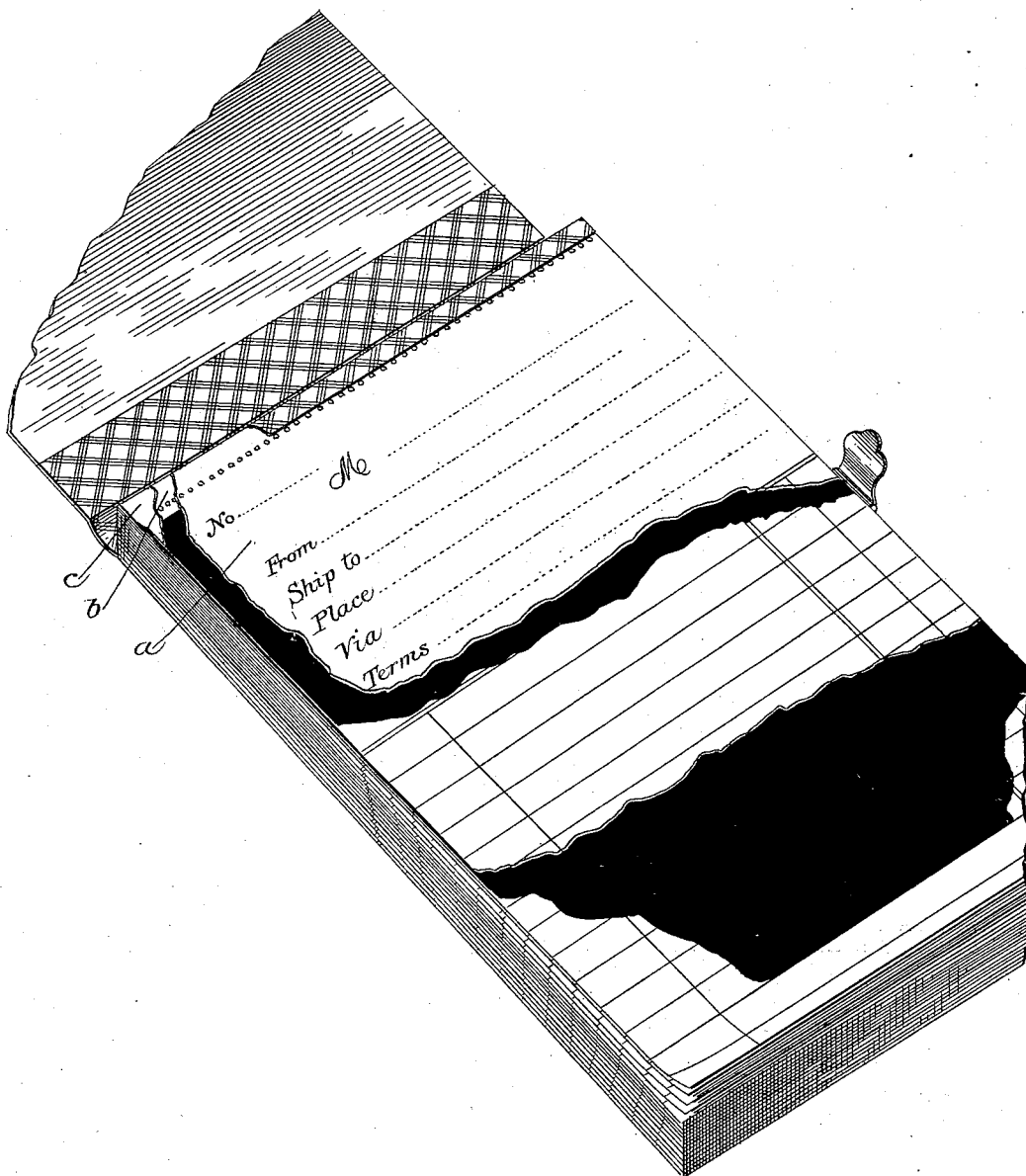


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## MANIFOLD ORDER-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES S. McDONALD, a citizen of the United States, residing in Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Manifold Order-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to order-books in which the blanks upon which the orders are written are in duplicate, triplicate, or more numbers, so that each party interested in such orders may have a copy.

The objects of my invention are to provide an order-book in which the several orders of one set may in themselves afford a distinguishing feature designating the particular persons to be possessed of them; to provide an order-book in which the several orders of one set afford a distinguishing feature adapting them to be readily selected and separated from each other for the insertion of carbon sheets between them, so that the several duplicate or triplicate orders may be written. I attain these objects by the book illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which the form of the order is shown upon the top sheet, the remaining sheets of one set being partially torn away to show their arrangement and the arrangement of the carbon sheets between them. As shown, the orders are in triplicate form, the upper one, *a*, of which is tinted pink, the middle one, *b*, is tinted blue, and the bottom one, *c*, is tinted a lighter pink than the upper order, *a*, or else of some other distinguishing colors. Of course the particular colors of which these sheets are tinted form no part of my invention, and those above designated are only for the purpose of showing the distinguishing feature of each sheet.

As these order-books are especially adapted for commercial travelers, it will be understood from the fact of the orders being in triplicate form that one of the orders—as, for instance, the order *a*—will be left with the customer, the order *b* to the house, and the order *c* be retained by the traveler and be kept in the book for his own reference.

The orders *a b* are perforated, as shown, to facilitate their removal, and as all three of

the orders are designed to be simultaneously written by means of a lead-pencil and intermediate carbon sheets, and are distinguishable by reason of their tints, the convenience and facility with which the several orders may be identified and the proper ones detached is plain to be understood. As a matter of convenience, the traveler will detach the order *a* when filled and hand it to the customer, and, following this rule through the day regarding the several orders he may fill in his book, will at night experience little or no inconvenience in selecting and detaching the several orders to be forwarded to his house—or, in other words, the firm for which he is traveling—without a liability of detaching the duplicates to be retained for his own use. It will require no great amount of thought to remember that the pink sheets *a* throughout his order-book are for his customers, the blue-tint sheet *b* for his firm, and the light-pink tint *c* or other color, or white, is to be retained by him.

The advantages of having each order of a series of differing colors are not only those of ready detachment, but of enabling the traveler to readily and quickly insert the carbon sheets between the proper sheets of the series, which results in a considerable saving of time and annoyance, as is the case when the sheets are all white or of one color.

In the book shown the sheets are all of thin but not tissue paper, and it is therefore intended that the order *a* shall be filled with an ordinary lead-pencil; but if desirable to use a stylus the order or form *a* should be of tissue-paper.

The orders in this book are only in triplicate form; but it will be understood that while it is not intended that they should be in less than duplicate the numbers of the series may be increased without departing from the spirit of my invention, for any number may be simultaneously filled if the required number of carbon sheets are used.

Although I have described my invention as particularly adapted for “commercial order-books,” it is shown that it may be applied to physicians’ prescription-books, laundry washing-lists, bill-heads, counter sales-books, and

other similar books in which it is desirable to duplicate, triplicate, &c., the order or items, without departing from my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I  
5 claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent,  
is—

An order-book in which the sheets of a set

or series of orders differ in tint or color, and all of said set except one are perforated, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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