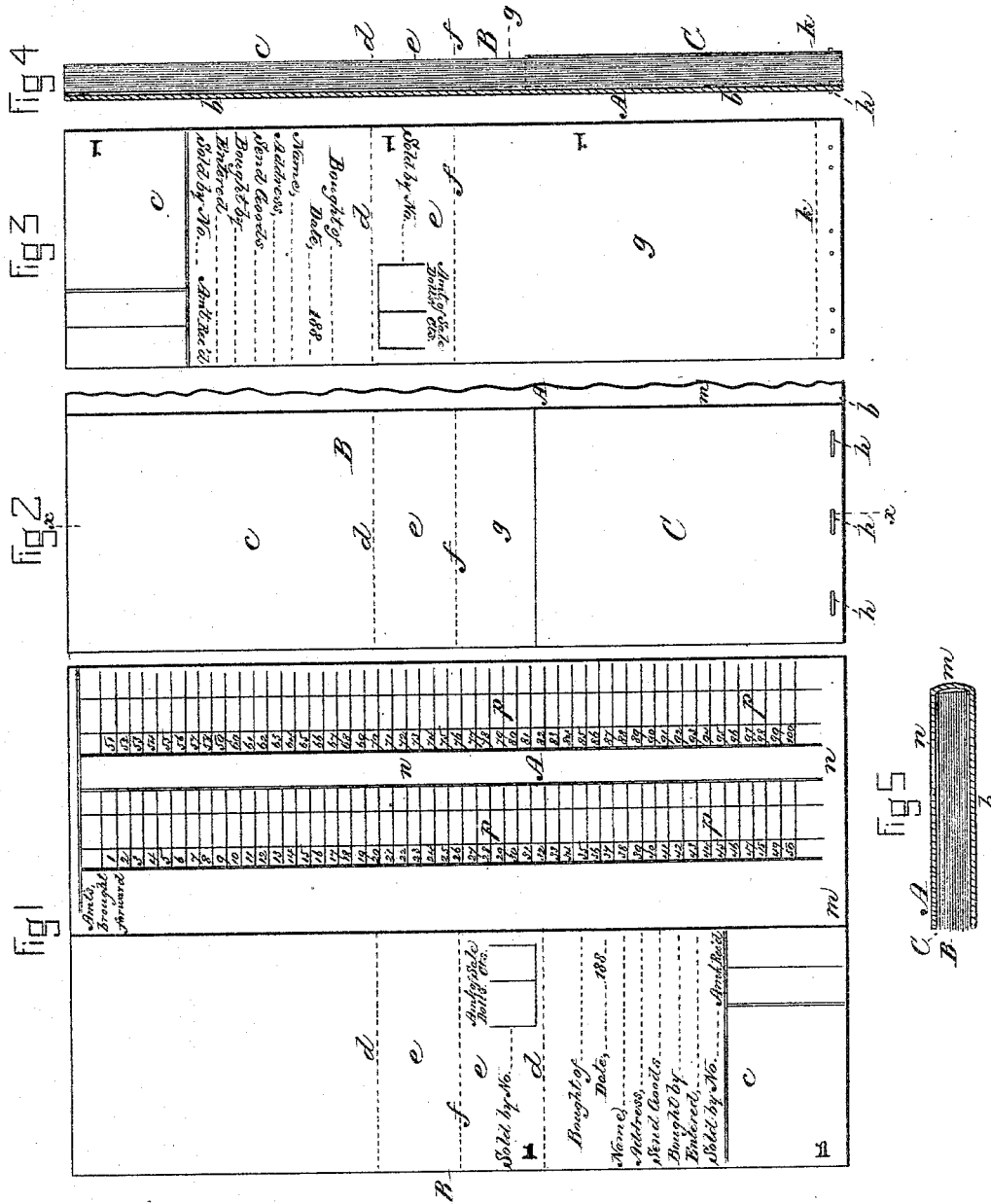


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## SALES-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. PINKHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Quincy, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Sales-Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of my improved sales-book open and with the top sheet of the pack turned over upon the transfer-sheet ready for use. Fig. 2 is a plan of the book, representing the pack of sheets before the top sheet is turned over, a portion of the cover being broken away. Fig. 3 is a plan of the under or printed side of one of the sheets detached from the pack. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal vertical section on the line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section of the book closed.

My invention relates to an improvement in sales-books for use in large retail and other stores, and has for its object to simplify the construction of such books, reduce the cost of manufacture, and facilitate the recording of the sales.

To this end my invention consists in a pack of sheets, each sheet having printed on its under side the usual lines or columns and indicating-words to guide the salesman in entering his sales, and also a coupon or extra ticket, on which is to be written the amount of the sale and the number of the salesman, this coupon being located at or near the center of the length of the sheet, and having a line of perforations above and below it, to facilitate its separation from the other printed portion of the sheet and the blank or unprinted portion of the same, upon which the duplicate statement is produced by means of a transfer-sheet, when the printed half or portion of the sheet is folded over upon the blank portion of the same sheet.

In the said drawings, A represents the cover of the sales-book, to one half or portion, *b*, of which is secured the pack, B, of printed sheets, upon which the record of sales is written, each sheet having printed at one end on its under side suitable lines or columns and indi-

cating-words to guide the salesman in entering his sales, and also its proper number, this printed portion forming a bill of sale or ticket, *c*, at one end of which is a line of perforations, *d*, to enable it to be easily torn from the balance of the sheet; and connected with the ticket *c* is an extra ticket or coupon, *e*, printed on the same side of the sheet as the ticket *c*, and numbered to correspond therewith, and on which is written the amount of the sale and the number of the salesman; and at the end of this coupon opposite to the ticket *c* is another line of perforations, *f*, to facilitate the operation of tearing it off from the remaining or blank portion *g* of the sheet, which is also numbered to correspond to the ticket *c* and coupon *e*, the coupon *e* being thus interposed between the ticket or portion *c* and the blank or unprinted portion *g*, and divided off from each by a line of perforations, as seen in Figs. 2, 3, and 4. The pack B, having the sheets laid printed side down, is attached at one end, by wire staples *h*, stitches, rivets, or other suitable binding device, to the end of the portion *b* of the cover A, and remains unfolded when the book is closed, and a short distance inside of the line on which the pack is attached to the cover each sheet is provided with a line of perforations, *k*, to facilitate the operation of tearing it from the pack. On the top or outside of the pack is laid a sheet of transfer-paper, C, which is held in place by the binding-wires *h*, or otherwise, this sheet C reaching to or nearly to the middle of the top sheet of the pack B, and serving the usual purpose of producing upon the sheet on which it rests a fac-simile or duplicate of the writing placed upon the paper which rests on the transfer-sheet.

The cover A is folded to turn over or open sidewise on a line, *m*, parallel with the side of the pack, and upon the inner face of the portion *n* are printed columns with spaces *p*, numbered to correspond with the respective numbers of the sheets of the pack B, the amount of each sale being recorded in the space *p* bearing the same number as that of the sheet on which the particulars of said sale are written. The cover, taking the place of ordinary stubs, and being of considerable length,

will contain a large number of spaces *p*, thus rendering it possible to enter a large number of sales in a single book by employing a pack having the necessary number of sheets.

5 In using my book the salesman, after throwing over to one side the top half, *n*, of the cover, first takes hold of the upper sheet of the pack and folds it over upon itself on the line of perforations *f* until the printed half or portion  
10 rests upon the transfer-sheet C. This turning over of one-half or portion of the sheet brings the printed matter, which was previously on its under side, now upon the upper or outer side, as seen in Fig. 1. The salesman now  
15 writes upon the ticket *c* the particulars of the sale, together with the amount thereof, producing at the same time, by means of the transfer-sheet C, a fac-simile or duplicate upon the blank portion *g* of the same sheet upon  
20 which the sheet C rests. The amount of the sale and the number of the salesman is then written upon the coupon *e*, and the amount of the sale also written on the inside of the cover in the space *p* bearing the same number  
25 as the sheet of the pack just written upon. The salesman then tears out the entire sheet on the line of perforations *k* at a single pull, taking hold of the sheet by the folded or double portion at the center with one hand, and,  
30 if desired, at the same time pressing upon or holding the ticket *c* with the other hand, which will cause a simultaneous separation of the ticket *c* from the coupon *e* along the line of perforations *d*, leaving the coupon attached  
35 to the portion *g* of the sheet, from which it

can be detached by another slight pull, to be disposed of as desired.

If preferred, the coupon may be left in contact with the ticket *c*, and by thus locating the coupon *e* between the upper and lower  
40 portions of the sheet, with a line of perforations immediately above and below it, as shown, it can be left in contact with the ticket *c* or the duplicate *g*, as desired.

It will also be apparent that all of the printing is on one side of each sheet, which consequently has to pass but once through the press, thus lessening the cost of manufacture.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

50 A pack, B, composed of a series of sheets connected together at one end, each sheet being adapted to be folded over upon itself at or near the center of its length, with a transfer-sheet interposed between the two portions,  
55 and each sheet having printed upon its under side a ticket, *c*, on which the sales are recorded, and a coupon or extra ticket, *e*, the latter being located at or near the center of the length of the sheet, between the ticket  
60 *c* and the blank or unprinted portion *g*, and having a line of perforations extending entirely across its top and bottom, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Witness my hand this 22d day of November, A. D. 1883.

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