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CHECK CUTTER.

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Fig. 1.

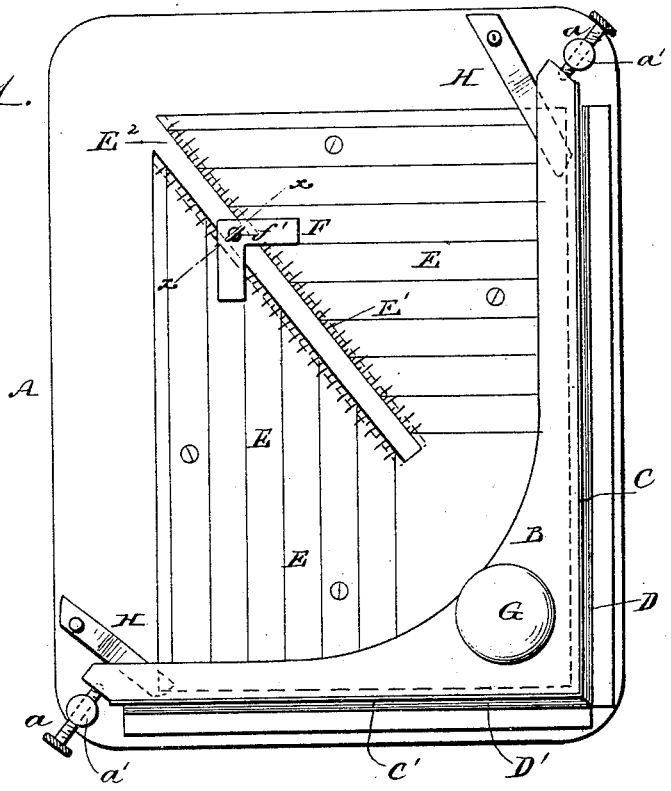


Fig. 2.

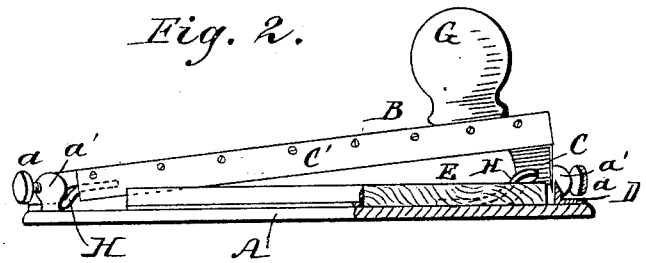
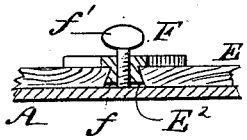


Fig. 3.



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CHECK-CUTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEONIDAS C. PRESSLEY, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, and WILLIAM LUMBARD, of Wheatland, in the county of Yuba and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Check-Cutter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of our invention is to provide a practical device for cutting check and other billets from check books or sheets, and designed for cutting checks of various sizes, and to this end our invention consists, principally, of a cutter in angular form, hinged to a base provided with a fixed cutter or supporting surface on which the object to be cut is supported.

The invention also consists in the employment, with the angular cutter, of a base or support having graduated marks thereon to indicate different measurements or sizes of checks or billets to be cut.

The invention also consists in combining with the angular cutter and graduated marks an adjustable gage to facilitate the placing and holding of the checks.

The invention finally consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, all as hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of our new and improved check-cutter. Fig. 2 is a broken front elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view on line *x x* of Fig. 1.

A represents a base-plate, preferably of metal, to prevent warping; but it may be of wood, celluloid, hard rubber, or any other suitable material. On this base-plate is mounted a cutter B, provided with a right-angled knife or blade C C′. The cutter B is pivoted at opposite corners on the screws *a a*, fitted in studs *a′ a′* at opposite corners of the base-plate A, as shown clearly in Fig. 1. Upon the base-plate A is also held the lower fixed knife D D′, against which the knife C C′ cuts, and on the base is also placed the thickening-block E, of wood, metal, hard rubber, celluloid, or other suitable material, to support the check or object being cut on a level or thereabout with the edge of the fixed knife D D′. This support E is provided with right-angled graduated marks E′ on its upper surface, and is formed with a slot E^2 or other means for connecting therewith an adjustable gage F. While we may use other means of attaching the gage, we prefer the said slot, which is undercut or dovetailed, as shown in Fig. 3. The gage is a triangular gage, provided on its under surface with a dovetailed block *f* to fit the groove, and provided with the thumb-screw *f′* for fastening the gage at any desired position in the said groove.

The use of the device is obvious. The check to be cut is simply placed between the knives, with one corner in the angle of the gage, and the pivoted cutter B struck down by a blow on the handle or knob G. In each instance the gage will be moved to suit the size of check to be cut, the adjustment being facilitated by the graduation-marks.

The upper pivoted-cutter B is normally held open by the springs H. (Shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 2.)

Having thus fully described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A cutter for checks, &c., consisting of a base-plate having a fixed right-angled cutting-edge, in combination with a right-angled knife mounted on said base-plate and pivoted at its ends at diagonally-opposite corners of the base-plate, substantially as described.

2. A cutter for checks, &c., consisting of a base-plate, a block mounted thereon, graduated and formed with a diagonal slot, and a fixed right-angled cutting-edge, in combination with an adjustable gage fitted in said slot, and a right-angled knife pivoted at its ends in studs at opposite corners of the base-plate, substantially as described.

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