

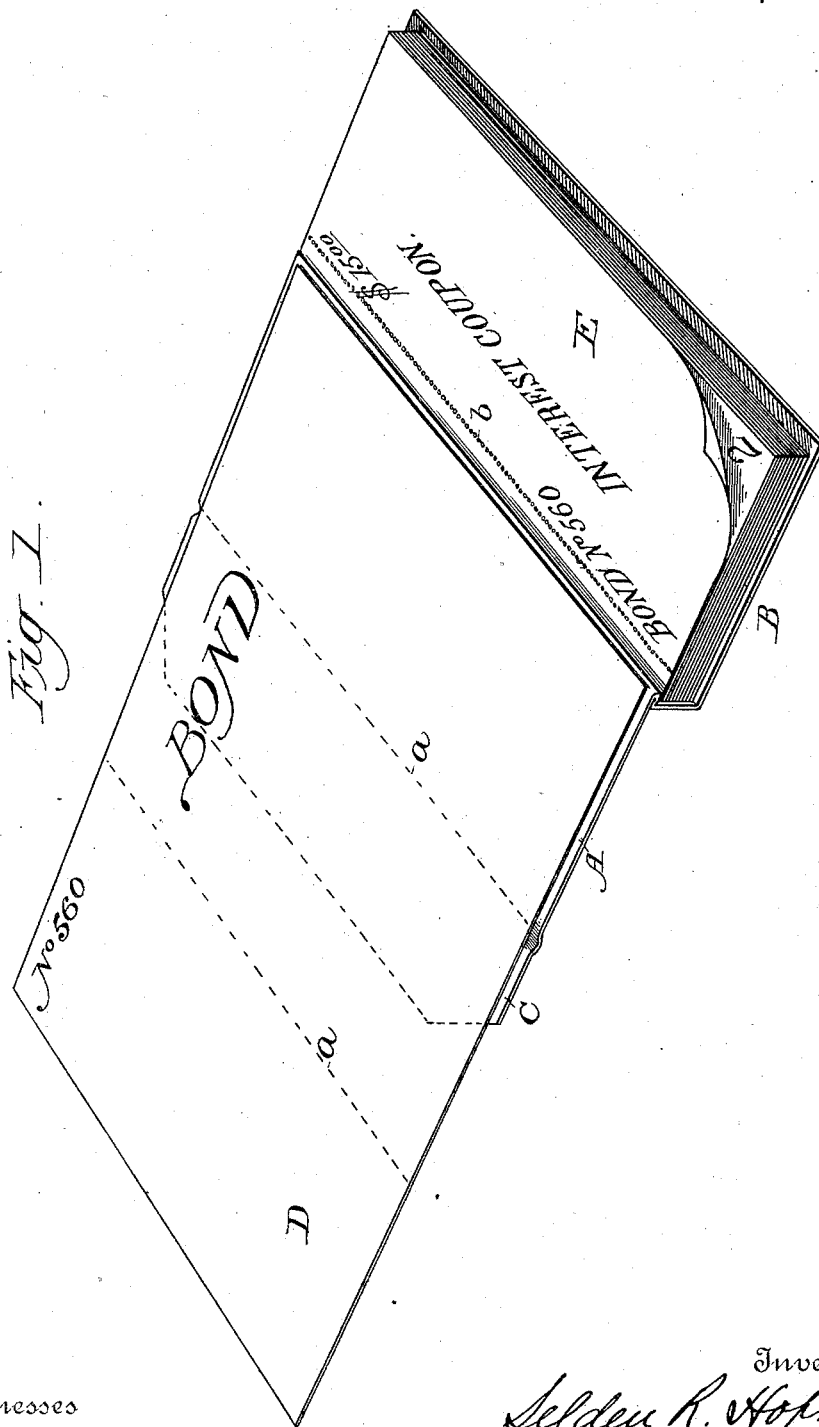
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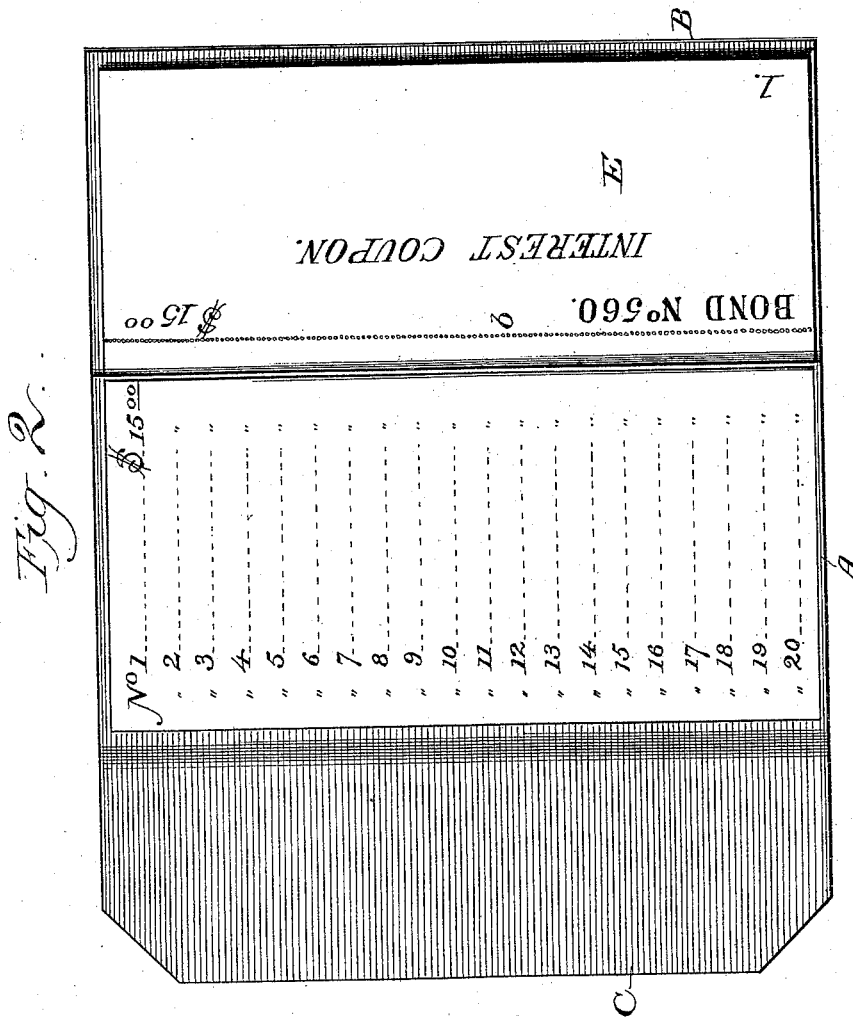
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SELDEN R. HOPKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coupon-Bonds; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the form and construction of bonds of indebtedness, and other commercial papers having interest bearing coupons attached.

Coupon bonds have heretofore generally been made in large sheets, with small ticket-like coupons detachably attached to the margins. There are many objections to this form; they are cumbersome and inconvenient to handle, and the coupons being necessarily of small size are liable to get lost, are difficult to handle, easily counterfeited, and afford little opportunity for the display of the engraver's art, or space for printing or signatures.

The object of this invention is to obviate these inconveniences and disadvantages, and I accomplish this object generally by reducing the size of the bonds, making the coupons of substantially the same size as checks, notes, drafts, and other commercial papers which pass current, and arranging and combining the two in the form of a book in a most convenient form for carrying, handling, and protection from injury.

In the accompanying drawings illustrative of the invention Figure 1 is a perspective view of a coupon bond book, the top cover and flap being thrown back, and the bond out-spread. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same, the bond being folded over so as to expose the tally sheet on the back.

Similar letters of reference denote corresponding parts in the two views.

A denotes the top or front cover, B the back or under cover, and C the inclosing flap of the book.

D is a bond, fastened at one of its side edges securely in place to the inside of the cover of the book by pasting, stitching, or other manner of binding. The bond is intended to be folded at the dotted lines *a, a*, so as to be en-

tirely inclosed by the cover of the book when closed.

The form, shape or style of the bond is of no consequence to the invention, and may be varied as desired.

The coupons E are preferably printed separately in folios and folded like the pages of a book. They are attached at their upper edge to the cover B or back of the book by pasting, stitching, or other kind of binding. Near their upper edges the leaves on which the coupons are printed have a line of perforations, as at *b, b*, to facilitate the detachment of the coupons. The coupons should be numbered consecutively to correspond with the ruled and numbered lines on the tally sheet, and should also be marked with the number of the bond to which they belong, and the amount for which they are good. As before stated, these coupons are intended to be made of practically the same size as bank checks, drafts, notes, and other commercial papers, the object being to facilitate handling and filing and passing the same, to reduce their liability to be lost, and to permit them to be made payable upon order or special indorsement. Also to afford ample space and opportunity for fine engraver's work, for ornamental purposes, and to prevent fraudulent alterations or counterfeiting. The tally sheet may if preferred be printed on the inside of the flap C or top cover A. Any size of bond or style of ornamentation preferred may be adopted in printing the bond or coupons, and any shape of book may be selected. As the bonds and attached coupons are completely protected by the cover when closed, there is obviously no liability of their being worn, damaged, or soiled in being carried about handled, or filed away.

The bond and its coupons I prefer to engrave separately, and bind them in book form as heretofore described.

A variety of skilled labor may in this manner be employed, first in engraving the bonds and coupons, and then in making up the book and fastening or securing such bonds and coupons in their proper places.

Though as herein described the invention is more particularly adapted for coupon bonds, it is not, of course, limited thereto, but is applicable to all kinds of interest bearing cer-

tificates of indebtedness to which coupons are usually attached.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

5 1. The combination of the back or cover B, the front or top cover A, the bond D, and the coupons E, the bond being attached at one edge to the part A and the coupons being
10 separate from the bond, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the back or cover B,

the top or front cover A, the inclosing flap, the bond D, the latter attached at one edge only to the inside of the front cover, and the 15 coupons E separate from the bond and attached to the back B, all as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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