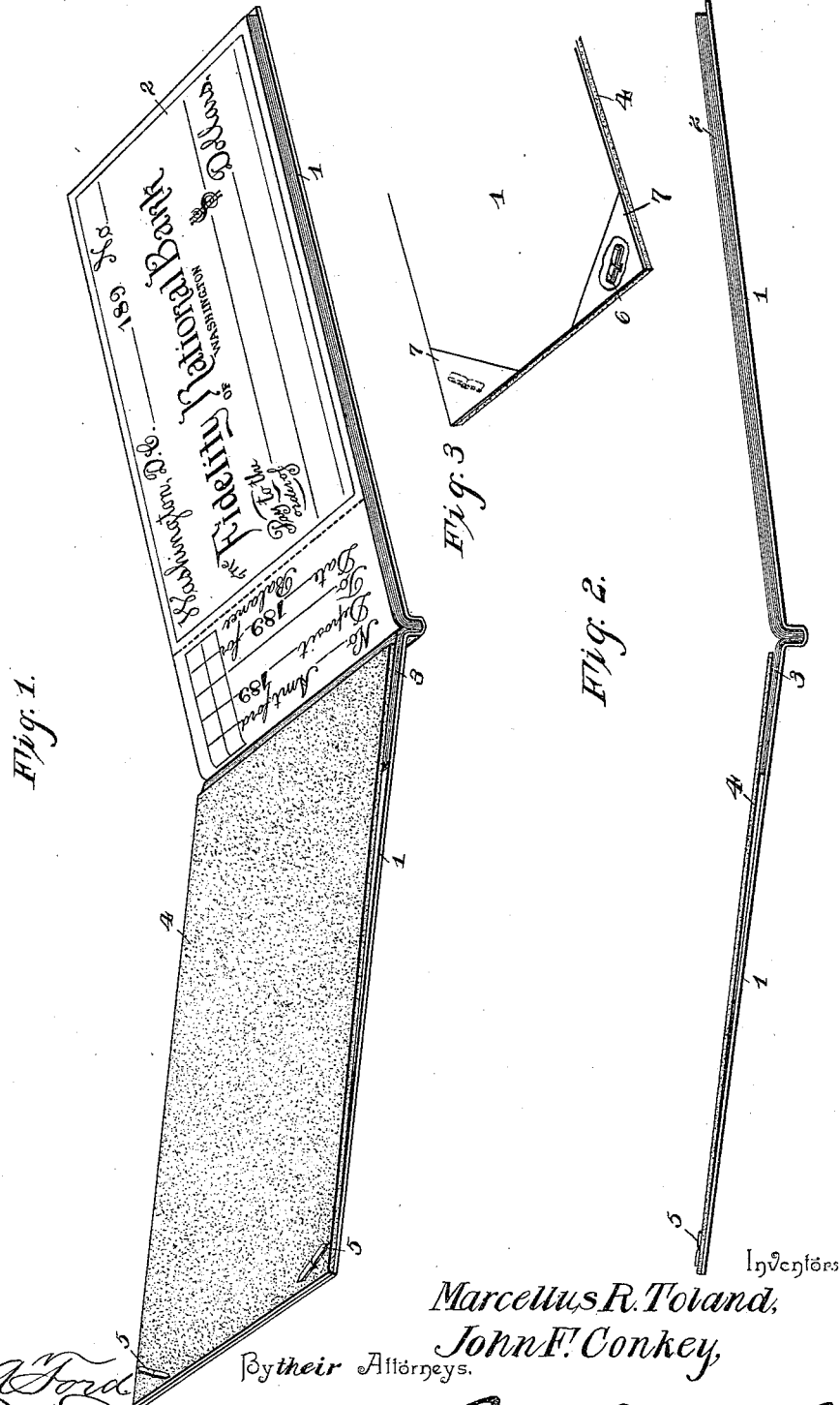


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, MARCELLUS R. TOLAND and JOHN F. CONKEY, citizens of the United States, residing at San Jacinto, in the  
5 county of Riverside and State of California, have invented a new and useful Blotter Attachment for Check-Books, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to an improvement  
10 in blotter attachments for check books; and it consists in a check book, provided with a stub for each check, and having a blotter attached at its outer end to the outer end of the top cover by means of a removable mechanical fastening, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of our invention is to provide check books with a blotter that is attached to the cover of the book in such a manner that  
20 every stub can be as freely blotted as the checks.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a check book to which our invention is applied. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective of one corner of the book cover and blotter, showing both the manner of attaching them, and protecting the corners of the  
25 blotters.

1 represents the cover of an ordinary bank  
30 book provided with checks 2 and stubs 3. Attached to the top cover of the book at its outer free end by means of the ordinary paper fasteners 6, or similar mechanical attachments, is a blotter 4, and over the corners of  
35 the cover and the blotter are pasted or otherwise secured covers 7, of any suitable material. These covers serve to protect the corners of the blotter, and at the same time cover over the points of the fasteners so as  
40 to prevent them from rising up and injuring the hands while handling the book, tearing papers, or keeping the blotter from being freely used.

The blotter being secured at its outer end  
45 only to the cover, its inner end is left free to be inserted between the stub or stubs that have been torn off and the stub of the check that is to be blotted, and then torn out, thus en-

abling the maker of the check to not only freely blot every stub, but to do it at the same  
50 time he blots the check itself.

Heretofore bank books have been provided with blotters that are bound in with the checks, and being fastened at their inner ends, can only be used in blotting the first  
55 stub, unless the maker first bends the free end of the blotter around these stubs from which the checks have been removed, and blots the stub of the check just made and then blots the check afterward. If he attempts  
60 to blot the check first he presses the other stubs down upon the one upon which the ink is still wet, and so blurs it. By attaching the blotter to the top cover only at its outer end, every stub and check can be blotted at the  
65 same time.

We are aware that in copybooks blotters have been pasted to the outer ends of the top cover, and used for blotting the pages, and this we disclaim. Our invention differs from  
70 this in attaching the blotter to a bank book by means of mechanical fastenings, so as to enable the blotter to be removed and another substituted when necessary, and so as to enable a person to blot both the stub and check  
75 at the same time.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

1. A bank book provided with checks and stubs, combined with a blotter that is at-  
80 tached to the outer end of the top cover of the book by means of a mechanical fastening, whereby both the check and stub can be blotted at the same time, substantially as shown.

2. A bank book provided with both checks and stubs, combined with a blotter that is attached to the outer end of the top cover by means of a mechanical fastening, and covers  
85 for the corners of the blotter and the fasteners, substantially as described.

3. A bank book provided with both checks and stubs, combined with a blotter 4, that is attached only at its outer end to the outer  
90 end of the cover by means of a mechanical fastening 5, and the covers 7, applied to the

outer corners of the blotter so as to cover and  
protect the fastenings, whereby the blotter is  
left free at its inner end and ready to be  
inserted between the stubs of the checks  
5 which have been torn off, and the check and  
stub that are to be blotted, substantially as set  
forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as

our own we have hereto affixed our signatures  
in the presence of two witnesses.

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