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SALES CHECK HOLDER.

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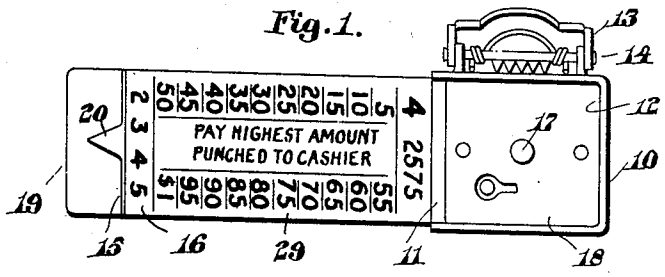


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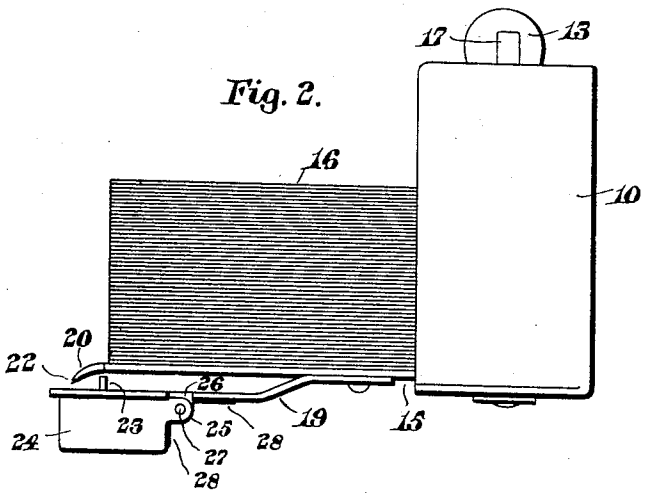


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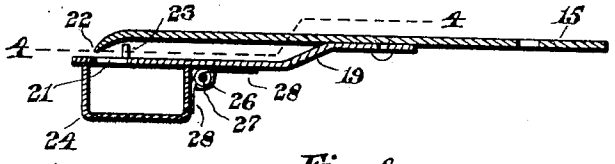


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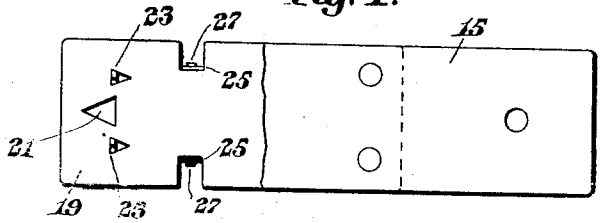
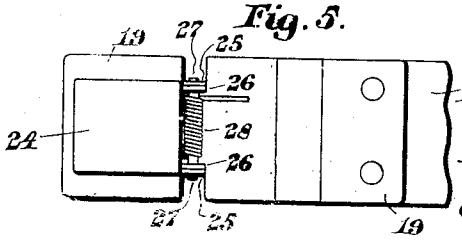


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS R. F. POTTER, a subject of the King of Gt. Britain, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sales-Check Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holders for sales-checks particularly adapted for use in restaurants and lunch rooms and has for its object the provision of means secured to said holder whereby each check may be notched at the point designating the amount purchased, thus avoiding the necessity of using another tool for this purpose.

The invention consists in providing the bottom plate of the check holder with a cutting prong adapted to coact with a perforation in a spring plate secured to the under face of said plate.

The invention further consists in providing means for limiting the insertion of the checks between said plates.

The invention further consists in providing a receptacle in which the chips cut from the checks may be deposited.

The invention further consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be fully understood from the description of the drawings and to the claims hereinafter given.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention one preferred form thereof is illustrated in the drawings, this form having been found to give satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which the invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and the invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of these instrumentalities as herein shown and described, except as required by the scope of the appended claims.

Of the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a plan of a sales check holder embodying the fatures of the present invention.

Fig. 2 represents an elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 represents a vertical section of the bottom plate and the devices secured thereto.

Fig. 4 represents a plan of the same, a portion of the bottom plate being broken away, and

Fig. 5 represents an inverted plan of the same.

Similar characters designate like parts through the several figures of the drawings.

In the drawings, 10 is a box-like frame having an open side 11 and an open end 12.

This box-like frame may be made up in any preferred manner.

It is provided on one side with the usual clip 13 pivoted at 14 and adapted to secure the box-like frame 10 to the belt of the waiter or waitress.

The box-like frame 10 has a bottom plate 15 extending beyond the open side 11 and superimposed upon the plate 15 are a plurality of sales checks 16 having a rod 17 extending through the inner ends thereof, said checks being clamped to the bottom plate 15 by means of the follower 18.

The device as thus far described forms no part of the present invention.

Secured to the under face of the plate 15 is a spring plate 19.

One of these plates 15, 19, preferably the plate 15, is provided with a V-shaped prong 20 extending from its outer edge as indicated in Fig. 1.

The prong 20 is bent toward the other plate, preferably the plate 19, and has cutting edges.

The plate coacting with the pronged plate is provided with a triangular perforation 21 into which the prong 20 accurately fits so that when the two plates are pressed together the point 22 will first enter the perforation 21 and then the side cutting edges will coact with the side walls of the perforation 21 and cut a notch in the edge of any material, such as sales checks, inserted between said plates.

The perforated plate, as 19, is provided with limiting stops 23 which will serve as guides for the sales checks 16 when inserted between the plates 15, 19 so that when the cutting operation is performed, the same shaped chip will be cut from each check so inserted.

In order to prevent the chips being scattered over the floor of the restaurant or lunch room, a receptacle 24 is provided in which the chips will be collected as cut from the sales checks 16.

This receptacle 24 is positioned beneath the perforation 21 and has ears 25 extending

rearwardly therefrom and straddling ears 26 depending from the plate 19.

A pivot pin 27 extends through the ears 25, 26 and is surrounded by a helical spring 28 having ends bearing respectively against the under face of the plate 19 and the rear wall of the receptacle 24.

This spring 28 normally retains the upper edges of the receptacle 24 against the under face of the plate 19 but when the receptacle 24 is filled with chips it may be moved about the axis of pin 27 to permit the removal of said chips.

When a customer has purchased the desired amount, the upper check 16 is removed and inserted between the plates 15, 19, until its inner edge bears against the limiting stops 23 with the figures 29 indicating the amount of purchase beneath the prong 20.

The spring plate 19 is then pressed toward the bottom plate 15 and the point 22 of the prong 20 will pass through the check and then by means of the cutting edges of the prong 20 coacting with the walls of the perforation 21, a V-shaped notch will be cut into the edge of the check at the designated point thus indicating to the cashier the amount purchased.

Usually the punching of the checks has been performed by a separate tool and it is self-evident that there is considerable advantage in providing the check holder with some means forming a part thereof whereby the check may be punched without requiring the use of another tool.

It is believed that the operation and many advantages of the device will be readily understood without further description.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination with a box-like frame having an open end and a rigid bottom plate adapted to support checks and extending beyond said open end and beyond the outer ends of checks; a spring plate secured to the under side of the bottom plate and having a perforation in its outer end; an outwardly extending prong bent downwardly from the outer end of the bottom plate with cutting edges adapted to coact with the edges of said perforation; stops to limit the insertion of a check beneath said bottom plate; and a receptacle secured to said spring plate beneath said perforation to receive the chips cut from the checks.

2. The combination with a box-like frame having an open end and a rigid bottom plate adapted to support checks and extending beyond said open end and beyond the outer ends of checks; a spring plate secured to the under side of the bottom plate and having a perforation in its outer end; an outwardly extending prong bent downwardly from the outer end of the bottom plate with cutting edges adapted to coact with the edges of said perforation; stops to limit the insertion of a check beneath said bottom plate; a receptacle secured to said spring plate beneath said perforation to receive the chips cut from the checks; and means whereby said receptacle may be moved relatively to said spring plate to permit said receptacle to be emptied.

3. The combination with a box-like frame having an open end and a rigid bottom plate adapted to support checks and extending beyond said open end and beyond the outer ends of checks; a spring plate secured to the under side of the bottom plate and having a perforation in its outer end; an outwardly extending prong bent downwardly from the outer end of the bottom plate with cutting edges adapted to coact with the edges of said perforation; stops to limit the insertion of a check beneath said bottom plate; and a receptacle pivotally secured to said spring plate beneath said perforation to receive the chips cut from the checks.

4. The combination with a box-like frame having an open end and a bottom plate extending beyond said open end and adapted to support checks; a spring plate secured to the under side of the bottom plate and having a perforation in its outer end; an outwardly extending prong bent downwardly from the outer end of the bottom plate with cutting edges adapted to coact with the edges of said perforation; stops to limit the insertion of a check beneath said bottom plate; a receptacle pivotally secured beneath said perforation to receive the chips cut from the checks; and a spring for normally retaining the upper edge of said receptacle in contact with the under face of said spring plate.

5. The combination with a box-like frame having an open end and a bottom plate extending beyond said open end and adapted to support checks; a spring plate secured to the under side of the bottom plate and having a perforation in its outer end; an outwardly extending prong bent downwardly from the outer end of the bottom plate with cutting edges adapted to coact with the edges of said perforation; stops to limit the insertion of a check beneath said bottom plate; downwardly extending ears on said spring plate; a receptacle beneath said perforation having ears at the rear end thereof; a pivot pin extending through all of said ears; and a spring on said pivot pin and adapted to retain the upper edge of said receptacle in contact with said spring plate.

Signed by me at Brooklyn, N. Y., this 14th day of May, 1919.

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