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BILL-SHEET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. VAUGHAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill, Receipt, and Day Books and Sheets Therefor; 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.

My invention consists, first, of a novel bill sheet, and, secondly, of a plurality of such sheets bound up in book form in combination with other blank sheets and carbon sheets arranged and operating substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved sheet showing three separate accounts on the sheet and the sheet adapted to be separated into three bill sheets. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my improved book showing the arrangement of the bill sheet, the blank sheets and the carbon sheets, two separate accounts being shown on the sheet and the sheet adapted to be separated into three distinct bills.

A in the drawings represents one of my improved bill sheets which is shown in the drawings provided with a vertical perforated tearing line, but it is obvious that when the sheets are not bound up in book form this perforated line might be dispensed with and the sheet be imperforated throughout. The sheet is provided on its right or left hand, preferably the left, with a suitable space for printing any suitable number of bill heads *a* as shown and on one side of this, to the right in the drawings, suitable horizontal lines *a'* and vertical lines *a''* for receiving writing and columns of figures as shown. By printing a plurality of bill heads on one end of the sheet with a horizontal imperforated space between each bill head the sheet can be used as a single bill sheet, or, as in the drawings, Fig. 1, for three different bills, or, as in Fig. 2, for two different bills, whereas by printing a bill head at the top and extending entirely across the sheet and at a suitable interval below another similar bill head, and so on to the bottom of the sheet, the entire sheet could not be used for a single bill sheet hav-

ing a large number of entries, as the entries would be interrupted by the bill heads printed below the top bill head. I have the sheet imperforated horizontally between the bill heads so that if an account occupies the space of two bill heads as shown in Fig. 2, the entire bill will be on an unbroken continuous sheet which is very important. The stubs to which the bill sheets are attached are quite narrow so as to consume as little of the paper and space of the book as possible and are not intended to be printed or receive memoranda of any kind.

When the bill sheets are bound in book form, one or more blank sheets B, C, are bound in between the bill sheets, as shown in Fig. 2, and semi-carbon sheets D placed or bound in between the bill sheets and the blank sheets and also between the blank sheets where more than one blank sheet is employed. When two blank sheets B, C, are employed, one of the sheets as B is perforated in a manner similar to the bill sheet A and the other blank sheet C left imperforated so that the bill sheet can be torn out and sent with the goods if desired, the blank sheet B also torn out and sent to the cashier's desk and the blank sheet C left in the book as a permanent record. The bill sheet sent to the customer can serve as a bill or by being receipted will show that the bill has been paid and a corresponding entry will appear on the sheet or slip which is torn out and sent to the cashier's desk and on the sheet which remains permanently in the book. By providing the bill sheet A with a column *a'* the amount of sales to an individual or firm can be entered in the same and the sum total of these amounts added up at the bottom of the page as shown and this amount can be entered at the top of the next bill sheet as the amount "brought forward" and as these entries are transferred simultaneously to the permanent sheet C a complete daily record, constituting a day book, is secured. From the foregoing description it will be seen that the book is a combined bill, receipt and day book which is very simple and convenient of construction and operation.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A single bill sheet having two or more bill heads printed on one of its side ends, a

horizontal tearing space between said bill heads and suitably ruled lines and spaces to one side of the bill heads for writing in items of account whereby the sheet can be used for a single long bill sheet or be separated into two or more shorter bill sheets, substantially as described.

2. A bill book comprising single bill sheets which are held in the book by vertical perforated tearing lines outside the bill heads, each sheet having two or more bill heads printed on one of its side ends, a horizontal tearing space between said bill heads, and suitably ruled lines and spaces to one side of the bill heads for writing in items of account, whereby the entire sheet can be used as a single bill sheet or be separated into two or more shorter bill sheets, substantially as described.

3. A bill book comprising bill sheets which are held in the book by vertical perforated tearing lines outside the bill heads, each sheet having two or more bill heads printed on one of its side ends, a horizontal tearing space between said bill heads, and suitably ruled lines and spaces to one side of the bill heads for writing in items of account, whereby each sheet can be used as a single long bill sheet or be separated into two or more shorter bill sheets, a blank sheet under the bill sheet, and a carbon sheet placed in between the blank

sheet and the bill sheet, substantially as described.

4. A bill, receipt and day book comprising bill sheets which are held in the book by perforated tearing lines outside the bill heads, each sheet having two or more bill heads printed on one of its side ends, a horizontal tearing space between the bill heads, and suitably ruled lines and spaces to one side of the bill heads for writing in items of account whereby each sheet can be used as a single long bill sheet or be separated into two or more shorter bill sheets, and two or more blank sheets bound beneath the bill sheet, one of the sheets being held in the book by a vertical perforated tearing line near its inner edge and the other sheet imperforated and forming a permanent part of the book, substantially as described.

5. A single bill sheet having two or more bill heads printed on one of its side ends, whereby the sheet is adapted to be used as a single bill sheet or be separated into two or more bill sheets, substantially as described.

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

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