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Fig. 1.

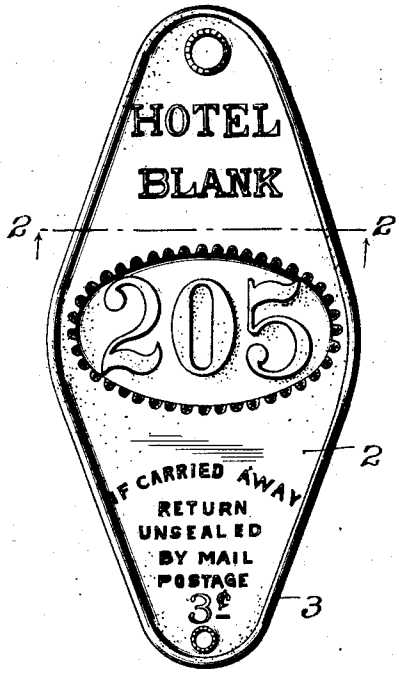



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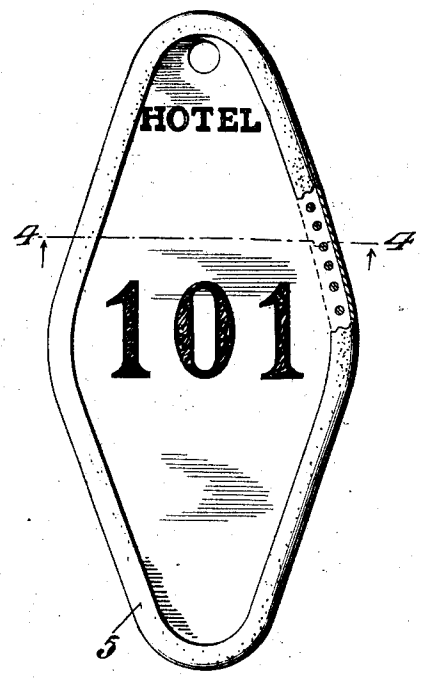



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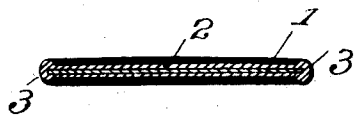
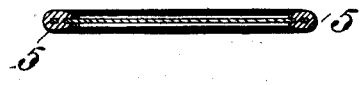



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## CHECK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RYLAND M. SCOTFORD, of Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Checks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved check, such for example, as are used in hotels and similar places.

The object of my invention is to provide a rubber protected key check which will not mar the woodwork or numbers on the doors and the key check cases in hotels. Other expedients have been tried for this purpose, one of them being a check which is made of fiber, but this has not proved satisfactory.

In its preferable embodiment my check is constructed of spring brass over which is vulcanized a protection of flexible rubber varying in thickness from one sixteenth to an eighth of an inch. The edges of the check are also formed somewhat thicker in order to form a cushion. In some cases I may omit the covering on the sides of the check and use the cushion around the edges only.

Having the aforesaid object in view, my invention consists in the check as will be hereinafter described in its preferred form and then definitely claimed at the end hereof.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this application: Figure 1 is a front view of my improved check. Fig. 2 is a section through the same. Fig. 3 is a face view of a modified form, and Fig. 4 is a section of the same.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by numerals: 1 designates the base for the check which I prefer to form of hard brass in order to provide sufficient stiffness and durability and also to secure a metal to which the rubber or coating will firmly adhere. However, while I am mentioning brass as the substance for the base, and rubber as the substance for the coating, I do not intend to limit my invention to the use of either substance. On each side of this base of stiff brass is vulcanized a protection of flexible rubber (2) which may vary in thickness from a sixteenth to an eighth of an inch, and I prefer to have suitable raised lettering formed on one side, although such lettering may be on both sides if desired. The rubber covering projects over the edges of the brass base and is formed thicker all around the edges and I deem this important for the reason that this thicker edge (3) not only forms a protection, but acts as a cushion to prevent any damage which might result if the brass base had a mere thin covering around its edge.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I have shown a modification where the rubber covering on the faces of the brass plate is omitted and the protective cushion (5) around the edges only is used. In this form, the reading matter is formed on the metal base itself and not in the covering, since there is no covering. In order to prevent the thickened cushion from slipping off of the metal check, the latter is provided with a series of perforations indicated in Figs. 3 and 4 as being filled with the rubber. The material forming the protective covering passes through these perforations and forms one integral structure so that the cushion cannot in any way be pulled off.

When this check is used for hotel keys, an opening is formed in it for attaching a ring or link on which is fastened the key, and suitable inscription is usually formed on at least one side which may consist of the name of the hotel, and the number of the room, or any other desired matter. The molds from which the check is made are so constructed that of course the numbers are made in consecutive order so as to agree with the numbers used on the doors.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that I have provided a rubber covered key check which fully meets the requirements necessary in checks which are used in hotels having finely polished key check cases. Of course the check may be made in the proper form to be used for soda fountains and various other places where it is desirable to have a soft coating to protect the glass or wooden counters.

While I have hereinbefore referred to a rubber covered check, I do not limit my claims to a check covered with this material, as any material will answer which will adhere to the base, forming apparently an integral check, and which at the same time will be sufficiently soft or resilient to prevent marring of the highly polished furniture.

What I claim as new is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a check for keys, comprising a substantially flat rigid base, and a protective cushion around the edges of said flat base, said check having suitable descriptive matter on said flat face within the confines of said cushion, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a check for keys, comprising a stiff or rigid base and a protective covering on the face and edges of said base, said covering having inscriptive matter thereon, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a check for keys, comprising a stiff or rigid base, a protective covering of rubber vulcanized on the face and edges of said base, said rubber protective covering having inscriptive matter thereon and being relatively thicker at the edges and thus forming a cushion, substantially as described.

Signed by me at Kansas City Mo. this 18th day of April 1906.

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