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 MANIFOLD SALES BOOK.
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Fig. 1.

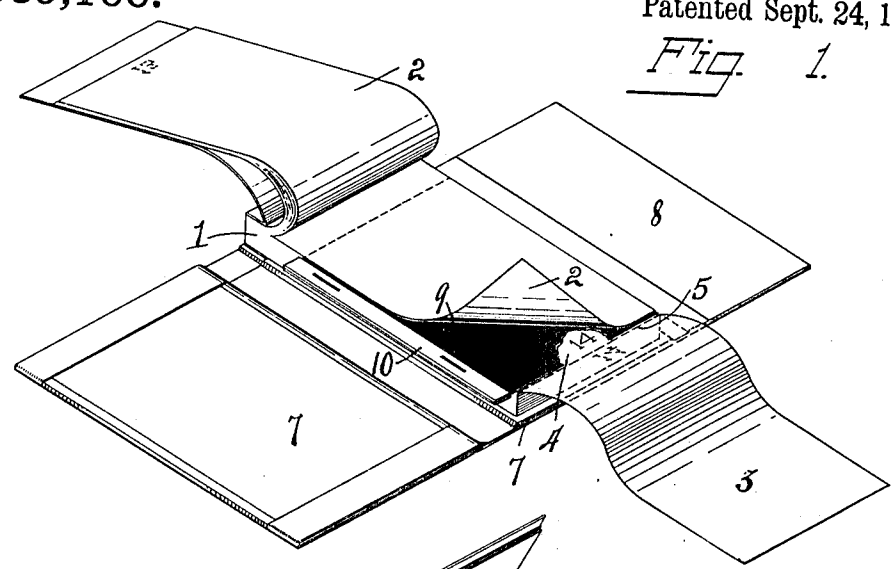


Fig. 2.

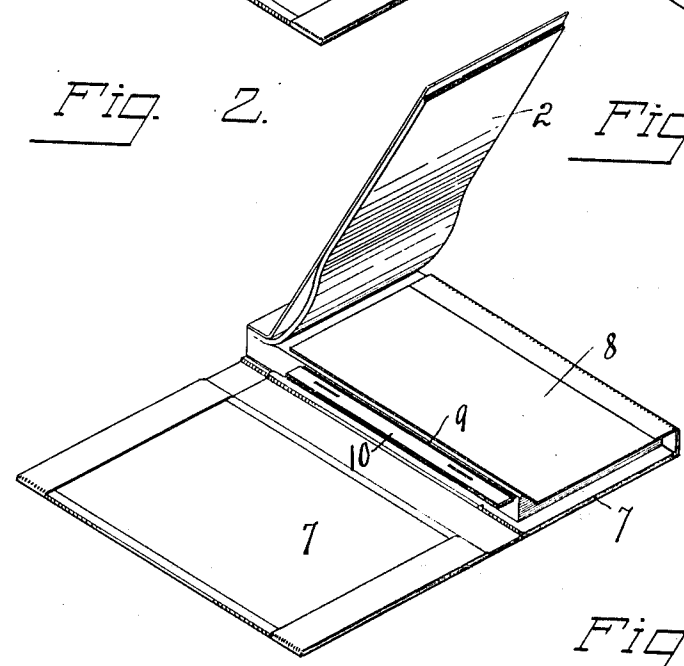


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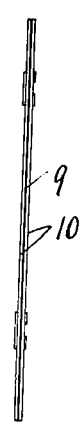
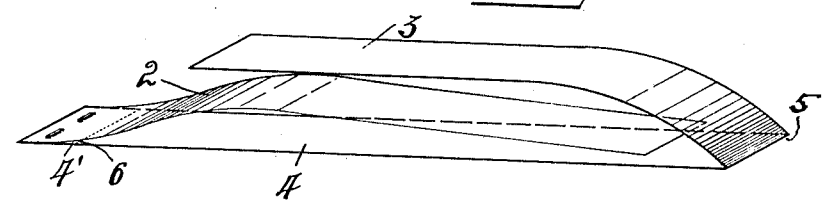


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAVE MEFORT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Fremont, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Manifold Sales-Book; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to manifolding sales-books of the type adapted for the producing of two copies of an original entry. In the use of books of this character it is customary to employ a folded sheet which can be torn form the book, one half constituting the original to be retained by the cashier and the other half constituting a copy thereof to be delivered to the customer, and also a tissue sheet, which corresponds in number to the numbers appearing on the halves of the folded sheet and forms the copy of an entry which is to be retained in the salesman's book. In the checking up of the cashier's and salesman's copies it is evident that it is very important that the numbers on like copies correspond. With the present forms of sales-books of this character it is an easy matter to miss a tissue copy or to interpose two instead of one tissue copy between the halves of the double sheet, thus in either case preventing a proper correspondence of the numbers of the original and copies.

The object of my invention is the provision of an improved book of this character, which will reduce to a minimum the liability of missing a tissue copy when making an entry, and which is also simple in its construction and operation and less expensive to manufacture than the books of this nature heretofore used, thus enhancing the practicability and commercial value thereof.

The invention is fully described in the following specification, and a preferred embodiment thereof is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sales-book embodying my invention opened up, with the original of a folded sheet unfolded

and a corner of the associated tissue turned back. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the book with the auxiliary cover folded over a portion of the pad. Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of a double sheet and its tissue, and Fig. 4 is an edge view of the gripping edge of the carbon sheet.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a pad, which is composed of a plurality of folded sheets and a plurality of sheets 2, which are preferably made of tissue paper, or other similar material. Each of the folded sheets comprises the sections 3 and 4, which fold one upon the other to form a shorter upwardly extending or top portion, the top section 3 constituting the original or the one on which the writing is done, and the other section constituting the copy which is torn from the pad and from the section 3 and delivered to the customer. The junction of the parts 3 and 4 and the junction of the part 4 with its stub 4' are preferably perforated or weakened in a suitable manner to enable the sheet to be more readily torn at such points, as shown at 5 and 6, respectively.

One of the thin sheets 2 is disposed between the sections 3, 4 of each folded sheet and the outer ends of the thin sheets 2 and the stubs 4' of the folded sheets are stapled or otherwise secured together in pad form, as shown.

The pad 1 is secured to the inner side of one of a pair of flexibly connected covers 7, preferably in a manner to enable it to be easily disengaged therefrom, as is common in sales-books of this character. A flap or separator 8, of preferably thin stiff material is flexibly attached to the outer edge of the cover 7 to which the pad is secured and adapted to fold over upon the section 3 of the folded sheet next to be used to separate it from the used tissue sheets 2 to prevent an offsetting of carbon from the last tissue sheet 2 upon the next sheet section 3, when the book is closed. A further important purpose of the separator 8 is to facilitate a rapid opening of the book to the desired position therein without thumbing each of the used tissue sheets for such purpose. It will be noted that the lower edge of the sub-cover 8 projects beyond the lower end of the pad 1 to permit a gripping of the same when the book is closed

and to facilitate an opening of such cover and a consequent throwing back of the used tissue sheets, as is apparent.

A double-transfer sheet 9 of carbon or other transfer paper is placed between the lower section 4 of a folded sheet and the tissue sheet 2 which is disposed between the sections of such folded sheet. Upon writing on the section 3, such writing is duplicated upon the top surface of the sections 4 and the under surface of the tissue sheet 2 by the transfer sheet. The transfer-sheet is intended to be inserted between a sheet 2 and section 4 of a set from a side edge thereof, and to facilitate a gripping of a side edge portion of the transfer sheet during a shifting of the position thereof and also to prevent an offsetting of the carbon on such sheet upon the fingers, one side edge portion thereof is faced on both sides with strips 10 of a stiff nature, such, for instance, as cardboard.

Before entering an order or other data upon the section 3 of a folded sheet the transfer sheet 9 is inserted between the lower section 4 of such folded sheet and the associated tissue sheet 2, thus causing a facsimile of the writing upon the section 3 to be impressed upon the upper surface of the attached section 4 and the under surface of the tissue sheet 2. This being done the salesman or person using the book turns the section 3 of the folded sheet back to the position shown in Fig. 1 and then pulls laterally upon such sheet to tear the same from its stub along the weakened line 6, as is apparent, after which the original section 3 is retained by the cashier and the duplicate section 4 is delivered to the customer. The salesman then turns the tissue sheet 2 upon which the duplicate record has just been made back upon the other used tissue sheets and places the transfer sheet 9 between the section 4 and tissue sheet of the next set ready for the noting of a subsequent order upon such set. Before closing the book the separator 8 is folded over upon the folded sheet next to be used to space the used tissue sheets 2 therefrom to prevent an offsetting

of carbon deposits from the under side of the preceding tissue sheet 2 upon the face of the folded sheet section 3 against which it would otherwise rest, and also to facilitate an opening of the back to the desired place.

It is apparent that I have very materially simplified the construction of sales-books of this character, as only one pad is employed, the tissue sheets and folded sheets being secured together by a single securing means; and also that the binding of a tissue sheet between the sections of each folded sheet simplifies the use of the book, which insures the making of entries upon the proper tissue and folded sheets.

I wish it understood that my invention is not limited to any specific construction or arrangement of the parts except in so far as such limitations are specified in the claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a sales book, a back, a cover hingedly connected to one side of the back, a separator hingedly connected to the opposite side of the back, a pad comprising a plurality of sheets folded to form a long lower and a short upper section, a tissue sheet between the sections of the sheets having one end located adjacent to the free end of the lower section, said just mentioned sheets being folded transversely of their length and being transversely weakened adjacent to the said end of the tissue sheet, the separator being movable to engage the uppermost short section of the folded sheets to separate said section from the used tissue sheets all of the first mentioned sheets and all of the tissue sheets being connected together, at the free ends of the lower sections of the first mentioned sheets and the adjacent ends of the tissue sheets to form a pad.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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