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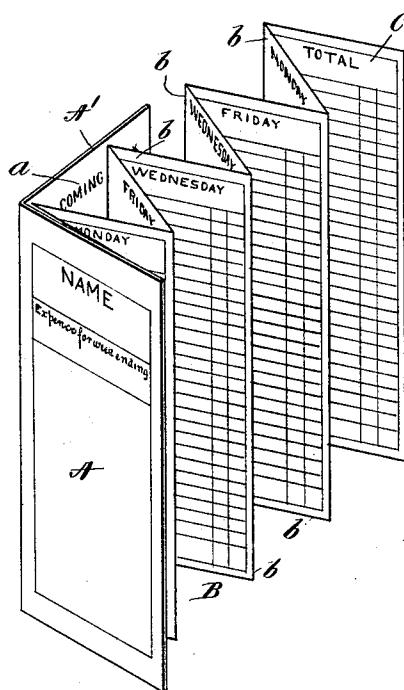


Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2-

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE
Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare
Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages
Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food
Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas
Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare
TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL

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Fig. 3.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE
Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare	R. R. Fare
Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages	Wages
Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food
Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas	Gas
Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare	Carfare
TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR W. CHASE, of Canton, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Salesmen's Account-Books, of which the following is a specification.

Account books so far as I know have heretofore been made in ordinary blank book form, that is, the various pages bound together within a cover, each page serving for a day's account and being provided with a printed list of those items which are the usual matters of expense to the traveling salesman, such as hotel, railroad fare, transfer, restaurant, etc., opposite each item there being a space in which the salesman can enter the amount of his expense for that item. The objection to a book in this form is that one has to turn over the leaves in order to make comparison between one day's expenses and another and in adding up the total hotel expense, for example, for the week each page has to be consulted. This makes an inconvenience not only for the salesman but also for the accountant who may have to check up and balance the salesman's cash.

My improvement consists in a book comprising preferably a cover within which is bound a single sheet, this sheet comprising sections each of which corresponds to a page of the old book. This sheet is folded into its sections and then into the cover so that it appears and is used by the salesman in making his entries as in the ordinary book, but for purposes of comparison, addition, etc., the sheet is pulled out flat and all the hotel entries, for example, being on the same line, it is a simple matter to compare them and also to make addition of them upon a final or totals section, if desired.

My invention will be understood by reference to the drawings in which it is shown in its preferred shape.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved account book, the sheet being extended somewhat to show its structure. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the sheet, and Fig. 3 its reverse side.

A, A¹ are the front and rear leaves of the cover. Upon the inside of the front leaf is pasted or otherwise attached the sheet B. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the face of this sheet is divided into sections b, each section

being headed with the day of the week and place for the date. An eighth section C is also provided upon which the totals may be entered. Each section has printed upon it a list of the ordinary expenses some of which are shown in Fig. 2 such as hotel, railroad fare, mileage book, fees and gasoline, this last item to be used if the salesman uses an automobile. Other items might be sleeping car, street car fare, telegrams, telephone, etc., together with other items usual if the salesman uses an automobile. These items are also printed upon the section C which is the totals section, and it will be seen from Fig. 2 that when the sheet is laid out flat it is a comparatively simple matter to add the various items which the salesman may have entered against "hotel" for all the days of the week and enter this amount on the totals section C, and the same with the other items on each section. At the foot of each section is a place for the totals of the day's expenses.

On the reverse of the sheet are places for memoranda of any occurrences, each section b as before being headed with the day of the week. The section C may be provided with places in which the total expense account of each day may be entered and also a place for the total expense of the entire week and on the inside of the cover as at a there may be a place for the addresses for the following week and a general statement of the salesman's position as to cash. The book at the end of the week being sent to the home office, contains a report of the salesman's week's work and a statement of his expense account and his cash account and requirements together with the places where he can be reached on different days of the following week.

The important feature of this invention, however, is the extensible sheet provided with sections as above described, and while other forms of this book might be made or it might be provided with places for recording other items than herein referred to, its particular feature of novelty so far as I am now aware as well as its great feature of utility, lies in the fact that the book within the cover comprises a single sheet of sections, each section being approximately the size of one of the leaves of the cover so that the sheet may be folded within the cover and at the same time provide sections of reasonable size, each usable for a day or

other unit of time with preferably a totals section attached thereto.

I prefer to make the section C, which contains the various totals, detachable along the line *c* so that this section on being detached may form a memorandum for filing of less compass than the book itself, which memorandum may be kept at hand and referred to as occasion may require, the book itself being put aside for reference should occasion require an examination of the details of the account.

Any one who has had to do with the keeping of salesmen's accounts and any salesman will appreciate the advantage which my improved book has over those in common use, the new feature above referred to, viz: the extensible sheet,—carrying all the items and serving to present the week's expense in a simple way either for daily comparison or for addition.

What I claim as my invention is:—

1. An account book comprising a single sheet folded into a plurality of sections each of which contains a series of spaces containing printed items denoting different matters for which expenditures may be made, and all but an end one of which sections represent periods of time, the single section being adapted to receive the totals of the other sections and having a weakened-line detachable connection with the contiguous section, all of the said spaces containing similar printed items being located in line across the sheet, whereby, when the sheet is opened out flat, the spaces for the entry of each class of expenditures will be on the same horizontal line.

2. An account book comprising a single sheet folded into a plurality of sections each of which contains a series of spaces contain-

ing printed items denoting different matters for which expenditures may be made, and all but one of which sections represent periods of time, the single section being adapted to receive the totals of the other sections and having a weakened-line connection to said sheet, and all of the said spaces containing similar printed items being located in line across the sheet, whereby, when the sheet is opened out flat, the spaces for the entry of each class of expenditures will be on the same horizontal line, and a folded cover comprising two leaves to the inside of one of which one section of said sheet is attached.

3. An account book comprising a single sheet folded into a plurality of sections each of which contains a series of spaces containing printed items denoting different matters for which expenditures may be made, and all but an end one of which sections represent periods of time, the single section being adapted to receive the totals of the other sections and having a weakened-line detachable connection with the next section, and all of the said spaces containing similar printed items being located in line across the sheet, whereby, when the sheet is opened out flat, the spaces for the entry of each class of expenditures will be on the same horizontal line, and a folded cover consisting of two leaves to the inside of one of which the other end section of said sheet is attached, the inside of the other leaf of said cover containing spaces containing printed insignia for future mail addresses.

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