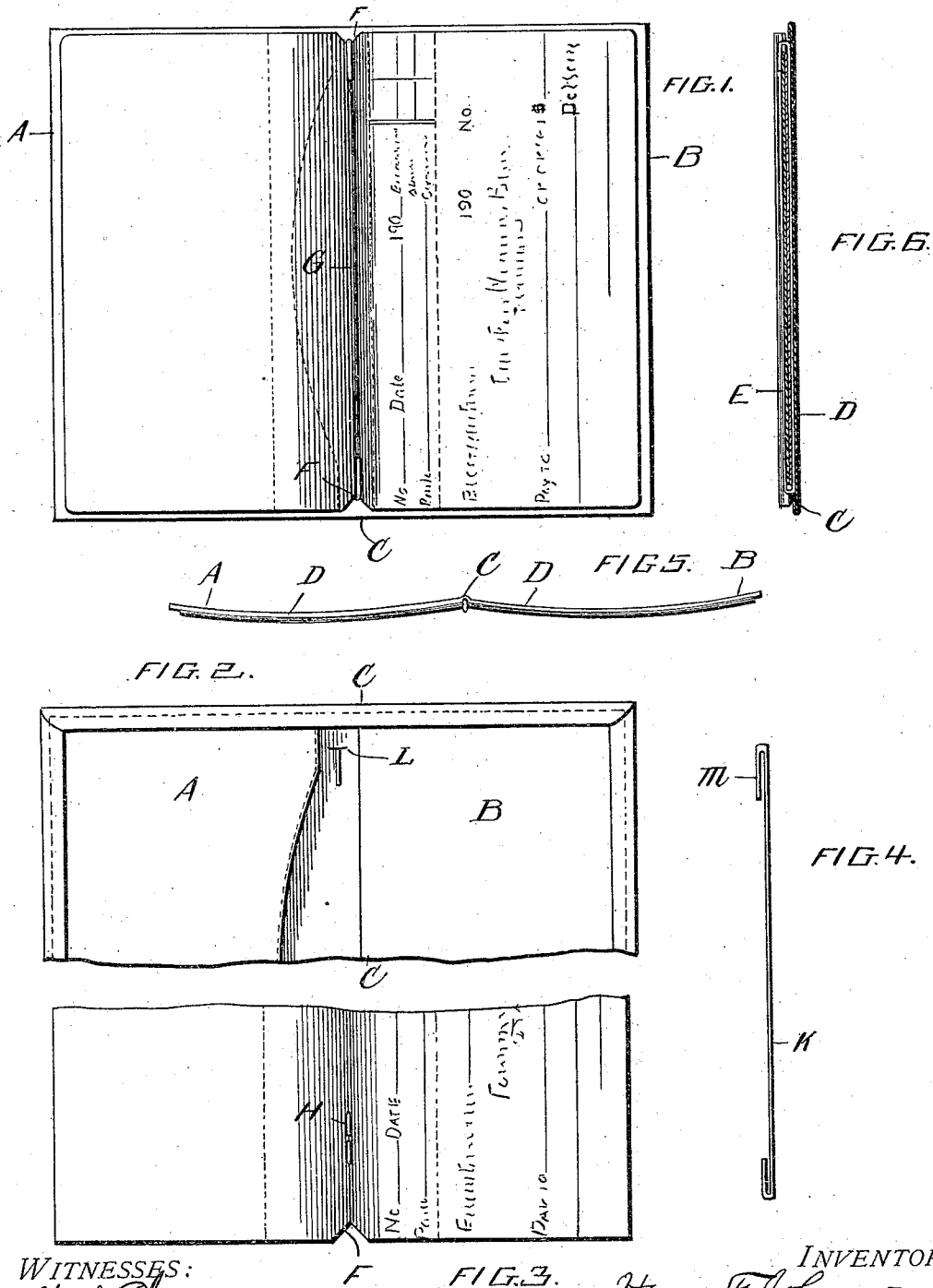


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. JOHNSON, of Bristow, in the county of Creek and State of Oklahoma, have invented a new and Improved Renewal Check-Book, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved form of check and pass book, the cover of the book being represented as it appears when open. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the cover, one end of the fastener being represented as it appears when in its proper position, the check tablet being removed. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the check tablet with its V shaped notch, as it appears when folded back to permit of the engagement therewith of the lug or ear of the fastener. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the fastener. Fig. 5 is an end view of the book with tablet and fastener in position. Fig. 6 is a sectional view through the back of the book and the middle fold of the tablet showing the fastener in position.

The renewal check and pass book illustrated in the drawings above referred to consists, essentially, of covers A and B united by a flexible back C, consisting of an inner fold E and an outer fold D, of soft leather or other suitable material, the folds being free from attachment to each other except at their ends and sides. The removable tablets are preferably sewed along the middle fold as shown at G, although adapted to be secured by wire fasteners as shown at H, and are preferably formed with a V shaped notch at the opposite ends of the middle fold as shown at F.

My invention consists substantially in the binding rod K, adapted to be inserted through pin holes formed in the inner fold E of the flexible back, at points L, in the

line of the middle fold and at equal distances from the respective ends of the book. The binding rod requires no preparation in its manufacture other than cutting to the desired length a wire of sufficient pliability to permit a free bending over of the end portions L into engagement with the V shaped notches shown at F.

In my invention there is no necessity for sharpening or pointing the ends of the wire K and it is to this feature that the present application is more particularly directed. A single wire of a predetermined length necessary to a book of a given size, is cut off smoothly. Nothing further is done with it until the binder is inserted through the points L in the flexible inner fold of the cover. After the wire is thus inserted, the ends M are bent over to secure the book by engagement with the V shaped notches F.

By the means described, I provide a binder of the simplest possible type and one adapted to perfectly secure a tablet along the line of its middle fold.

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

The combination with a check book comprising a pair of folding covers flexibly connected together between an inner and outer fold free from adhesive attachment to each other along the line of the middle fold, of a removable tablet arranged between said covers provided with V shaped notches in the line of the middle fold at the ends, said inner fold being provided with pin hole openings adjacent to its upper and lower edges along the line of the middle fold and a binding wire arranged between said folds having its end portion bent outwardly and adapted to extend through said pin hole openings and be bent back by manual pressure, to engage the notches in the tablet.

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