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CHECK BOOK

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Fig. 1.

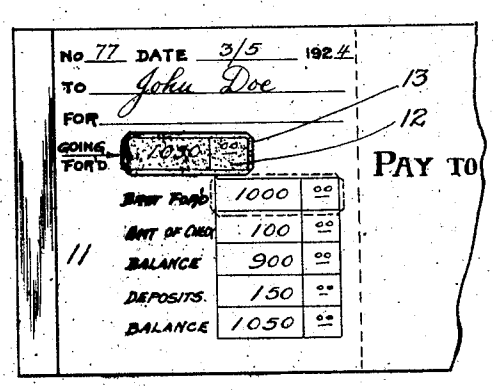


Fig. 2.

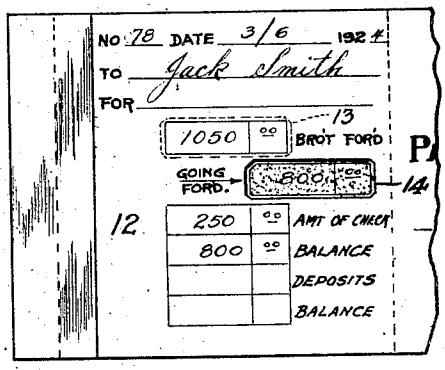


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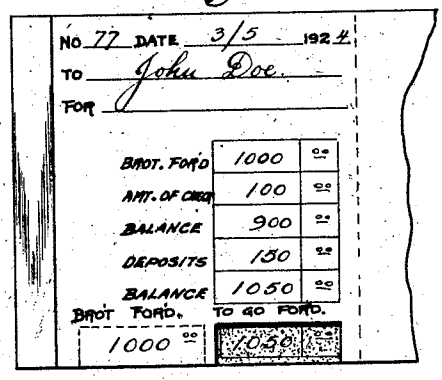
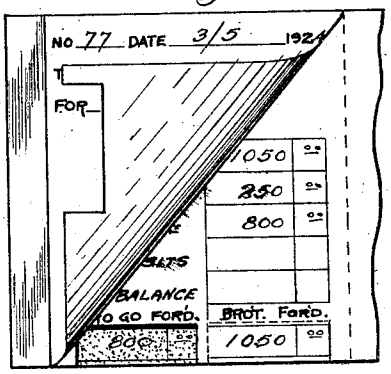


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. LARTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Check Book, of which the following is a specification.

Although my present invention is referred to as a check book, this invention relates specifically to a novel stub or system of stubs suitable for use in check books; and it is a primary object of this invention to provide means obviating or minimizing the danger of errors in the carrying forward of balances from one check stub to another.

It is well known that the usual errors arising in the keeping of accounts are either (1) errors in method (2) errors in computation, or (3) errors in transcription, the latter being especially liable to occur when figures are taken from one sheet to another sheet not favorably positioned for a simultaneous view. The theory and the computations necessary to the ascertainment of a bank balance are so entirely simple that my present invention is directed to the avoidance of errors of the last mentioned sort, to-wit, errors of transcription; and, in an advantageous embodiment of my invention, the mentioned object may be accomplished by providing suitable openings, either marginal or internal, in the respective stubs superimposed in a series, these openings being staggered or relatively offset in such manner that, having ascertained a balance to go forward, the depositor, or his accountant, may, without lifting the stub on which this balance has been directly written, record the same, through an opening therein, upon a succeeding stub,—to establish a basis for such additional computations as may subsequently be made upon the latter.

Other objects of this invention will appear from the following description of an illustrative embodiment thereof, taken in connection with the appended claims and the accompanying drawing, in which

Figs. 1 and 2 are corresponding views, which may be regarded as plan views, of successive stubs of a check book embodying my invention, stubs resembling that shown in Fig. 1 being alternated, throughout a series, with stubs of the type shown in Fig. 2.

Figs. 3 and 4 are similar views illustrating an alternative embodiment of my invention.

Referring to the details of that specific embodiment of my invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2, 11 may be a first or upper stub, and 12 may be a second or lower stub, both stubs being shown as provided with usual printed legends including: "Brot for'd," "Amt of check," "Balance," "Deposits," "Balance," in addition to "No," "Date," "To," "For." To adapt these stubs to use in the novel manner required by my invention, it will be noted that the data required by the mentioned legends are differently positioned upon the respective alternate stubs, and that each of the mentioned stubs is provided with an opening therethrough, the stub 11 being provided with an opening at 13 through which the final balance, shown as $1,050, may be written directly upon a lower stub 12, and the lower stub 12 is shown as provided in turn with an aperture 14, offset or staggered relatively to the aperture 13 shown in Fig. 1, through which a final balance (indicated as amounting to $800.00) may be written directly upon a stub beneath the same, this latter stub being of the type shown in Fig. 1, and stubs of the respective types described being alternated throughout the entire series and secured in a usual manner.

In the alternative embodiment of my invention illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, it will be seen that I employ marginal rather than lateral openings through the respective stubs, these openings being, however, staggered or relatively offset in substantially the manner already described, and used in a similar way.

By the use of stubs provided with openings and arranged in the manner described, words such as "going forward" or "to go forward" being provided near each opening through which a balance is to written, and the words "brot for'd" being originally concealed in a corresponding position on each "lower" stub, it will be seen that I provide means whereby a balance may be transferred from one stub to the next stub

without lifting the former, and with a minimum risk or error.

Although I have herein described two complete embodiments of my invention, it will be understood that various features of the same might be independently employed, or that further alternative forms might be devised by those skilled in the art, without the slightest departure from the spirit and scope of my invention, as the same is indicated above and in the following claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a check book, a series of superimposed blanks comprising stubs, each provided with means permitting a balance going forward to be written therethrough and directly upon a succeeding stub.

2. In a check book, a series of superimposed blanks comprising stubs, each provided with means permitting a balance going forward to be written therethrough and directly upon a succeeding stub, said means comprising an opening through each stub.

3. In a check book, a series of superimposed blanks comprising stubs, each provided with means permitting a balance going forward to be written therethrough and directly upon a succeeding stub, said means comprising an opening through each stub, the openings through successive stubs being staggered.

4. In a check book, a series of superimposed blanks comprising stubs, each provided with means permitting a balance going forward to be written therethrough and directly upon a succeeding stub, said means comprising an opening through each stub, words indicating that the sum written through said opening is to go forward being provided beside said opening.

5. In a check book, a series of superimposed blanks comprising stubs, each provided with means permitting a balance going forward to be written therethrough and directly upon a succeeding stub, said means comprising an opening through each stub, words indicating that the sum written has been brought forward being provided on the stub on which said sum is written.

6. In a check book, a series of superimposed blanks comprising stubs, each provided with means permitting a balance going forward to be written therethrough and directly upon a succeeding stub, said means comprising an opening through each stub, the openings through successive stubs being staggered, words indicating that the sum written through said opening is to go forward being provided beside said opening, and words indicating that the sum written has been brought forward being provided on the stub on which said sum is written.

7. In a check book, a series of superimposed blanks comprising stubs, each provided with means permitting a balance going forward to be written therethrough and directly upon a succeeding stub, said stubs being provided with additional legends and secured in a usual manner.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 21st day of March, 1924.

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