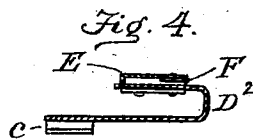
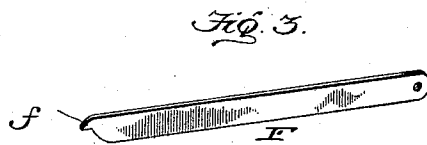
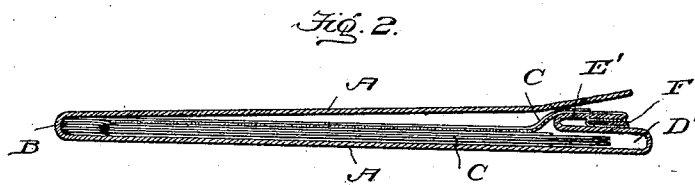
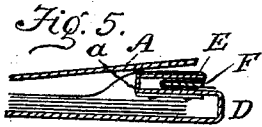
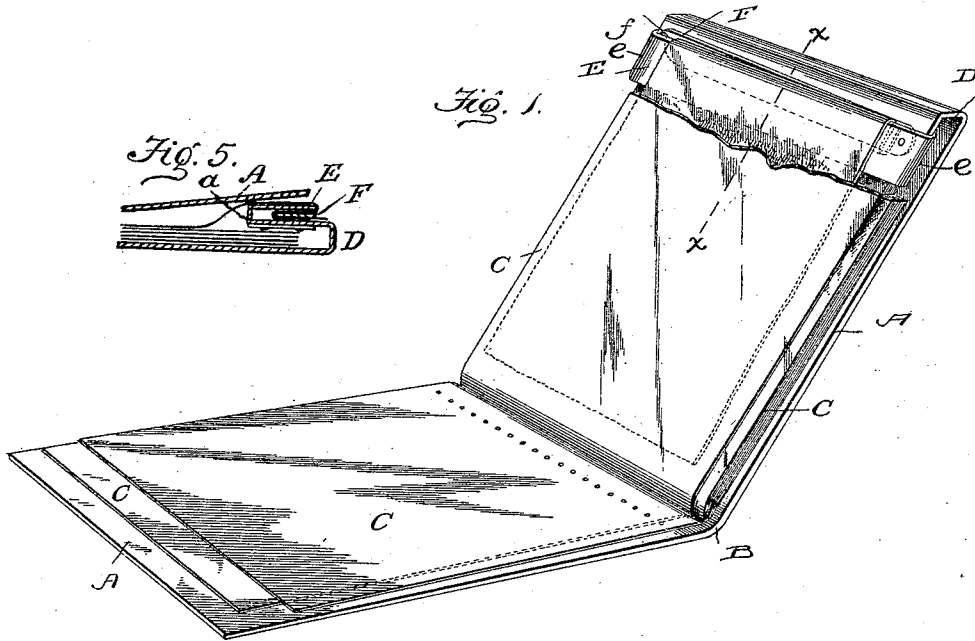


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES C. BROWNING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Crum Elbow, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sales-Books; 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.

My invention relates to sales-books designed for use in mercantile establishments wherein the salesmen in making an entry of a sale retains for himself a record thereof and furnishes a carbon copy to the customer.

The invention more particularly relates to the means for holding the carbon sheet between the leaves of the book.

The invention has for its objects to provide means for securely retaining the carbon sheet in position; furthermore, to prevent the unused leaves from accidentally opening or folding away from the carbon sheet.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my sales-book with carbon-holder attached and open for use. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the book closed, showing a modification in the construction of the device; and Fig. 3 is a detached perspective view of the carbon-holding plates, showing at one end a pivot-hole and at the other a projecting lip for retaining it in position and raising it from the casing. Fig. 4 illustrates in central section one form of construction. Fig. 5 is a section taken on line *xx* of Fig. 1.

A denotes the covers of the book, B the back, and C the leaves. One of the covers is made larger than the other, and its free end is folded inward toward the back to form a pocket D to receive the leaves of the book, or this may be formed by a separate fixture to slip upon the cover of any book. A casing E is mounted on and made fast to the pocket D and has a closed back *a* and sides *e*. Pivoted in this casing at one end thereof is a flat plate F, having at its opposite end a lip

f, by which the plate is retained in proper position and may be raised from the casing for the purpose of inserting a carbon strip. The casing E is in position the reverse of the position of the pocket D, the mouth of which is toward the opposite end or the back of the book, while the mouth of the casing is in an opposite direction or from the book.

In Fig. 2 the casing E, forming the carbon-holder, is shown as made solid with the pocket on the free end of one of the covers, and in Fig. 4 the pocket D² and carbon-holder are shown in the form of an attachment for connection with a cover, being provided with sockets, as seen at *c*, to receive the cover.

In operation, to insert a carbon strip in the casing the plate F is swung outward on its pivot, and one end of the carbon sheet is placed on the casing E, so as to extend beyond and lap over the mouth of said casing. The plate being then swung back into the casing catches the end of the carbon sheet and carries it therein and holds it securely. By this construction the plate F is moved out of the way when swung out and the carbon sheet is more readily secured. The carbon-paper is now placed between two of the leaves of the book and the free ends of all the leaves inserted in the pocket D. When a sale is made the salesman records the same on the upper sheet and a copy is made on the succeeding sheet by the carbon-paper. It is customary in large stores to send a copy of each sale to the cashier, and for this reason I have shown each alternating leaf as being provided with a line of perforations near its bound end to enable the left to be easily torn from the book.

To enable the salesman to easily and quickly turn the leaves after he has made an entry, I have made each alternating leaf longer and narrower than the others. This will enable him to insert the point of his pencil between the leaves to separate and turn them over, as he desires. I would have it understood, however, that I do not confine my invention to a book composed of leaves constructed as above set forth; neither do I wish to be confined to a book having the leaves secured in its back, as the gist of my invention resides in the means for securely holding the carbon sheet and those for retaining the free ends of the

leaves in position to prevent them from accidentally turning back before the entry is made. I prefer, however, the construction shown and described.

5 Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

10 A sales book having covers, one of which is provided at its free end with a pocket to receive the ends of the leaves, a casing, E, having a closed back and sides, said casing being mounted on and made fast to said

pocket, and a plate, F, pivoted at one end to said casing and adapted to be swung outward from the book and to carry the end of a carbon sheet into said casing, when swung inward, as herein set forth and shown.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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