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COMBINATION CHECK AND POCKET BOOK.

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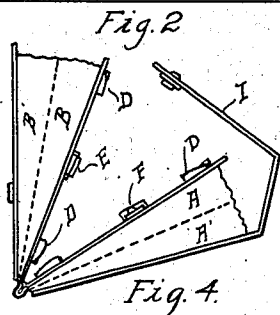
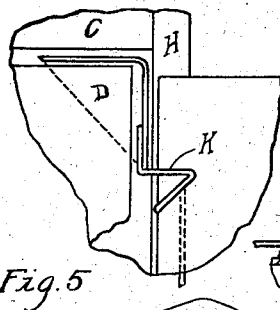
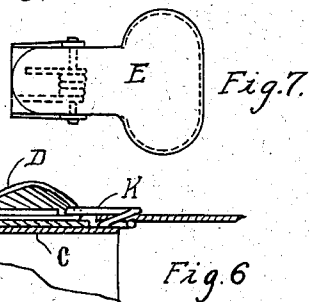
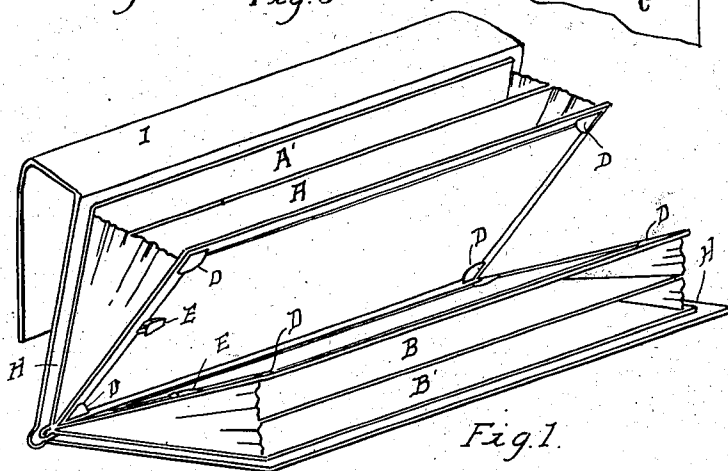
NO MODEL.

St Joseph Mo Jan 30th 1903 No. 1.
MISSOURI VALLEY TRUST COMPANY. *D*
pay to the order of John H. Smith \$ 20.00
Twenty Dollars
James Laughlin *D*

STVB. 80.00 No. 2
Bal brot forward.
Date Deposits
190
Order of
less check
Carried forward *D*

STVB. 100.00 No. 1
Bal brot forward.
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Carried forward *D*

STVB. 100.00 No. 1
Bal brot forward.
Date Deposits
Jan 30th 1903
Order of Jno. H. Smith
Charity *D*
Less Check \$ 20.00
Carried forward *80.00* *D*



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COMBINATION CHECK AND POCKET BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK J. COOK, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Check and Pocket Books; and I do 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 letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my device is to provide a means for carrying and issuing blank bank-checks and for stubbing the same that will be less expensive and more convenient than the method now in common use, in which the banks issue checks and stubs bound in stiff covers and give these check-books to their customers, the bindings alone on which books cost in the aggregate a large sum of money annually.

I accomplish the object sought by constructing a book adapted to serve as a pocket-book, check and stub holder.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of the device, the pockets being shown partially open with flap thrown back and the check and stub receptacle pages in the middle somewhat apart. Fig. 2 is a view of the device spread open, showing the blank checks and stubs before any checks have been given out, the stub corresponding with check No. 1 having been removed to the stub-receptacle below and the balance in bank to payer's account entered thereon. Fig. 3 is also a view of the device spread open after check No. 1 has been filled and signed, as shown in Fig. 2, and stubbed and removed from the check-book and the balance carried from stub No. 1 to stub No. 2, which was under check No. 1 and is now over check No. 2. Fig. 4 is an end view of the device; Fig. 5, a detail of a blotter attachment; Fig. 6, a detail of one of the check and stub retainers or caps, and Fig. 7 is a detail of one of the check and stub holders or snaps.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A and A' represent one set of pockets adapt-

ed for use in carrying currency or papers, and B B' a similar set of pockets.

C represents a back of pliable material between the two sets of pockets to permit them to be folded together.

The inner sides of pockets A and B, which are adapted to fold together, are made of sufficiently stiff material to write upon and are provided at each of their four corners with caps D D, which are elevated enough to admit the insertion of the corners of not less than twenty-five blank bank-checks and their twenty-five corresponding stubs. In order to hold these checks and stubs more securely, preventing all possible danger of their slipping out of caps D D, the device is provided with spring-snaps E E. The ends H H of pockets A' and B' are extended so that the heads of snaps E E will not project beyond the ends of the pockets. To protect the pockets and the checks and stubs, a flap I is provided.

K is a wire retainer for carrying a blotter.

In using the device the stubs and their corresponding checks are placed in alternate order on top of each other on the side of pocket A. The balance in bank is then entered on stub No. 1, which is at the top, and said stub is then removed to the side of pocket B, as shown in Fig. 2. The corresponding check No. 1 is then filled out and is stubbed on stub No. 1. Said check No. 1 is then removed from the check-book and the balance on said stub No. 1 is transferred to stub No. 2, which was under check No. 1 and is now on the side of pocket A, as shown in Fig. 3. The balance which appears on stub No. 1 is then on stub No. 2 also, and stub No. 1 is on the B side and stub No. 2 on the A side, as shown in Fig. 3, thus leaving in full view the record of three transactions—to wit, the issue of check No. 1, stubbing check No. 1, and carrying the balance of account with bank to stub No. 2. Without having any of these transactions out of sight and without being obliged to turn either backward or forward for amounts or numbers, stub No. 2 can then also be removed to the B side of the book on top of stub No. 1, where it will show the balance in bank. Check No. 2 is then left on top on the A side ready for the next transaction. All the stubs having been trans-

ferred to the B side of the book and all the checks having been used, the stubs may be disposed of in whatever manner the holder sees fit, and the book is ready for a new supply of stubs and checks.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination in a pocket and check book of a flap protection, a flexible back to permit the book to be folded up and out, the duplicate inner and outer pockets on each side of the back, the protection extensions at the ends of the outer sides of the pockets, the inner stiff sides of the duplicate inner

pockets adapted to serve as stub and check pages, the caps at the corners thereof and the holders to aid said caps in keeping the stubs and checks in position and the wire holder at the end to carry a blotter, substantially as described and for the purpose specified.

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

FREDERICK J. COOK.

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