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CHECK BOOK HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

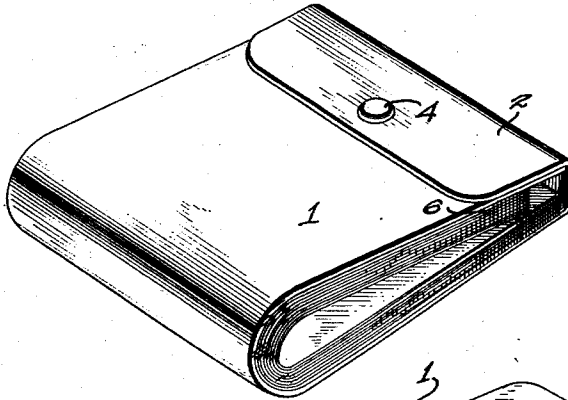


Fig. 2.

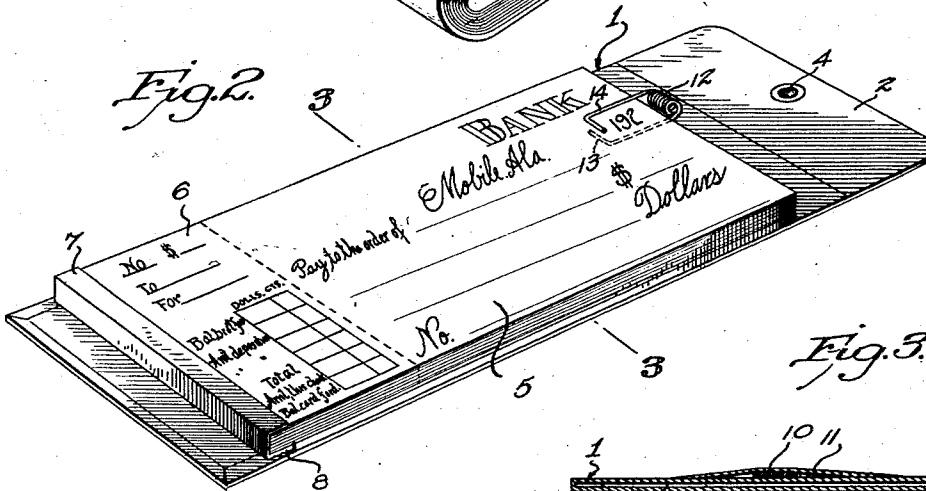


Fig. 3.

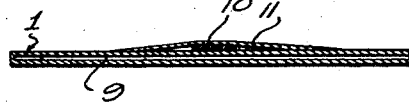


Fig. 4.

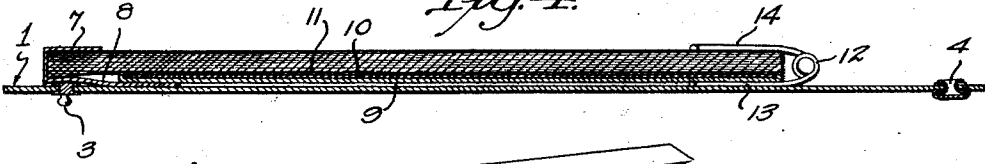
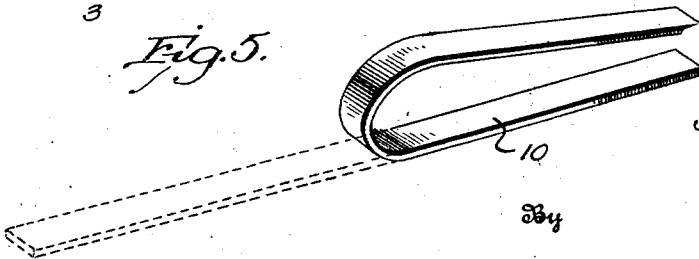


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. VAUTROT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mobile, in the county of Mobile and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Book Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to check book holders and more particularly to means for retaining a check book in an open position.

An object of the invention is the provision of an attachment for foldable check book holders, such as are generally used for small check books, that may be placed in the holder, and is invisible and which will open the check book and the holder to a flat position when the catch retaining the holder in closed position is released.

More specifically, I provide a leaf spring adapted to be placed in the check book holder at the point where it is folded, which spring is placed under tension when the check book and holder are folded and which will open the check book and holder to a flat position when the catch is released.

In the accompanying drawings, I have shown one embodiment of the invention. In this showing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a check book holder in closed position,

Figure 2 is a similar view in open position,

Figure 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view substantially on line 3—3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a central longitudinal sectional view showing the position of the spring, and,

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the spring detached.

Referring to the drawings, the reference numeral 1 designates the body portion of a check book holder which is made of imitation leather or similar material and is provided with a flap 2 at one end adapted to be folded over the free end of the body portion when the holder is in closed position (see Figure 1). The free end of the holder is provided with a fastener 3, adapted to be received in a socket 4 carried by the flap in the usual manner. A check book 5 is adapted to be arranged in the holder and is provided with the usual stubs 6, at one end. The stubs are arranged in a suitable binding 7

and this binding is provided with a flap or projection 8 which is adapted to be received in a pocket 9 formed in the holder. This pocket extends throughout the length of the holder and a leaf spring 10 is placed therein in the manner shown in Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings. The leaf spring may be provided with a suitable covering 11 so that it is normally invisible.

At the opposite end of the holder, I provide a coil spring 12 having an arm 13 adapted to be received in the adjacent end of the pocket 9 and having a second arm 14 parallel thereto adapted to engage the free edges of the checks.

The operation of the device will be apparent from the foregoing description. When the check book holder, which is flexible, is folded in the manner shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, the spring 10 is moved from the dotted line position shown in Figure 5 of the drawings, to the full line position and placed under tension. As long as the catch 3 is closed, the check book and holder will remain in closed position to facilitate carrying the check book in the pocket, but as soon as the catch is opened, the spring automatically opens the check book to the flat position shown in Figure 2 of the drawings to facilitate writing a check.

The arms 13, 14 of the spring 12 retain the free ends of the checks adjacent the check book holder and prevent them from becoming folded or torn.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

I claim:

1. The combination with a foldable check book holder comprising a body portion adapted to be folded intermediate its ends, and a flap carried by one end of said bottom portion and adapted to be detachably secured to the other end when in closed position, of a spring carried by said body portion and extending on opposite sides of said intermediate point, said spring being

adapted to be placed under tension when said holder is folded.

2. The combination with a foldable check book holder comprising a body portion adapted to be folded intermediate its ends, and a flap carried by one end of said bottom portion and adapted to be detachably se-

cured to the other end when in closed position, of a substantially flat spring carried by said body portion, and extending from a point adjacent one end to a point adjacent the other end thereof.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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