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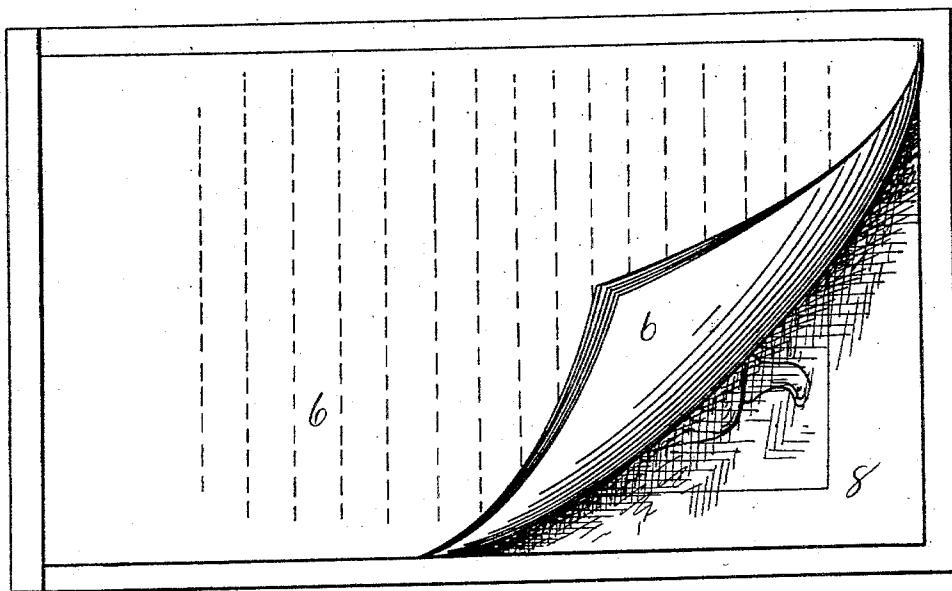


FIG. 1

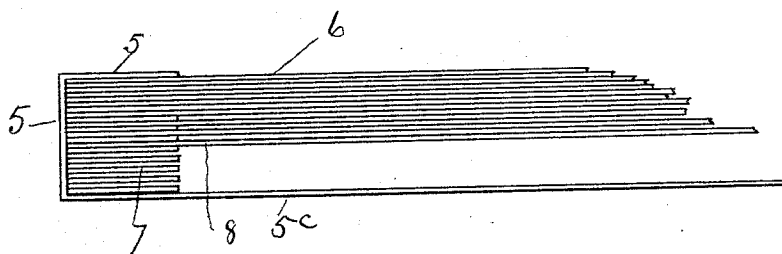


FIG. 2.

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SPECIFICATION-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK H. PARADICE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Specification-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 figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in specification-books; and my object is to decrease the labor in making up the specifications for a building or structure of any kind in which regular or special manufactured articles are to be used, and to provide means for fully, minutely, and accurately designating the articles to be used.

The invention is intended for the use of, and would be more particularly valuable to, the manufacturer of the articles used in building and other structures, since the specification is so arranged that articles may be shown by picture, drawing, or cut, whereby a full description of any article may be given on one page or leaf, which may be attached to the specification, the size, weight, &c., of the articles being designated by filling the blanks left on the leaf for the purpose. Hence, by having leaves containing cuts of the different articles made by any manufacturer, any specification, no matter how complicated it may be, can be completed in a very short time, since it is only necessary to select the leaves containing the description of the articles wanted and inserting them as parts of the specification until the latter is completed.

I can perhaps best explain the idea by referring to a plumber's specification and a catalogue of plumbers' goods. The desirability of my improvement will be readily understood in this connection, since it enables the manufacturer of the goods used by the plumber to have them so described as to kind, quality, &c., that there can be no doubt and no possible misunderstanding as to the ar-

ticles intended or called for by the specification, and thus leaving no opportunity for substituting inferior goods afterward, as is often done under the practice heretofore in vogue by reason of insufficient and faulty description.

Though I make special reference to plumbers' goods, the invention will be found equally valuable to manufacturers of other classes of goods, who spend many thousands of dollars yearly in catalogues furnished to architects and others, to the end that they may have their goods accurately specified, and yet miss much of the business they seek to obtain for want of an invention of this character.

I intend to make my improved specification-book to open lengthwise. It may, of course, be of any desired size. The front part of the book is formed of leaves containing printed general instructions and conditions, having blank spaces for name, location, &c. After this I arrange the leaves containing the illustrated description of the particular fixtures called for by the contract. As, for instance, assuming that a sink is wanted, the catalogue is looked through and the kind of sink (whether iron, slate, porcelain) is selected, and one of the leaves corresponding to the illustration laid aside, after the sizes are specified in the blank spaces provided. Then I pass to the next fixture, say a bath-tub, and when I find what is wanted and have marked the size, &c., thereon this leaf is laid aside, and so on until all the fixtures have been selected for the house. The same method is pursued with reference to faucets, stop-cocks, traps, &c., and the leaf or leaves selected containing the illustrations of these goods. The location, names, &c., having been filled in, the specification-book is ready to be put together.

The book will consist of suitable covers, with the general printed form attached or bound in the covers, and short gummed pieces, to which may be attached the separate leaves, and the terminal leaf or leaves with a part of the general instructions printed thereon and blank spaces for the signatures of the parties interested, the date, the number of contract, and the space whereon to write the number of leaves the specification contains. All leaves

should contain indicated spaces for numbering and for the signatures of parties to the contract.

The invention will be further described with
5 reference to the accompanying drawings.

In these drawings, Figure 1 is a top or plan view of a specification prepared according to the improvement, one corner of the body of the specification being turned back to expose
10 the illustrated portion of the specification underneath. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, the leaves being partly broken away.

Similar reference-characters indicating corresponding parts in the views, let the numeral
15 5 designate the binding of the book, having an overlapping top strip 5^a and an extended base 5^b. To this binding is attached in any suitable manner the body portion 6 of the specification. The binding is also provided
20 with a number of gummed stubs 7, to which

are attached the extra leaves 8, forming the illustrated portion of the specification.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A specification-book comprising a suitable
25 binding, the general printed front portion attached to the said binding, a number of gummed stubs attached to the binding in the rear of the said body portion, and leaves attached to the said stubs containing the illus-
30 trations of the articles referred to in the preceding or front portion of the specification, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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