

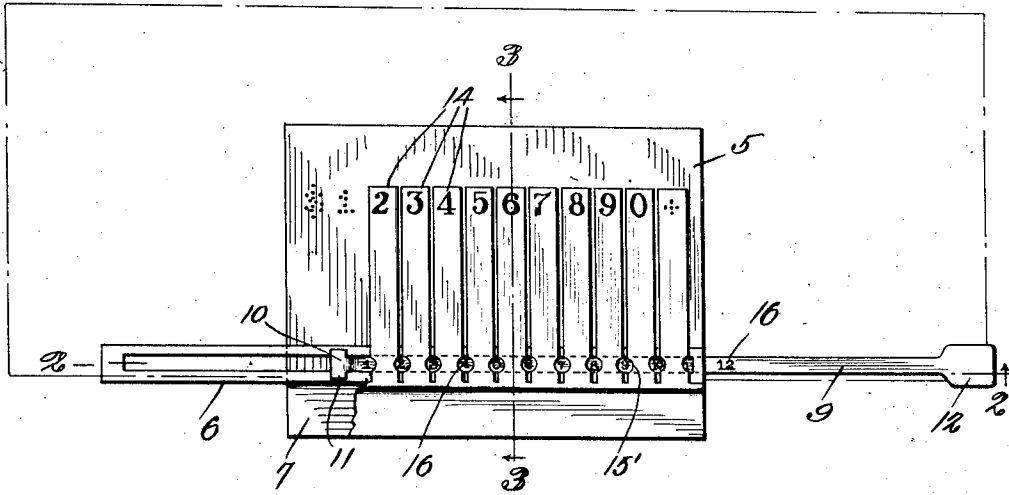
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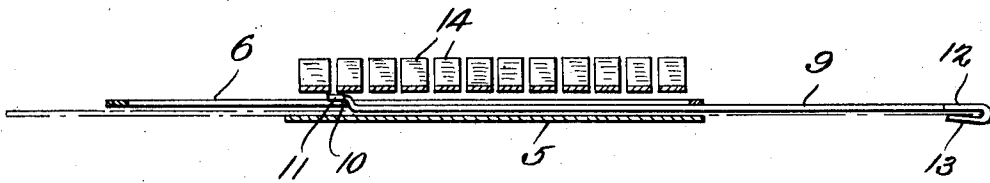
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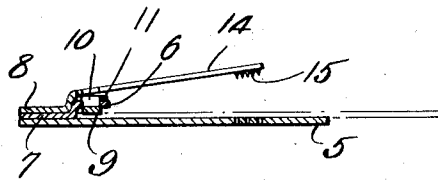
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## CHECK PROTECTOR.

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This invention relates to a check protector, the primary object of the invention being to provide a check protector which will be cheap to manufacture to the end that the same may be given away for advertising purposes.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will operate to perforate the check, the perforations outlining numbers to indicate the amount for which the check is drawn, thereby eliminating any possibility of the amount of the check being changed.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for holding the check while it is being passed through the protector, the holding means being such as to move the check under the fingers carrying the perforating pins.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a check protector constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the device includes a metallic plate 5 which may be rectangular in formation to which plate is secured a guide bar 6 formed with a laterally extended flange 7 adapted to be secured to the plate 5 in any suitable manner and held under the flange 8 forming a part of the finger support to be hereinafter more fully described.

As illustrated by Figure 3, the guide bar 6 is spaced from the base plate 5, and is formed with an elongated opening extended throughout the length thereof, and as shown by Figure 1, it will be seen that this guide bar extends an appreciable distance beyond one edge of the base plate 5 to allow the check holding bar, to move in such a way as

to allow all the fingers to act on the check, at the will of the user.

The check holding bar is indicated at 9 and is formed with an upwardly and outwardly extended end portion 10 supplied with lateral ears 11 adapted to engage the outer surface of the bar 6 to guide the bar 9, while it is being moved back and forth under the perforating fingers.

At the opposite end of the bar 9 is an enlargement 12 which is bent upon itself providing a clip 13 under which one edge of the check may be positioned and gripped by the fingers of the operator to hold the check on the bar 9, to accomplish the purpose of the invention.

The fingers are indicated generally by the reference character 14 and are arranged in parallel relation with each other and disposed directly over the plate 5, there being provided suitable indicating numbers formed on the upper surfaces of the fingers, indicating the numbers which will be formed in the check when the fingers are depressed.

As shown by Figure 3, pins 15 are extended downwardly from the outer end of each finger 14, the pins being arranged to form numbers corresponding with the numbers appearing on the outer surfaces of the fingers.

These fingers are formed of flexible metal to the end that they will normally lie in spaced relation with the base plate 5 so that a check may be slid thereunder without danger of the check buckling or catching on the pins.

Formed in the plate 5 and arranged directly under the pins are openings, which openings are arranged to receive the pins that are supported thereabove, with the result that when a check is passed under the fingers and the fingers are depressed, the fingers will pass through the openings of the plate perforating the check directly over the amount written on the check.

Adjacent to the secured ends of the fingers, are openings 15', which openings permit the numbers 16, that are formed on the guide bar 9 to be viewed therethrough so that the operator may determine whether or not the guide bar and check supported thereby are in their proper positions for perforating.

In the use of the device, a check to be protected is positioned in a manner as shown

in dotted lines in Figure 1, that is to say, one edge of the check is secured within the clip 13 whereupon the bar 9 is moved under the fingers, until the check is in a proper position to receive the perforating pins.

By moving the guide bar and check back and forth under the pins it will be obvious that practically any number may be formed in the check by perforating the check, the number corresponding to the amount given on the check for which the check has been drawn.

I claim:—

1. A check protector including a body portion, a plurality of fingers mounted above the body portion and having pins arranged to define numbers, said fingers adapted to lie in spaced relation with the body portion, said fingers adapted to move downwardly to pierce check positioned thereunder, a guiding bar movable longitudinally of the

body portion and operating under the fingers, and a clip at one end of the guiding bar adapted to engage a check to move the check under the fingers.

2. A check protector including a body portion, a plurality of spring fingers showing pins and secured to the body portion, a guiding member having an elongated opening positioned under the fingers, a guide bar having an upwardly extended end passed through the elongated opening, said guide bar having lateral ears to engage the guiding member, to restrict lateral movement of the guide bar, and means at one end of the guide bar to clamp a check thereto to move the check under the pins of the fingers.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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