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CHECK PROTECTOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY R. FIELDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Orlando, in the county of Orange and State of Florida, have made a certain new and useful Invention in Check Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to check protectors and more particularly to such type of protectors which may be utilized in connection with the so-called pocket check books.

The object of the invention is to provide a check protector especially adaptable for use in connection with pocket check books which is simple in structure, efficient in operation and economical of manufacture.

A further object of the invention is to provide a check protector of the character set forth which is simple, compact and composed of a minimum of parts.

A further object of the invention is to provide a check protector which may be conveniently utilized with pocket size checks and which will effectively and efficiently protect the vital parts of the check against alteration.

Other objects of the invention will appear more fully hereinafter.

The invention consists substantially in the construction, combination, location and relative arrangement of parts, all as will be more fully hereinafter set forth as shown by the accompanying drawing and finally pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in plan perspective of one type of pocket check protector embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a face view of a form of pocket size check to be used in connection therewith.

Fig. 3 is a view in plan of a modified form of check protector embodying my invention.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the same in its compact folded form.

The same part is designated by the same reference character wherever it occurs throughout the several views.

It is among the special purposes of my present invention to provide a check protector especially adapted for use in connection with the pocket size checks and which may be conveniently carried in a compact manner with the checks or pocket size check book so as to be always available for protect-

ing the check from mutilation or otherwise against loss as to its vital or material elements.

In accordance with my invention I provide a perforating portion and an inking portion whereby the check is perforated at the important portions thereof such as the portion on which is written payee, and the amount of the draft. I also provide means for inking the perforating elements whereby an ink or other type of stain is imparted to the body of the check at the perforations to thereby combine with the perforations and render it impossible to alter the portions of the check thus perforated and inked in such a way as to avoid ready detection.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a standard form of check of the pocket check book size, and in Fig. 1 I have shown one type of check protector embodying my invention wherein the protector consists of a small, compact box or container 1 having a receiving body 2 therein of any suitable material such as rubber, cork, or the like, and beneath which is located an ink or other type of stain pad. The container 1 is provided with a cover 3. The end surface of the cover 3 is provided with a number of sharp edge-projecting portions 4 arranged preferably in closely related rows and separated from each other laterally by narrow spaces. One way in which this may be effected is to form the cover 3 of metal out of which is stamped the various projections 4. It will be understood that the projections 4 are located on the cover with respect to the body thereof in such a position that a check placed between the cover and this body would be perforated at the important portions thereof such as the space ordinarily allowed for the payee and the amount to be paid.

The operation of the check protector will be readily understood to be as follows: The check, for example, that illustrated in Fig. 2, is placed between the cover 3 and the body 1. The cover 3 is then closed with respect to the body 1 so that perforators 4 thereof tear through the paper of the check, project through the non-inked pad 2 and into the inked pad portion thereunder. The undried ink on the projections 4 will, of course, effect a stain on the paper of the check, and if there is any undried ink on the perforators 4 when the cover is lifted again to permit the removal of the check,

the ends of the projections 4 which have been injected into the inked pad portion will effect an inking on the perforated paper.

Referring to Figs. 3 and 4, while I have utilized a construction of perforator which is substantially identical with that hereinbefore described with respect to Fig. 1, I show the same forming part of a holder or encompassing folder for the check book. In this arrangement the folder consists of the body containing the bottom portion 5 provided with a binder edge 6 for suitable attachment to one end of a pocket check book. The body 5 is provided with a hinged portion 7, a top portion 8 and a flap 9 adapted to fasten to the hinged portion 6 in any suitable manner, as illustrated in Fig. 4, when the folder is in its folded position, as shown. The check protector generally described at 10 is formed on a portion 11 hinged or otherwise secured to the hinged portion 6 which forms a binder for the checks. The structure of the check protector 10 is substantially the same as that described in connection with Fig. 1 wherein the inked pad portion 12 is located at the bottom with the non-inked pad portion 2 thereabove and the perforating portion 4 contained on the cover 3.

In this arrangement it will be readily seen that it is advisable to secure the hinged connection between the cover and the check protector body at the end edge thereof, rather than at the side edge. It will be further seen that with this arrangement a compact, combined check protector and check book cover is effected. A check, after having been filled

out is detached from its stub, inserted between the hinged cover and the body of the check protector, the cover closed and the protection of the check effected.

I do not desire to be limited or restricted to any particular location of the check protector or to the perforating portions thereof or to the mechanical details of construction, for many modifications and changes in detail will readily occur to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, but having now set forth the objects and nature of my invention and having shown and described a structure embodying the principles thereof, what I claim as new and useful and of my own invention, and desire to secure by Letter Patent is:

1. In a check protector, the combination with a container having an ink pad portion and an inkless pad portion thereon, and a metallic cover for said container provided with projections stamped out of the same to tear through a check and extend through said inkless pad portion into said ink pad portion.

2. In a check protector, the combination with a container having an ink pad portion and an inkless pad portion thereover and a cover for said container, said cover having means for tearing through a check and extend through said inkless pad portion into said ink pad portion.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this fifth day of November A. D., 1923.

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