

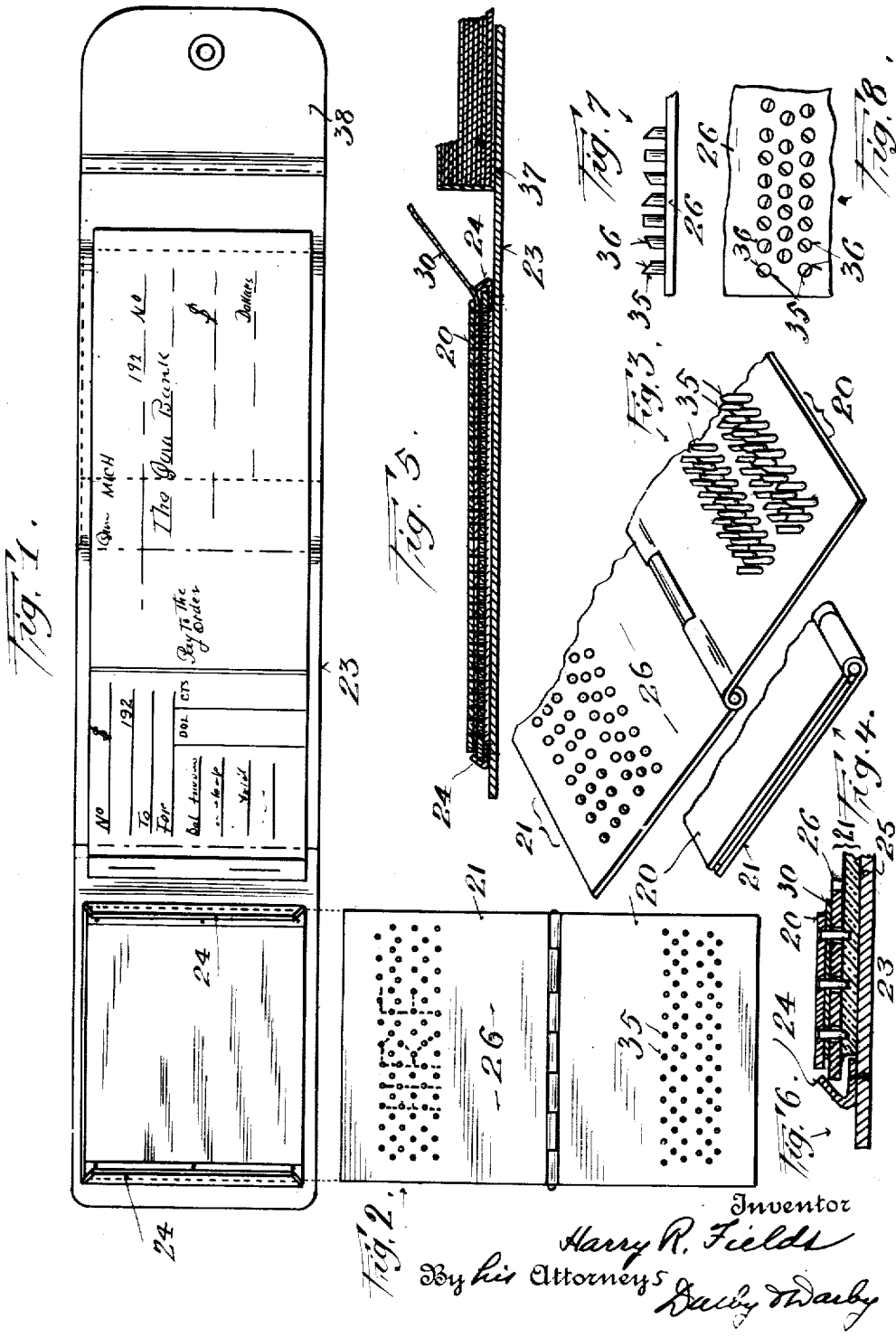
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## CHARACTERIZED CHECK PROTECTOR.

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This invention relates to improved check protectors and has for its object the provision of a self-contained check protector of the perforating type, which has its own characterization or individuality; that is, each check protector can be identified by its character of perforations, and by reason of my improved arrangement of perforating members, no two check protectors are alike or form identical perforations. A further object of my invention resides in the provision which produces the characterized check protector, and includes a simple assembly unit for containing the blank checks readily accessible for the application of the individualizing protecting features.

I further provide an individualizing member of the perforating type, whereby the characterizing combinations are, for all practical purposes, infinite; that is, they are so large that the duplications of an individual check protector is practically, and in fact really, out of the question. My check protector is further so constructed as to form a pocket check holder which is folded when not used.

Other objects will appear hereinafter, and I attain these objects by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a pocket check protector with which my individualizing check protecting member is employed.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the improved safety individualizing or characterizing members.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged view in perspective of a portion of said member.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to that of Fig. 3, but showing the member closed or folded.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view of the check holder with the individualizing member in position and in use.

Fig. 6 is a detailed portion of the left hand end portion showing the relation of the holding device and folder to the individualizing device.

Fig. 7 is a view in elevation of a portion of the individualizing safety member showing the character of the perforating pins; and

Fig. 8 is a plan view thereof.

Like numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

One of the prime purposes of my invention is the production of a check protector which has its own individuality and which cannot

be duplicated because of the infinite combinations and arrangement of the individual perforating pins. To this end I provide a check protector comprising a perforating member 20 and a perforated inking member 21. These members are preferably hingedly united and are so constructed as to be readily inserted in a check book folder 23 in holding grooves 24 on the folder 23.

As best shown in Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 6, the improved check protector comprises foldable members 20 and 21. These members may be hingedly united and are so constructed as to be readily inserted in the grooves 24. Member 21 is made up of a composition of pad or felt 25 which is preferably an inking pad and over this there is fastened a perforated plate 26. This perforated plate has a series of perforations properly spaced to receive the perforating members which may be formed from member 20 or they may be pins 35. In the construction herein shown, I have represented the same as pins securely fastened in the member 20 which serves also as a cover plate. These pins may be arranged in groups of different arrangement and the pins themselves are cut pointed at an angle 36, as is best illustrated in Fig. 7. The angle at which the pins are cut or sharpened may be varied. It is, however, beveled to a sufficient degree to permit ready perforation of the check which is to be protected thereby. The pins themselves are fastened in position so that no two pins are in the same position with respect to their beveled cutting edges. This arrangement provides for the individualizing or characterizing feature of my check protector. Because of the rather large number of perforating or lacerating pins, it is evident that an infinite variety of combinations can be made by this arrangement. When the check protector thus formed is used, the check is laid over the perforated member 26 and the characterizing perforating member is folded over the check 30 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 5 or Fig. 6. The beveled feature and angular cut thus formed by the perforating members forms individual lacerations in the check paper so that each laceration has a different position or different character thereby preventing the use of another check protector of the same make from being used to go over any alterations of the check, as can be done with the straight pin type of check protector. I consider this feature of my im-

proved check protector a very valuable and important one. It affords means whereby checks can be absolutely protected against alteration. When the perforating members  
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The individualizing check protector may advantageously be carried in the folder 23 which also carries a collection of blank checks for ready use, and the pins may be arranged  
 25 to form the initial letters of the owner.

From the description thus far given, the advantages of my improved characterizing check protector are readily perceived. Each check protector has its own individuality and  
 30 the owner of a check protector can readily identify the checks perforated by his protector. The advantages of assembling the check protector and blank checks 37 in the same folder, permits ready use of the check  
 35 protector, and also enables the owner thereof to carry it in folded condition for pocket use. When thus carried, the check holder may be folded and secured by the flap 38, in the manner well understood.

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 55 means, and an inking device for supplying ink to the cutting faces of said characterizing means.

3. In a safety device for protecting checks, the combination of groove members secured in a folder, of a characterization check laceration device carried in said groove members, and means having angular lacerating faces carried by said device for forming individually differing lacerations in a check.  
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4. In a safety device for protecting checks, groove members, a characterization check perforating or lacerating device carried in said groove members, said device comprising a perforated plate and a perforating plate, pins  
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5. A characterization check protector comprising a bed plate provided with apertures and a cooperating cover plate having individualizing means for forming differing perforations at varying regular positions.  
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