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LEDGER SHEET.

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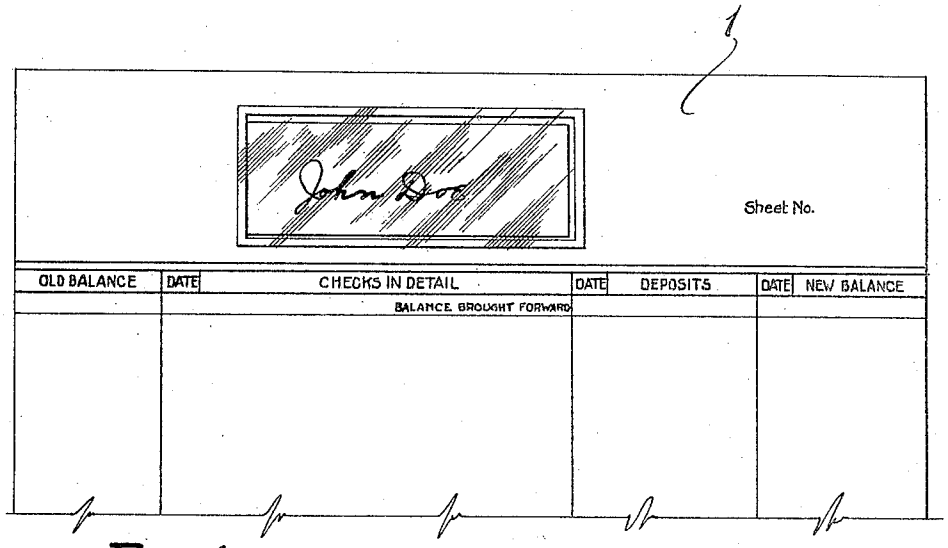


Fig. 1

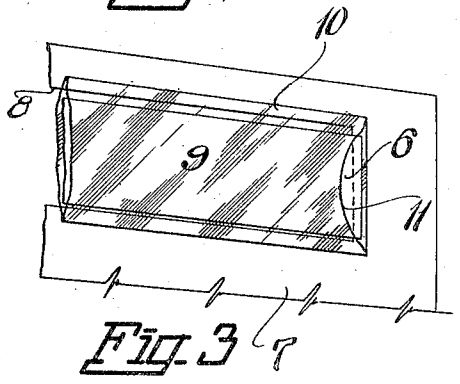


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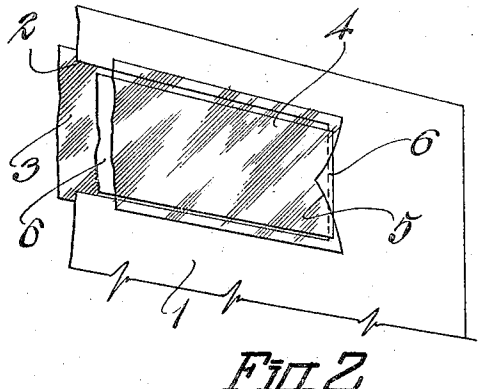


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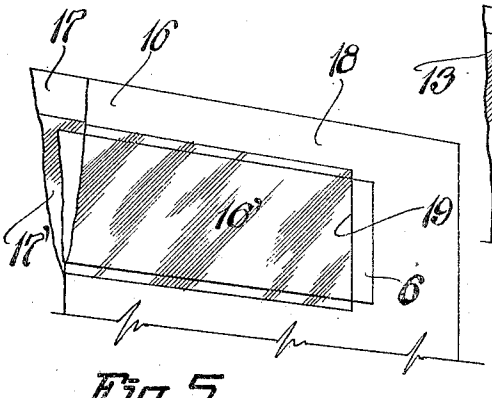


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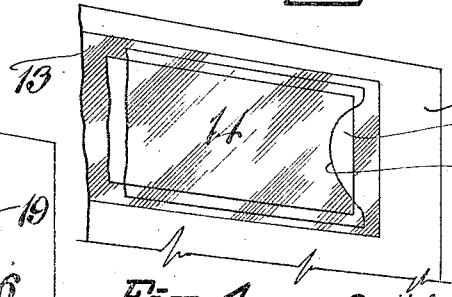


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CECIL A. HAMMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coeur d'Alene, in the county of Kootenai and State of Idaho, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ledger-Sheets, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to an improved ledger sheet designed particularly for use in banks and similar institutions where identification of the signature of a customer or depositor is necessary for proper accounting. In banking houses wherein checks that have been returned are being posted in the ledger, reference is frequently necessary to separate files or indexes wherein the signature of the depositor is recorded, resulting in loss of time and labor necessitated by consultation of these separate files. The primary object of my invention is the provision of means whereby the signature of the depositor may be kept for ready references and investigation without necessity on the part of the bookkeeper for leaving his ledger, thus enabling the clerk who is posting the returned checks to verify the signatures thereon with convenience and facility. To accomplish this result I provide each ledger sheet with means for receiving and retaining a signature card, or sheet bearing the signature of the depositor, which signature card forms a part of the ledger sheet to which it is applied and presents a means for ready identification and reference in comparing the signature on a check with the original recorded signature of the drawer of the check.

In carrying out my invention I equip the ledger sheet with a transparent pocket or receptacle into which the signature card may be slipped and retained, preferably at the head of the sheet, rendering the signature plainly visible through its transparent retainer in order that it may be consulted with convenience when required.

With the above objects in view the invention consists essentially in certain novel combinations and arrangements of parts as will hereinafter be more fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated several examples of the physical embodiment of my invention constructed and arranged according to the best mode I have thus far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a portion of a ledger sheet to which one form of my invention is applied, ready for use.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of the ledger sheet of Fig. 1, shown in perspective and illustrating two transparent sheets secured at opposite faces of an apertured ledger sheet forming a receptacle for the signature card.

Fig. 3 illustrates a modified form of the invention wherein the transparent pocket is attached at one face of the apertured ledger sheet to incase a signature card.

Fig. 4 shows a ledger sheet with a transparent portion and a transparent strip attached thereto to form a pocket for the signature card.

Fig. 5 is a further modification of the invention wherein two plies of the ledger sheet are provided with transparent complementary portions, the edges of the sheet adapted to be pasted together to form a pocket for the signature card.

In the form of the invention as depicted in Figs. 1 and 2 the ledger sheet is indicated by the numeral 1 and is provided with the usual columns and indicia for posting the accounts of a depositor. Near the upper edge of the sheet an aperture 2 is cut therein, said aperture preferably being rectangular in form and of convenient size to adapt it for my purpose. At the respective rear and front faces of this paper ledger sheet are pasted transparent sheets or strips 3 and 4 of very thin material with their edges secured about the edges of the aperture in the ledger sheet, to form a pocket in conjunction with the apertured sheet. The edges of the pocket are closed except for the end 5 which is not pasted to the ledger sheet, thus providing a pocket for the signature card 6. The card 6 is of suitable size to slip through the open end 5 and bears the signature of the depositor, on either one or both faces, in order that the signature may be plainly visible and distinctly seen through the transparent pocket members.

In the modified form of the invention in Fig. 3 the ledger sheet 7 has an aperture

8, and the transparent pocket 9 has its edges 10 pasted to the edges of the aperture 8 at one side of the ledger sheet, the open end 11 of the pocket being adapted to receive the signature card 6 which is slipped therethrough to position in the pocket.

A further modification of the invention contemplates the utilization of a ledger sheet 12 having a portion thereof 13 formed transparent during the process of making the ledger sheet. This transparent portion of the ledger sheet is of proper shape and size to receive the rectangular, transparent paper strip 14 which has its edges, as the two long sides and one end, attached to the transparent portion, leaving the free end 15 to form an opening at one end of the pocket thus formed to receive the signature card 6, and the card or the sigrature thereon may be read either through the transparent portion 13 or the transparent strip 14.

A still further embodiment of the principles of my invention is characterized by the use of two plies of paper as 16 and 17 of the ledger sheet 18 and these two plies are fashioned with transparent, complementary portions 16′ and 17′, the strip of portion 16′ being slitted at 19 to form an entrance slot to the pocket.

In all the above described forms of my invention a transparent pocket is attained, having an open end for the insertion of the signature card, and adapted to receive and retain the card, the signature thereon being visible from one face or the other, or both faces of the ledger sheet.

The ledger sheet is of the customary weight or thickness of paper for this purpose and the transparent strips, it will be understood, are of comparatively thin material whether paper or other suitable, transparent medium, while the portions of the ledger sheet which are rendered transparent are in the process of making made thinner than the remainder of the sheet. Thus the thickness of a book or sheave of ledger sheets is not materially increased by the incorporation therein of the pockets of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A sheet as described having an aperture, a transparent sheet closing one face of the aperture and a transparent sheet attached at the other face of the edge of the aperture with an open end to form a pocket for the reception of a signature card.

2. A sheet as described provided with a pocket for the reception of a signature card, comprising a pair of spaced, complementary, transparent walls having an opening at one end.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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