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Check-Books.

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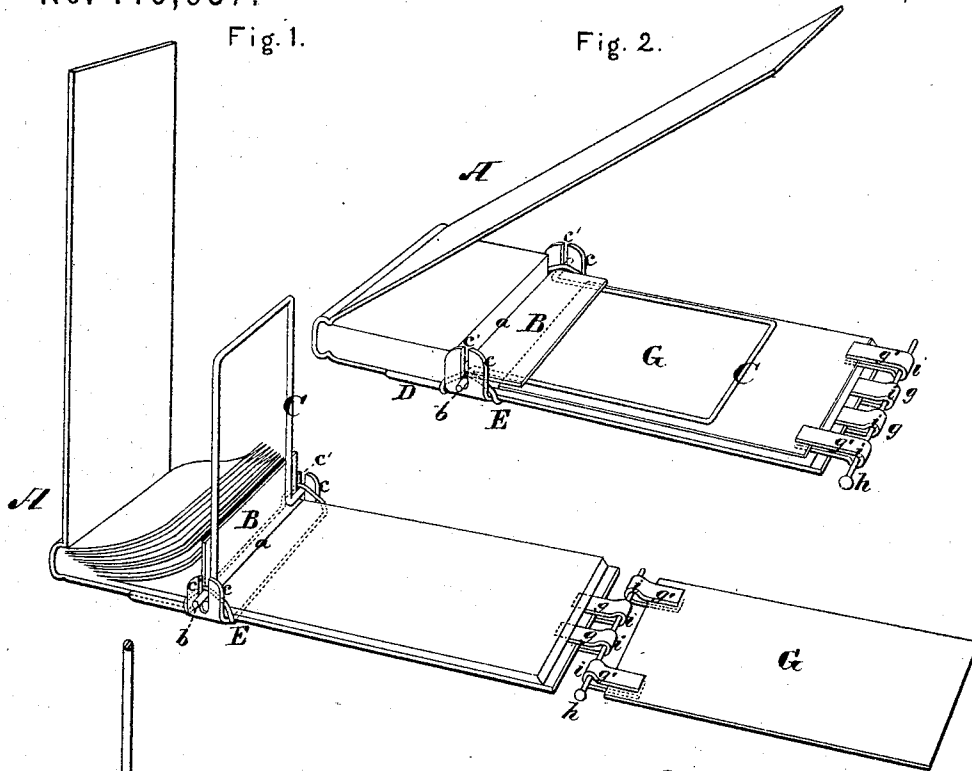


Fig. 5.



Fig. 3.

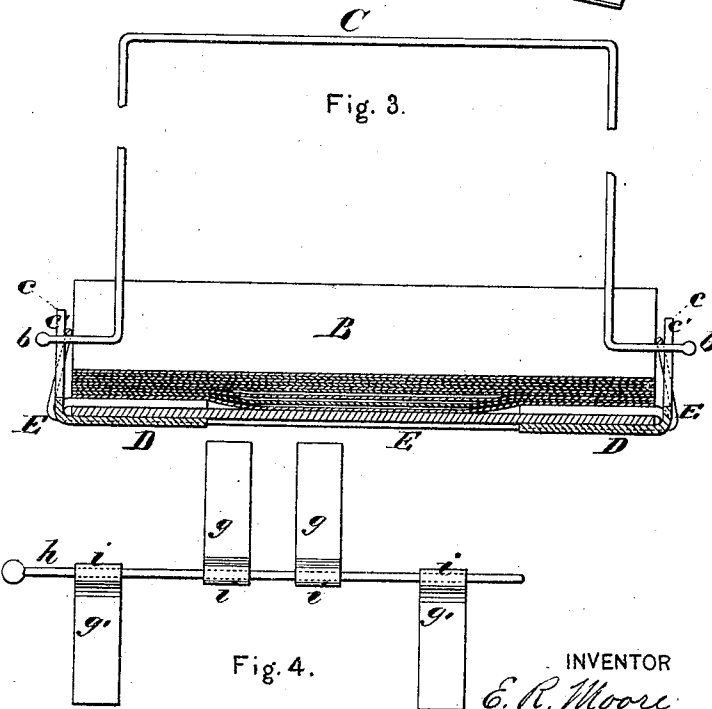


Fig. 4.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CHECK-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN R. MOORE, of St. Peter, county of Nicollet, State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Paper-Cutter for Detaching Drafts, Notes, Checks, &c., from their Books, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to certain novel attachments to check-books, whereby the removal of the individual checks from the coupons or stubs, and the process of removing the superfluous ink from the writing thereon by means of blotting-paper, are greatly facilitated. It consists, first, in a vibrating cutter having a bail or handle affixed to it for holding it firmly in proper position for tearing off the checks, in combination with adjustable and removable clasps and an elastic retaining-cord; second, in the combination, with adjustable clasps, of slotted guides for receiving the pivotal ends of the cutter bail or handle, and allowing the cutter to accommodate itself to its adjustments and the varying thicknesses of books.

The following is a description of my invention:

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the blotter turned back and the cutter in a position for tearing off a check. Fig. 2 is a view, showing the blotter beneath the bail on the cutter. Fig. 3 is a cross-section, showing the clasps and cutter, and also the elastic cord. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blotter-holder. Fig. 5 is a cross-section through the cutter and its bail.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a check-book to which my improvements are applicable. B represents a narrow blade, having one of its edges sharpened and curved, as shown at *a*, Fig. 5. To this blade I secure, by solder or otherwise, a bail or handle, C, of such length and width as that it can be conveniently grasped in the hand and erected, as shown in Fig. 1, in a proper position for tearing off a check. The extremities *b b* of the bail C extend beyond the ends of the cutting-blade B and form pivots. These pivots *b b* are received into oblong slots *c' c'*, made into lips *c c*, which rise from clasps D D above the highest leaf of the book when opened. The clasps D D are made of spring-

steel, bent as shown in the drawings, so as to receive into them and firmly clasp the edges of the back-cover of the book, and the slotted lips *c c*, above referred to, may be formed on the clasps while stamping them out of sheet-steel. E represents an elastic band, which is drawn across the back-cover of the book A and looped over the ends of the pivots *b b* and slotted lips *c c*, thus holding the pivots in their slots *c' c'*, holding the cutter down upon the checks, and also allowing the cutter to accommodate itself to varying thicknesses of check-books. The long slotted lips *c c* and the elastic band or cord E allow the cutting-blade B to be raised for cutting off the sheets, to be thrown back out of the way while writing a check, and also to be turned down on the checks when it is desired to close the book, all of which can be done without detaching the cutter from the book. To the free edge of the back-cover of the book I attach a blotter-holder, to which a sheet of blotting-paper, G, is attached for absorbing the superfluous ink after writing on the checks. This device consists of spring clasp-fingers *g g g' g'*, having eyes *i* formed on them, through which a pintle, *h*, is passed. The clasps *g g* receive the free edge of the book, and the clasps *g' g'* receive one edge of the blotting-sheet G. When a blotting-sheet is thus attached to the book it can be folded over and pressed upon the checks, and is always in place for immediate use.

Before closing the book the blotter G is turned into it and the bail C turned down upon the blotter, which safely holds it in place and allows the book to be shut.

Having described my improvements, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The vibrating cutter B, provided with a bail-handle, C, and connected to clasps D D by means of pivots *b b*, applied in slotted lips *c c*, and confined by an elastic-cord, E, as and for the purposes described.

2. A blotting-sheet, G, connected to the free edge of a book by means of spring-clasps *g g'*, hinged together by a pintle, *h*, as described and shown.

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