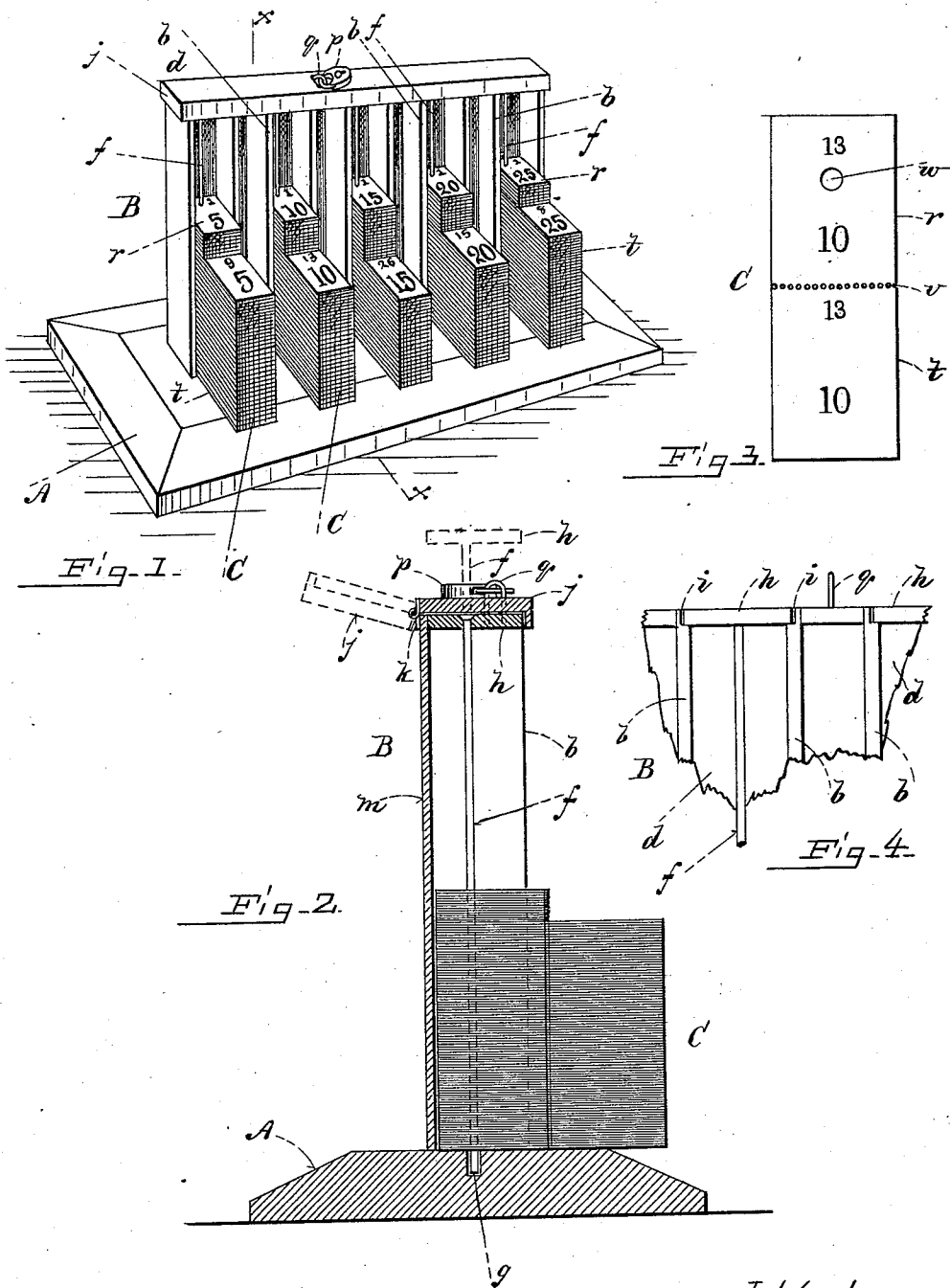


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT N. SOUTHWICK, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lock-Stubs for Sale-Checks, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved sale-checks and holder; Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section taken on line *xx* in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a plan view of one of the checks detached from the holder; and Fig. 4 an elevation of a portion of the holder, illustrating details of construction.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates especially to coupon sale-checks and means for locking the stubs thereof; and it consists in certain novel features hereinafter fully set forth and claimed, the object being to produce a simpler, cheaper, and more effective device of this character than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation.

In the drawings, A represents a base, upon which a preferably rectangular box or rack B is mounted vertically, and is divided into compartments *d* by vertically-arranged partitions *b*.

Arranged centrally in each compartment there is a metallic rod *f*, the lower end of which is disposed in a socket *g* in the base (see Fig. 2) and the upper end in a block *h*, which sets into suitable grooves *i* in the partitions *d* and is flush with the top thereof.

A cap or lid *j* is hinged at *k* to the rear wall *m* and is designed to cover all of the blocks *h*, said cap being locked by a padlock *p* and staple *q* or any other suitable means.

The checks C comprise a stub *r* and body portion *t*, separated by perforations *v*, whereby the body may be readily detached from the stub. Each check and its stub are numbered

alike, and each bears a corresponding numeral representing the amount of the sale. The stubs are provided with openings *w* to receive the rods *f*.

In the use of my improvement a series of checks representing the same amounts or values and numbered consecutively are disposed in a pile, with their stubs *r* within a compartment *d*, and the rod *f* in said compartments is inserted in the openings *w* of said stubs, the compartments being thus filled with checks representing, respectively, different values, as shown in Fig. 1. The rods are locked by the lid *j*. On making a sale the salesman detaches a check *t* bearing the numeral representing the amount of such sale from its stub, which remains on the rod *f*, and delivers the same to the customer to be taken to the cashier in the ordinary manner of checking sales. The stubs being numbered to correspond with the checks and remaining in the rack, the sales can readily be verified by the proprietor, it being impracticable for the salesman to remove the stub or replace the checks which have been separated therefrom. By this means a simple and inexpensive sales-register is supplied whereby mistakes or inaccuracies in computing the sales may readily be traced.

It will be understood that the rack may be circular in form, or any mechanism suitable for locking the stubs in series other than that shown may be employed, if desired, and effect the same result, the primary object of my invention being to provide a detachable check having a locked or non-removable stub.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

In a device of the character described, a base provided with a socket, narrow partitions attached to said base, having intervening spaces, wires fitting loosely into the sockets of the base and between the partitions, blocks fixed to the upper ends of each wire and adapted to fit into grooves of the partitions, and a hinged cover adapted to be locked over the wires and blocks, substantially as described.

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