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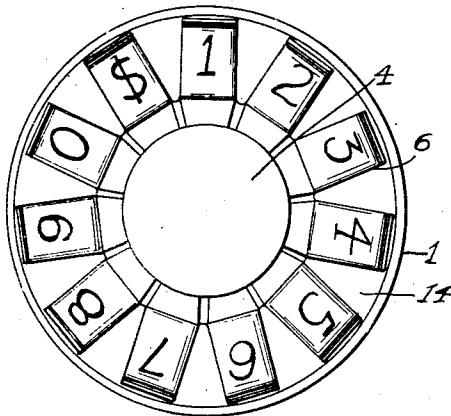


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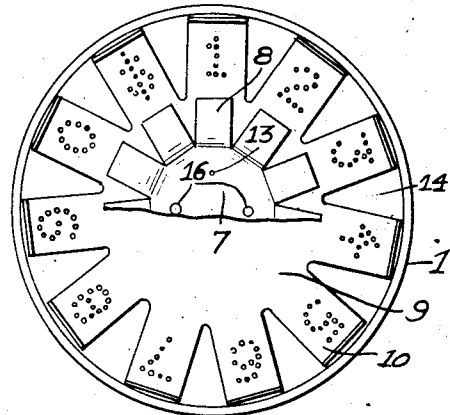


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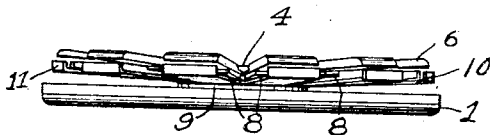


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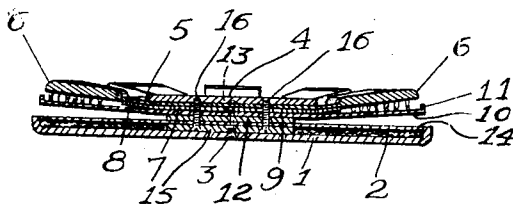


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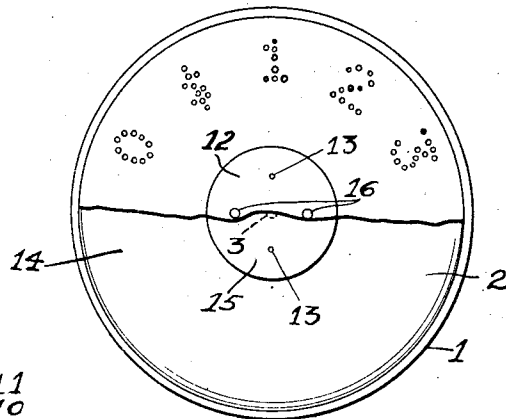


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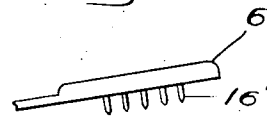


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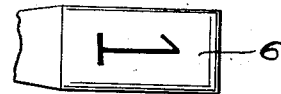


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## CHECK-PERFORATOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARSHALL H. PAGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a new and useful Check-Perforator, of which the following is a specification in such full and clear terms as will enable those skilled in the art to construct and use the same.

This invention relates to a check perforator and protector and its object is to make a device which is small enough to be carried in the pocket, as well as to make a device which will be cheaper than the large machine protectors now in use.

An object of the invention is to so form the protector as to make it very easy to aline the check with the number to be punched therein, this object being accomplished by having a portion of the perforating arm cut at right angles to the facing of the figure carried thereby and by the provision of openings through the stripper plate, of such size as to enable the numbers punched in the check to be seen through said openings when the perforator is used.

Another object of the invention is to provide each stripper with a small flange to prevent the user from inadvertently slipping the check between the stripper plate and the perforating plate.

Another object of the invention is to provide an ink supply in order that an indelible ink may be placed upon the cut characters to prevent the subsequent alteration of the instrument.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby this inking pad may be readily removed from and applied to the protector when it is necessary to replenish the supply of ink.

In the drawings in which the same numeral of reference is applied to the same portion throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a plan view of the check protector. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the check protector with the perforator plate removed therefrom and showing a portion of the auxiliary spring plate. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the check protector. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the ink pad holder and showing a portion of the female die plate. Fig. 5 is a vertical section view of the protector. Fig. 6 is a side elevation of a portion of one of

the perforator arms, and Fig. 7 is a plan view of a portion of one of said arms.

The numeral 1 represents a flanged plate which forms a receptacle for a thin annular felt ink pad 2. This receptacle is secured to the body of the check perforator or protector by means of a screw 3 at the center thereof. The upper portion of the check perforator comprises a plate 4 to which is secured a plate 5 having eleven spring arms 6.

Below the plate 5 there is a plate 7 having a similar number of spring arms 8 to reinforce the spring arms 6. Secured under the plate 7 is a stripper plate 9 having eleven arms 10, each of which is flanged up as shown at 11 in order to prevent the insertion of a piece of paper between the arms 6 and 10.

Under the plate 9 there is a circular plate 12, pins 13 being used to center all of the plates to insure the proper registry of the male and female dies. Under the plate 12 is a circular plate 14, which completely fills the ink pad plate and under this plate there is a smaller circular plate 15. All of the parts, save the plate 1 and annular ink pad therein, are secured together by means of two screws 16.

Each arm 6 is provided with such a number of projecting pins 16' as will form the outline of the several characters from one to nine, the zero and the dollar sign, one on each arm. The stripper plates 10 have a series of holes therein to correspond with the projecting pins of the overlying arm 6, and the plate 14 has small holes formed therein.

The result of this construction is that when a check or other document to be protected is inserted between the plate 14 and projecting arm 10, that it can be alined therewith by sighting it along the outer edge of that arm 6 which it is desired to mark the check or document with. After being so placed the arm 6 is depressed and a small amount of the paper is punched through the plate 14, and its ragged edges pick up a small amount of the indelible ink squeezed through the holes in the plate 14, thus effectively preventing the check from being raised. After one character has been formed the check may be forwarded laterally a small amount, whereupon the figure just punched may be observed in the opening at the side of the arm 6 and the next figure may be punched there-

in, and so on as often as it is desired to produce a character on the check.

The stripper plates each serve to release the paper from the pins which form the characters therein. Whenever the ink pad fails to effectively mark the edges of the paper punched through the die plate thereover, the screw 3 may be removed and additional ink may be placed upon the pad.

10 Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

15 1. In a check protector, a plate carrying an inking pad and having a plate thereover with openings therein to form a series of characters, a plate carrying spring arms and having pins to correspond with said openings, and a stripper plate having a flanged arm under each of the pin plate arms, as described.

20 2. In a check protector, a plate carrying an inking pad, a die plate over said inking pad and having a plurality of holes therein to form a series of characters, a stripper plate having a plurality of arms and having holes therein to correspond with the holes in

the die plate, a plate having a plurality of spring arms and having pins extending through the openings in the stripper plate, and a flange on each stripper plate adjacent each pin carrying arm to prevent the insertion between the same and the pin plate of a sheet of paper, as described.

3. In a check protector, a plate carrying an inking pad, an ink plate, a die plate over said ink plate and having a plurality of openings therein to form a series of characters, a stripper plate having a plurality of arms over said die plate and having openings in said arms to correspond with the openings in the die plate, a plate carrying a plurality of arms with pins therein to correspond with the openings in the stripper plate, and an auxiliary spring under said pin plate, as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of March A. D. 1912, in the presence of the two subscribed witnesses.

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