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Fig. 1

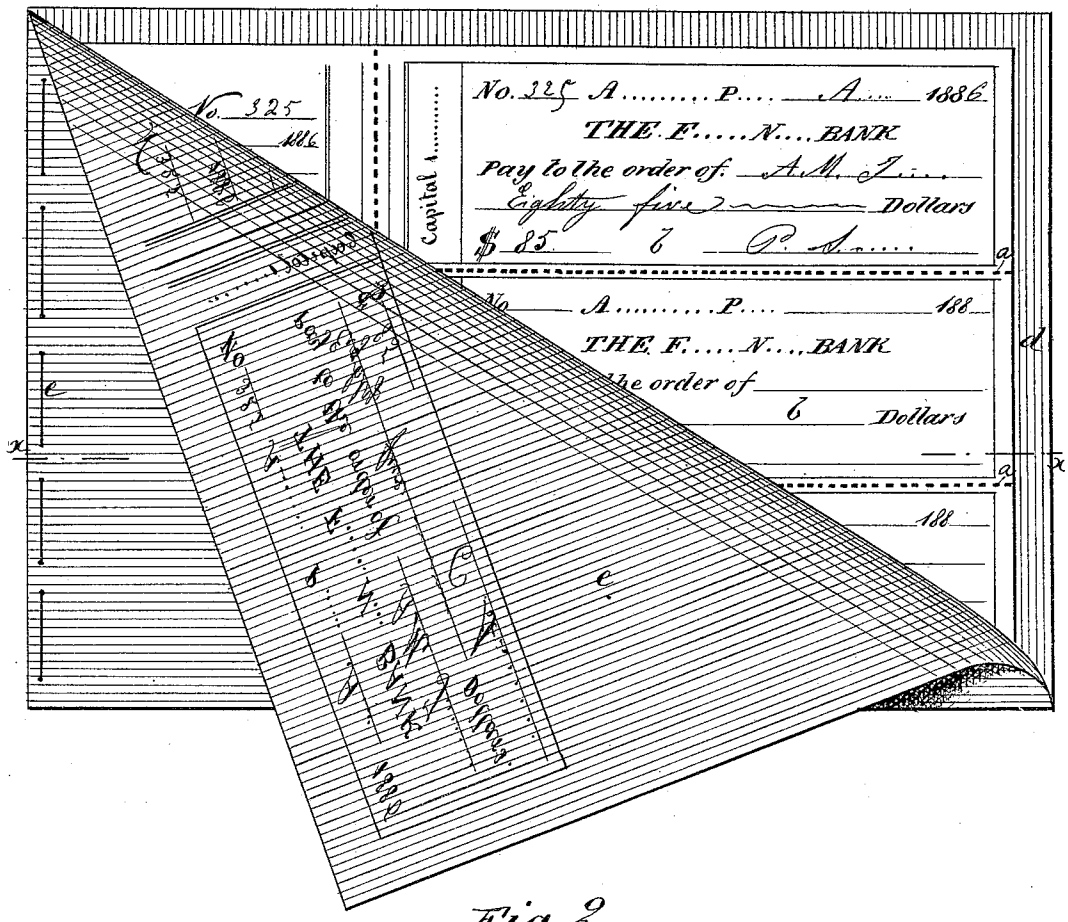
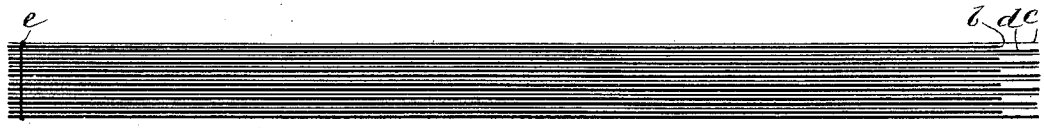


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORMOND E. PURDY, of Amsterdam, in the county of Montgomery and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Check or other Like Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is applicable to check-books, draft and bill-of-exchange books, also other or all books in which it is important to preserve an exact copy; but it will suffice here to illustrate it in connection with a check-book.

The invention consists in a book of the description above named constructed substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims, whereby an exact fac-simile of the filled-up and signed checks or drafts, &c., is retained in the book.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 represents a face view of a check-book embodying my invention and showing one of the copying-leaves as partly turned up to expose the sheet beneath, from which an impression has been taken. Fig. 2 is a section of the book upon the line *x x* in Fig. 1. In both of these figures the backs of the book are omitted.

The sheets of printed checks or blanks are indicated by the letter *b*. Directly over each of these sheets *b* is a sheet *c*, of tissue or other suitable copying paper or material, bound in with the book, as by stitching *e* or otherwise, and which serve the purpose of taking a press-copy of the checks or blanks after they are filled out and signed. Directly again following or at the back of each printed check or blank sheet *b* is a sheet *d*, of plain white unruled paper or other suitable material, also bound in with the book, and which serves to protect the tissue or copying sheet from being torn or defaced after the checks or blanks have been torn out.

The following will serve to explain the advantages and use of this construction. In using the ordinary style of check-book, if a party has incorrectly made out a check—as, for instance, in which the figures and writing do not agree—word is usually sent from the bank, if the error is discovered, to that effect. Reference to the stub in the check-book throws but little light upon the error. In the book, as shown in the drawings, the printing, rulings, and written matter on the check-sheets *b* are made with copying-ink, and after the check is written out and signed with such ink a press copy is taken of the same on the sheet *c* over it, after which the check is cut out from the book in the line of perforations *a* dividing it from an adjacent check. Now, under the circumstances before narrated, supposing the bank to notify the party by telephone or messenger that a certain check, particularizing its number, is informal by the writings and figures on it disagreeing, the party thus notified speedily detects the error by referring to the press copy in his check-book. Again, inasmuch as the press copy is an exact fac-simile of the check, it will be a perfect safeguard against any question which may arise as to a check being tampered with—as, for instance, by raising the figures after the check has been issued by the maker of it.

My invention dispenses with the extra labor of reattaching the returned checks and provides for a perfect fac-simile of the check being retained for future reference.

It is not absolutely necessary that the printed matter of the checks should be in copying-ink, as it will suffice that the filling out of the blanks and signature should alone be preserved and be written with copying-ink, in order that a fac-simile of the essential parts of the check may be retained in the book.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a blank-book comprising the printed blanks, a sheet *c*, of tissue or letter-press paper, extending over the printed face of each blank to receive a letter-press copy therefrom when

filled in, and a protecting-sheet *d* between the rear face of the printed blank and the succeeding tissue or letter-press sheet.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a check-book consisting in the blank checks printed in copying-ink, a letter-press sheet over the printed face of each check, and the protecting-sheets between the rear faces of the checks and the letter-press sheets, whereby a complete letter-press copy of the entire check when filled may be made, substantially as set forth.

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