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L. A. WARNER.
STOCK ACCOUNT BOOK.

No. 462,367.

Patented Nov. 3, 1891.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
No 5000. Date Received Oct 11 th Price 10.00 Bt from W.B. & Co. Sigs 40 Address Buffalo, N.Y.	Description of No 5000. Brown, Chinckilla Profit 9.50 Loss	5000. Charged	Date of Sale Nov 5 th Price 10.00 Sigs 40 Bottle Crat. Bt by O.H. Charged to J.W.	No 5000. Sold		
No 5001. Date Received Oct 11 th Price 8.00 Bt from W.B. & Co. Sigs 40 Address Buffalo, N.Y.	Description of No 5001. Brown, Chinckilla Profit 7.00 Loss	5001. Returned	Date of Sale Nov 8 th Price 8.00 Sigs 40 Bottle Crat. Bt by O.H. Returned to J.W.	No 5001. Sold		
No 5002. Date Received Oct 11 th Price 4.00 Bt from E.L. Hudson. Sigs 36 Address Buffalo, N.Y.	Description of No 5002. Blue, Broadcloth Profit 3.00 Loss		Date of Sale Nov 8 th Price 4.00 Sigs 36 Bottle Crat. Bt by O.H.	No 5002. Sold		
No 5003. Date Received Price Bt from Sigs Address	Description of No 5003. Profit Loss		Date of Sale Price Sigs Bottle Bt by		No 5003. Date of Sale Price Sigs Bottle Bt by	No 5003.
No 5004. Date Received Price Bt from Sigs Address	Description of No 5004. Profit Loss		Date of Sale Price Sigs Bottle Bt by		No 5004. Date of Sale Price Sigs Bottle Bt by	No 5004.
No 5005. Date Received Price Bt from Sigs Address	Description of No 5005. Profit Loss		Date of Sale Price Sigs Bottle Bt by		No 5005. Date of Sale Price Sigs Bottle Bt by	No 5005.

Fig. 1.

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The diagram illustrates a page from a stock account book. It features a large rectangular area divided into columns. On the left, there are three rows of stock entries, each with a circular icon containing the number '7'. The first row is labeled '6.' and 'No. 5003 Sold'. The second row is labeled '6.' and 'No. 5004 Sold'. The third row is labeled '6.' and 'No. 5005 Sold'. To the right of these entries is a large rectangular area containing a vertical list of stock numbers and their corresponding descriptions. The list is as follows:

5000.	Returned
5001.	Charged
5002.	Charged
5002.	Returned
5003.	Charged
5003.	Returned
5004.	Charged
5004.	Returned
5005.	Charged
5005.	Returned

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUDWIG A. WARNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stock-Account Books and Tracers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in book-keeping, and more particularly to that part of book-keeping as applied to stock and account tracing, its object being to so arrange a book in which all the stock of the merchant using the book is entered, each article being entered separately.

My invention consists in the arrangement of the entries upon the sheet, in connection with gummed labels integral with the sheet and printed on their opposite sides, so that it can be ascertained at a glance whether the article is sold, charged, or returned.

My invention further consists in other details of its arrangement, all of which I will now proceed to definitely describe and claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows one side of a sheet as arranged in my improved stock-tracer. Fig. 2 is a view of the opposite side of same.

Referring to the drawings, I have herein shown a stock-tracer as arranged for a retail clothing merchant. The entries are made on that side of the sheet shown in Fig. 1, the letters slanting to the left representing the printed matter arranged within the book before any entries are made, and the letters slanting to the right represent the entries. Each sheet is divided into columns running across the page, and each column is divided into as many spaces as the nature of the business may require. I have herein shown seven spaces, which I have numbered successively, the two outer spaces being detachable checks or slips. In spaces 3 and 5 are arranged smaller spaces having gummed surfaces, with perforations on three sides thereof, so that they may be detached on the perforated sides and

turned over on the line 8 and gummed to the sheet, as shown. These gummed spaces when turned over and stuck to the sheet show at a glance in what manner the article has been disposed of.

In reference to the diagram shown in the drawings, the merchant has bought and received a coat on October 10. This is assigned to No. 5,000 and entered in column 5,000, together with the selling price, size, the name of the parties from which the coat was bought, and address of same. These entries are made in space 1. In space 2 a description of the article is given. In space 4 the selling price, size, and name of article are given, the same being copied on the detachable check or slip 6, as that which appears in space 4. This check 6, with its auxiliary check 7, is then detached from the book and secured to the article. All entries in the book are made in the same way, assigning each article in stock to a separate number and having the check to that number secured to the article.

We will now assume that the article entered in column 5,000 has been sold. The clerk selling same detaches the check 6 from the article, marking the date of sale thereon, and, if charged, to whom charged, together with his own name. This is handed in at the office. The book-keeper then fastens the label of that number to the sheet, thereby indicating that the article has been sold, and, when charged as in entry 5,000, the label in column 5,000 marked "charged" is fastened to the sheet and space 4 is filled in with the date of sale, to whom charged, and name of salesman. Should the article be returned, it is identified by the small auxiliary check 7, which is also numbered. This is entered in the stock-tracer by gumming the label marked "returned" to the sheet, and the name of the party returning same is entered in the lower line of space 4. These gummed labels are preferably printed in red ink, so as to appear more prominent.

It is apparent that this method of stock tracing and account could equally well be applied to any business, and with slight alterations could even be applied to a banking-house business. The particular arrangement of the spaces with the subject-matter which they contain form no part of my invention; but

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A stock-account book or tracer consisting, essentially, of a book the leaves of which
5 are divided into columns, each column having one or more gummed and perforated spaces, which may be turned upon the sheet and fastened thereto to show printed matter arranged on their opposite sides, substantially as and
10 for the purpose stated.

2. A stock-account book or tracer consisting, essentially, of a book the leaves of which are divided into columns running across the sheet and having one or more detachable

checks or slips at their outer ends, the columns and checks being numbered successively and having one or more gummed and perforated spaces, which may be turned upon the sheet and gummed thereto to show printed matter arranged on their opposite
15 sides, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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