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Fig. 1.

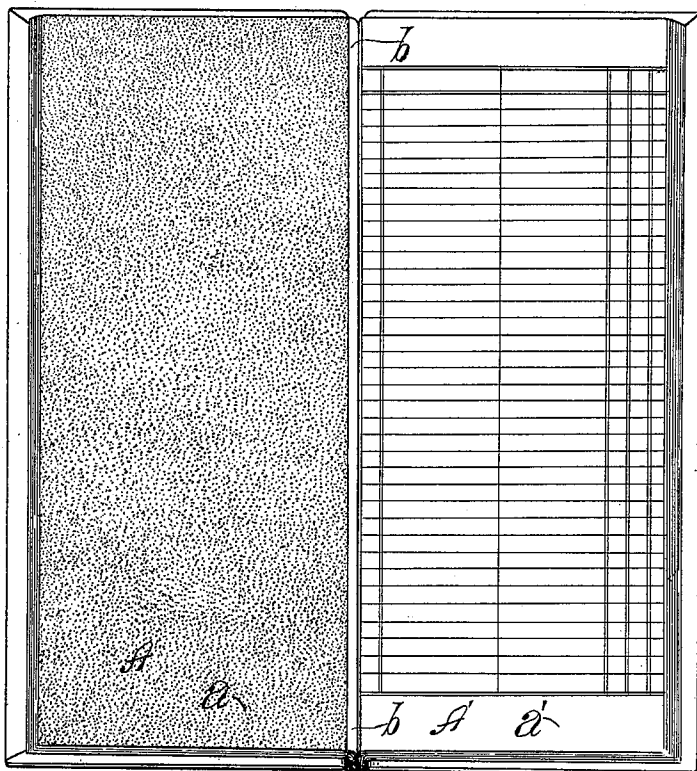
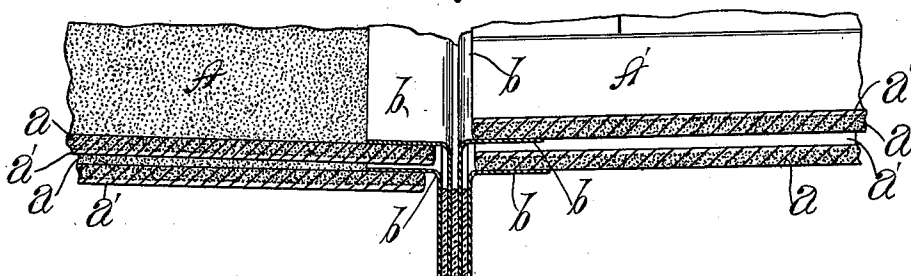


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. ELSTNER, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hotel-Registers or other Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to books, such as hotel-registers, &c., in which entries are to be made with ink. Heretofore books, such as hotel-registers, in which entries are to be made in ink have sometimes been provided with interposed leaves of bibulous paper, so as to avoid any danger of blotting or blurring the writing in case the book is closed while the ink is undried. One objection which pertains to the use of books of this character is the bulkiness of the same produced by the interposed bibulous leaves.

An object of my invention is to overcome this difficulty and to provide a book having all the advantages of the former books of this character and which will be lighter and less bulky than such books heretofore known.

Another object of my invention is to provide a book of this character having a writing-surface more pleasing to the penman than books heretofore in vogue.

Another object is to provide a hotel-register or other book to be written in which will offer to the writer a flat stiff page at slight cost and of light weight; also, to provide hotel-registers and the like of superior character, as above stated, the entry-pages of which can be embellished by works of art in the best lithography for advertising and other purposes.

My invention consists in a book the leaves of which are composed of bibulous paper provided with glazing on one side to afford a writing and printing surface and said leaves being arranged with the bibulous face of one leaf juxtaposed with the glazed face of the adjacent leaf, so that when the book is closed the bibulous face of the one leaf will press upon the glazed face of the other leaf.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an open book embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an exaggerated view of a fragment of the same. The leaves in this view are shown of a greatly-

exaggerated thickness and somewhat apart for clearness of illustration; but it is to be understood that in practice the paper used will be as thin and of as light weight as practicable and that the sheets will lie flat and close together, as indicated in Fig. 1.

A A' indicate two adjacent leaves of the book.

a indicates the bibulous body, and *a'* the glazed face of each leaf. The glazed surface of the leaf adds to the strength and stiffness of the bibulous sheet and takes the ink from pen and press in a most superior manner. The porous backing which the bibulous body forms for the glazed face affords a cushion for the writing and printing surface *a'*, which gives a pleasing effect when a pen is used in writing upon such surface. The glazed porous paper forms a superior material upon which to reproduce pictures and designs by the lithographer's art. This is of special utility for the purpose of combining advertising features with hotel-directories, as it enables the advertisement to be of an artistic character heretofore impossible with advertisements on the pages of hotel-registers.

In order that the leaves may lie perfectly flat, flexible strips *b* are pasted, glued, or otherwise fastened to the inner edges of the sheets, respectively, and these strips are bound together to hold the leaves in book form. Preferably the binding-strips *b* are applied upon the porous bibulous face rather than upon the smooth glazed face of the sheets. By this arrangement the leaves are permanently secured and may be freely turned without bending.

In practice when an entry has been made upon the glazed surface and the book is closed the bibulous body absorbs the ink in the manner of an ordinary blotter.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A book, the leaves of which are composed of bibulous paper provided with glazing on one side to afford a writing-surface and said leaves being arranged with the bibulous face of one leaf juxtaposed with the glazed face of the adjacent leaf.

2. A book composed of leaves of bibulous paper, each of which leaves is glazed on one

side and is provided along one edge with a binding-strip, the said binding-strips being fastened together and the leaves being arranged with the glazed face of one sheet next the bibulous face of another sheet.

5 3. A book composed of leaves of bibulous paper, each of which leaves is glazed on one side and is provided along one edge with a binding-strip, applied upon the bibulous face

thereof; the said binding-strips being fastened together and the leaves being arranged with the glazed face of one sheet next the bibulous face of another sheet.

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