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CHECK BOOK.

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Fig. 1.

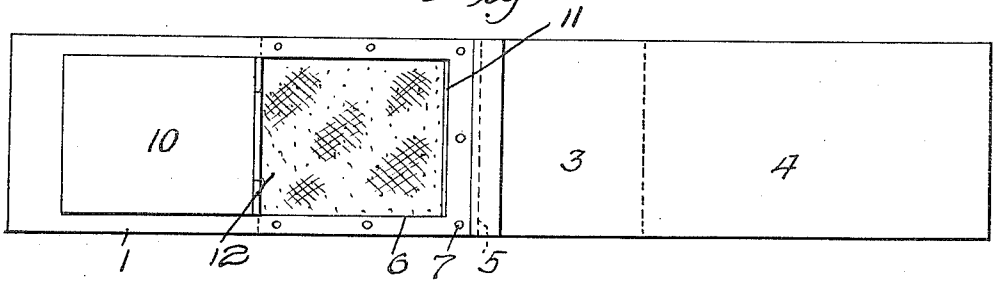


Fig. 2.

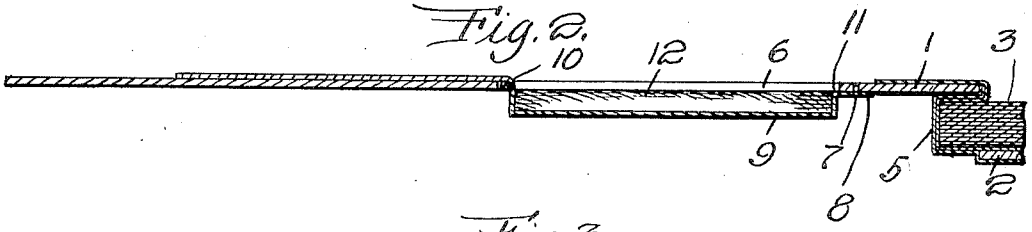
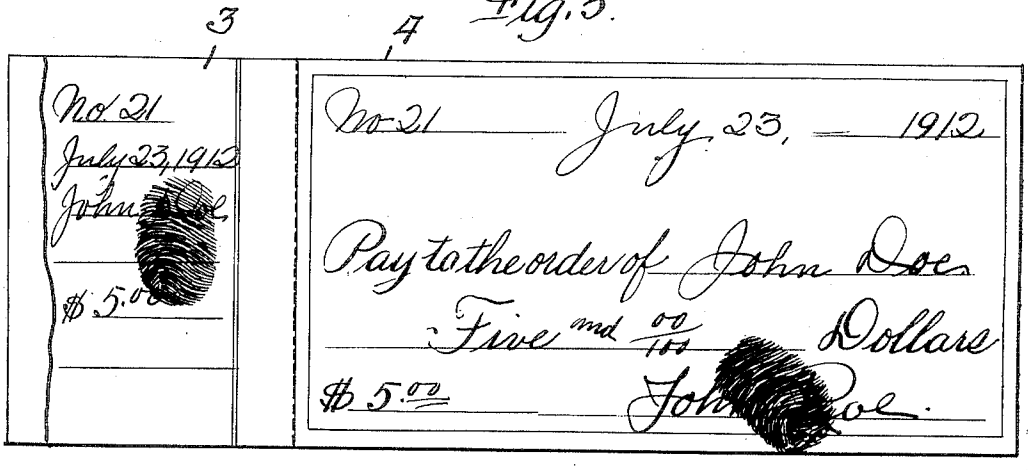


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, Sr., a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Books, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to check books, and the object of my invention is to furnish a check book with simple and perfectly infallible means for imparting an identifiable or validating characteristic to a check, documents or things of value which are executed or issued with a view of their becoming effective at a different time or place from that of their execution or issuance, and whereby the authenticity of the check or document, the genuineness of some operative part thereof or the indentity of the person seeking to put the same into effect may come into question.

I attain the above object by furnishing one of the covers of the check book with an ink pad that permits of the thumb or other part of the hand being inked whereby a skin impression or imprint can be made on the check, it being a well known fact that the individuality of a person is infallibly shown by the lineations of the skin of certain parts of the body. With a finger impression at the signature attached to a document the authenticity or individuality of the signature is practically guaranteed, consequently fraud is prevented in connection with documents or things which have value either intrinsic or evidential.

The invention will be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed and reference will now be had to the drawing wherein:—

Figure 1 is a plan of a check book in accordance with this invention, Fig. 2 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view of a portion of the same, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged plan of a portion of the check book.

Further describing my invention in detail with reference to the drawing wherein like numerals denote corresponding parts throughout: 1 and 2 denote the covers of a book, as a check book containing stubs 3 and detachable checks 4. The cover 1 adjacent to the binding 5 of the book is provided with a rectangular opening 6 and riveted or otherwise secured to said cover, as at 7 are the lateral flanges 8 of a pad holder 9. The flanges 8 are arranged upon three sides of the holder, and the remaining side of the holder has a hinged lid 10 adapted to swing into the opening 6 and close the holder 9. The ends of the holder opposite the hinged lid 10 present a ledge 11 upon which the lid rests when in a closed position.

12 denotes a pad arranged within the holder 9 and said pad is adapted to hold indelible ink or marking fluid, similar to that used in connection with ink pads.

After the check has been written and an entry made upon the stub, the thumb or finger or thumb can be pressed upon the pad 12 and sufficient ink obtained upon the thumb or finger for making an impression on the signature upon the check and stub, as shown in Fig. 3. The impression can be placed on the signature to the check and the signer of the check can be identified by the impression.

It is thought that the utility of my improved check book will be apparent without further description and while in the drawing there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention it is to be understood that the structural elements are susceptible to such changes as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

A validating attachment for check books comprising the combination with a check book having its front cover provided with an opening, of an ink pad casing secured to the outer face of said front cover and registering with said opening, said casing projecting outwardly from said front cover and adapted to contain an ink pad from which ink can be transferred when the front cover is opened by the thumb of the user for imprinting an impression from the thumb

upon a check, and means connected with the cover for closing said opening when the front cover is closed thereby preventing the ink from the pad in said casing injuring the checks, said means capable of being swung against the face of the front cover to enable access to be had to said casing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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