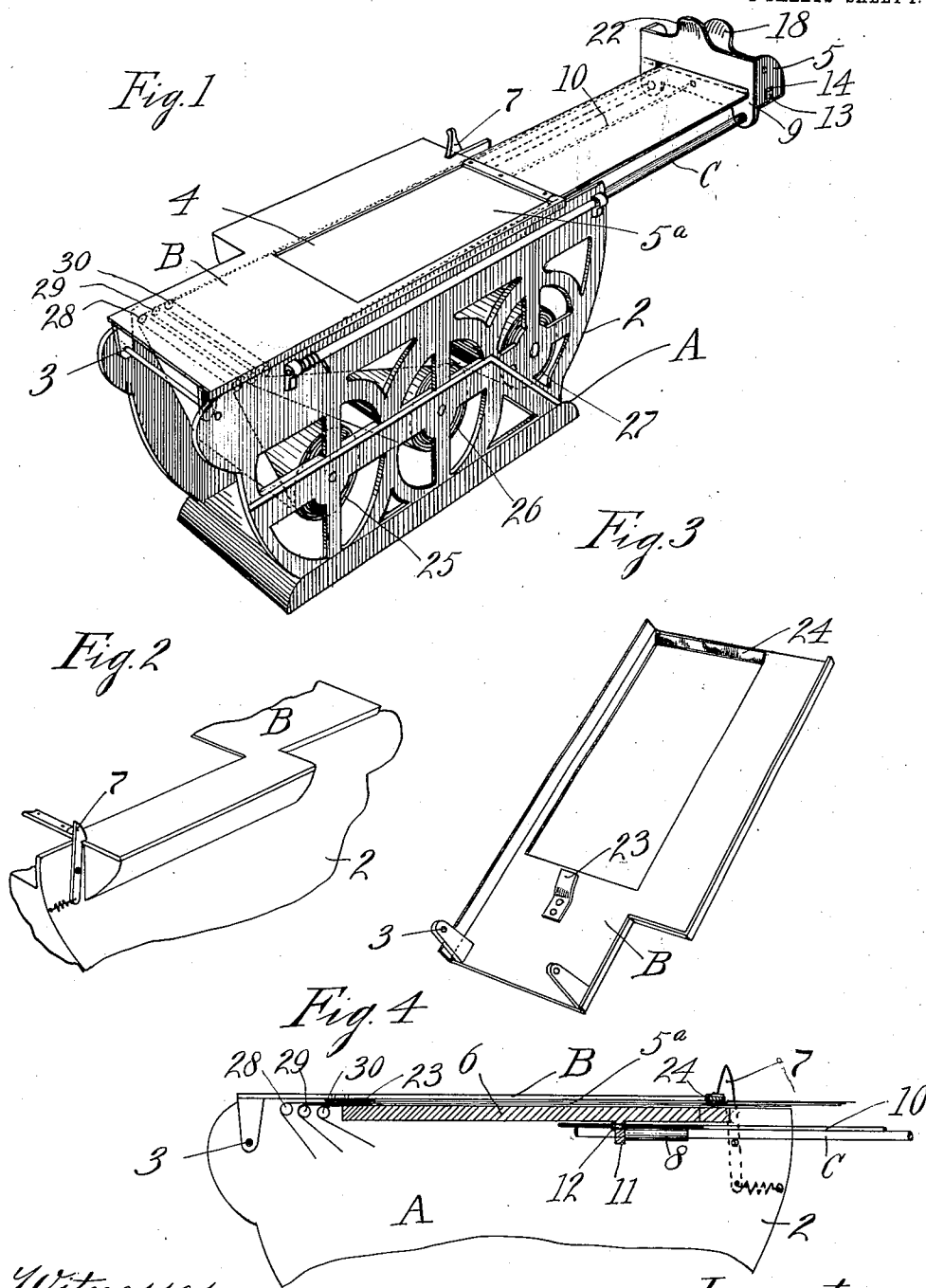


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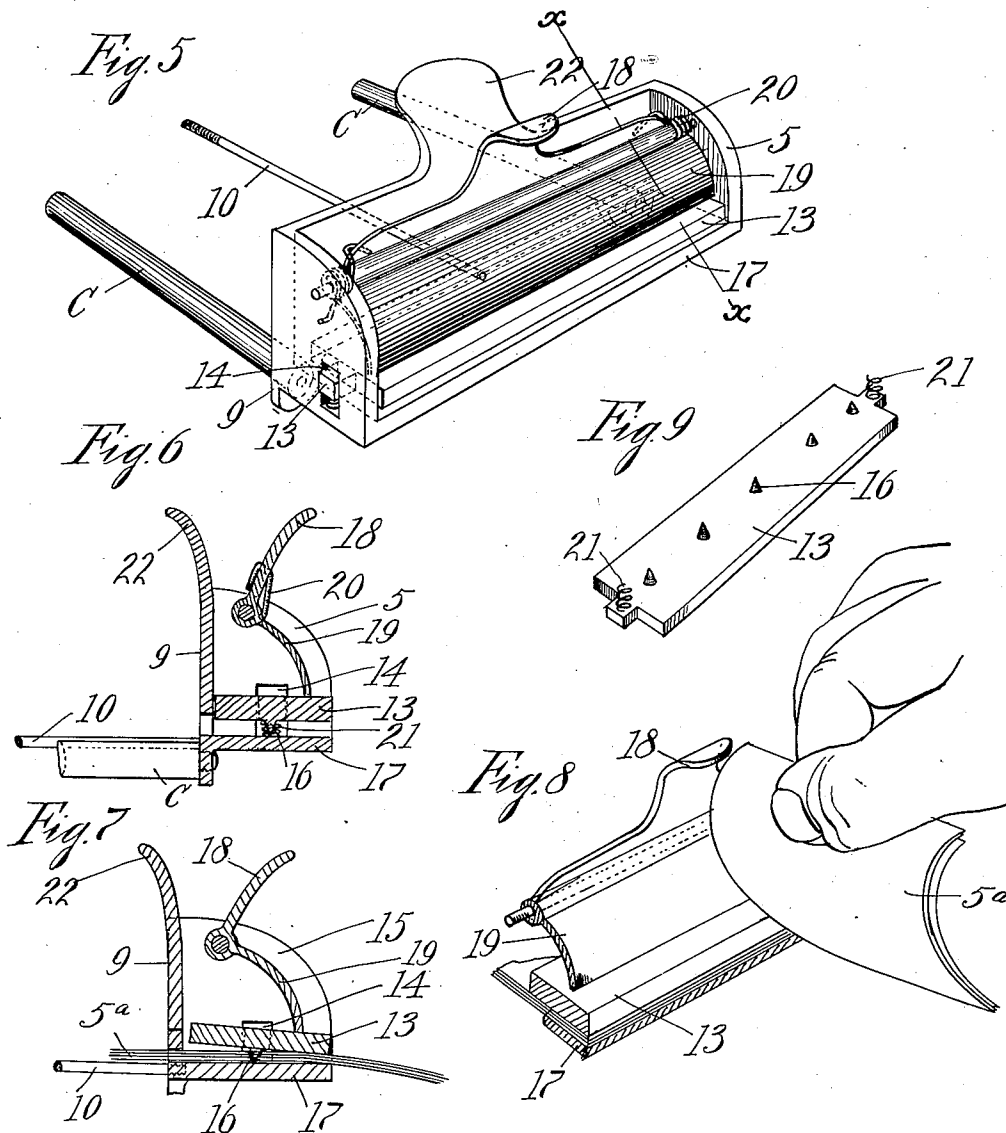
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY A. THEXTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Autographic Registers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in autographic registers wherein a series of superimposed duplicate slips are held in position to be written upon, the object of the invention being particularly to provide means for holding the slips in absolute alinement while issuing the same and further consists in the features of construction and combination hereinafter particularly described and claimed.

To this end my invention consists in the features of construction combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter particularly described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an autographic register embodying my features of invention; Fig. 2 is a similar view of a portion of the register illustrating the mechanism for holding the top plate of the register lowered; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the plate; Fig. 4 is a longitudinal vertical section of the top of the register with the paper slide removed; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the front end of the paper slide; Fig. 6 is a section on line $x-x$ of Fig. 5 in normal position; Fig. 7 is a similar section in position gripping the paper; Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the paper gripping means, and Fig. 9 is a similar view of one member of the paper gripping mechanism.

In the drawings A represents the base of the register formed with upwardly extending side walls 2.

B represents the top frame having pivotal connection 3 at one end in the side walls. The top frame is formed with an opening 4 to expose a portion of the writing paper 5^a as hereinafter pointed out. Underneath the top frame is a suitable writing table 6. The top is fastened down as by a suitable spring catch 7.

Having slidable support as by means of rods C telescoping in tubes 8 underneath the writing table is a slip delivery slide. The outward movement of the slide 9 is

limited by a rod 10 connected with the slide and slidable through a lug 11 underneath the writing table, a nut 12 being threaded upon the inner end of the rod to abut against the inner side of the lug. The slip delivery slide includes a pressure bar 13 vertically slidable at its outer ends in openings 14 in the brackets 5 supported at the outer end of the slit delivery slide. The pressure bar carries a plurality of points 16 adapted to engage with the base plate 17 connecting the bottoms of the brackets 5. The pressure plate is normally held lowered by the handle 18 which is formed with a downwardly curved extension 19 bearing against said plate. The handle is normally held in position holding the pressure plate lowered by means of a suitable spring 20. As the handle is turned to release the pressure plate said plate is raised by coil springs 21 underneath its ends. The handle 18 is opposed to a grip 22, thus forming opposed finger grips.

In order to hold the paper taut and in alinement I provide the spring tongue 23 extending downwardly and forwardly from the underside of the top plate at the rear of the opening 4 and a spring tongue 24 extends downwardly and forwardly underneath the top plate at the forward side of the opening 4.

The sheets of paper are carried in the ordinary manner by rollers 25, 26, and 27 and extend over idlers 28, 29 and 30, forwardly over the writing table, and underneath the pressure plate of the slip delivery slide.

In operation the slide will be carried to the extreme forward position drawing with it the slips. The handle then being turned away from the pressure plate, the plate will be raised by its springs 21, allowing the delivery slide to be returned without drawing back with it the ends of the slips. The ends of the slips projecting beyond the delivery slide may then be torn off in the ordinary manner. While the delivery slide is being returned to normal position the springs 23 and 24 will by their contact with the slips hold them in position and in alinement. Likewise when the slide is being drawn outwardly the points 16 will perforate the slips as shown in Fig. 7 holding them in absolute alinement.

I claim as my invention:

1. An autographic register of the class described in combination a casing, paper

rolls journaled therein, a writing table, a top covering said table and formed with an opening over the same, friction devices supported by and underneath said top at the rear and front of said opening to engage with the paper, a slide, and paper gripping means carried by the outer end of said slide.

2. An autographic register of the class described comprising in combination a casing, paper rolls journaled therein, a writing table, a top arranged above said writing table and formed with an opening over the same, paper engaging frictional spring devices supported by and underneath said top at the rear and forward sides of said opening, a slide, and paper gripping means carried by the outer end of said slide.

3. An autographic register of the class described comprising in combination, a casing, paper rolls journaled therein, a writing table, a slide, a transverse pressure bar having slidable support upon the outer end of said slide, spring means tending to hold said

pressure bar raised, downwardly extending perforating points carried by said pressure bar, a handle part turnable into and out of engagement with said pressure bar, and spring means for holding said handle turned into engagement with said pressure bar to hold the same lowered.

4. An autographic register of the class described comprising in combination a casing, paper rolls journaled therein, a writing table, a top above said table formed with a display opening exposing the same, downwardly and forwardly extending spring tongues carried by and underneath said top at the rear and forward sides of said opening and a delivery slide supported underneath said top.

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

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