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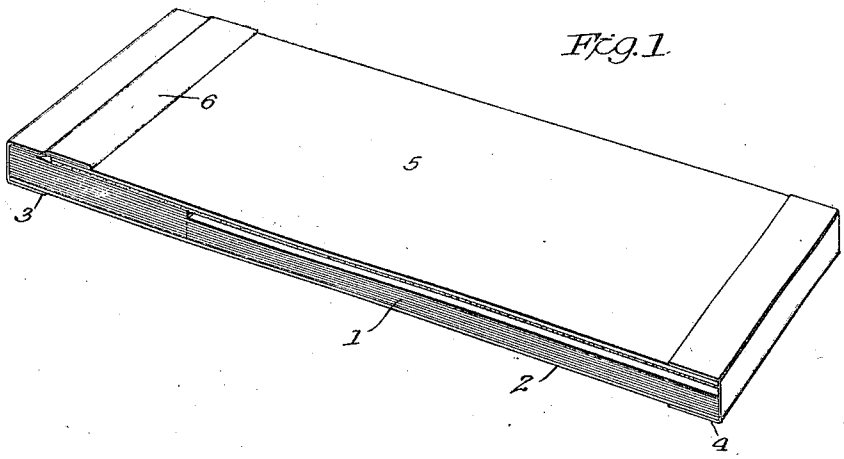


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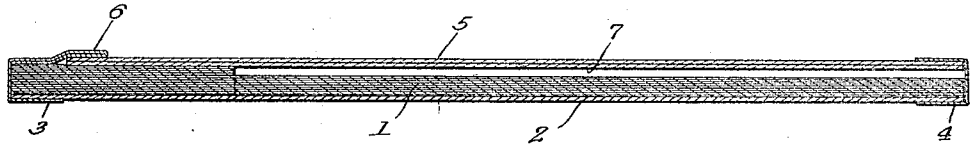
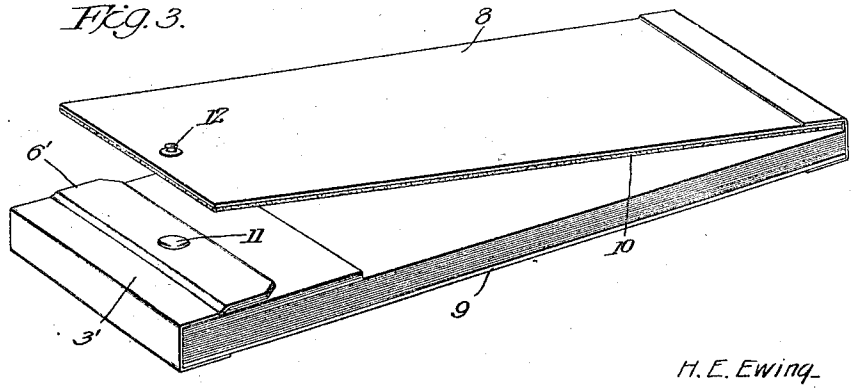


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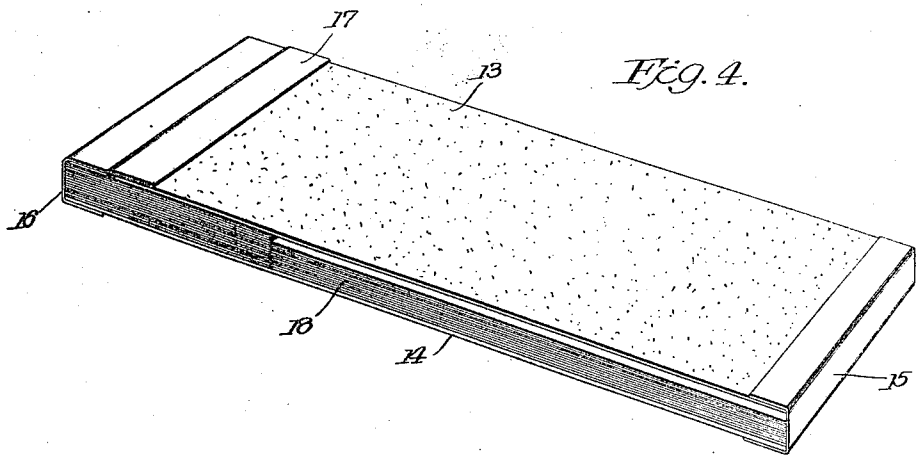


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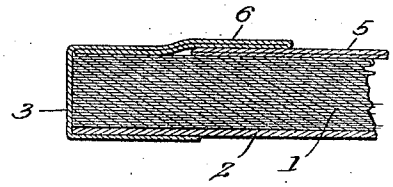
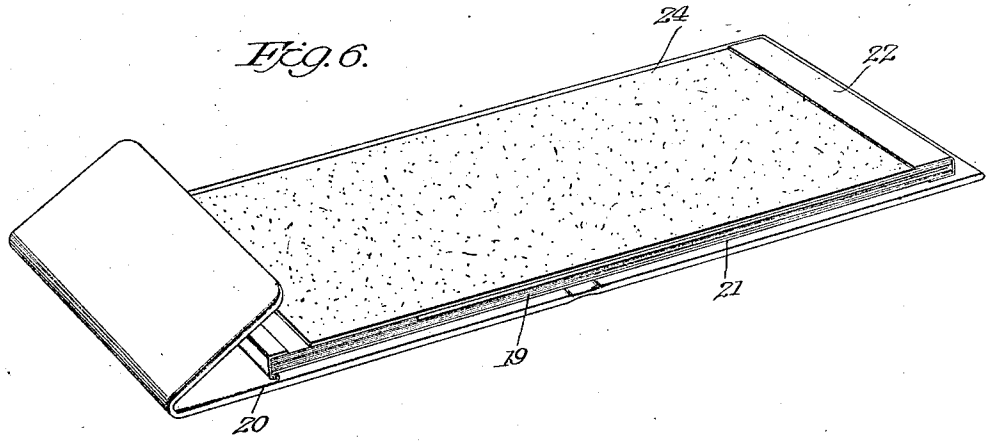


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY E. EWING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Uniontown, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Covers for Check Books, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention has reference to a cover for writing pads, and is particularly, but not necessarily restricted to use in connection with check books.

An object of the invention is to produce a cover for checks or like instruments which are detachably connected with stubs or coupons and which are arranged in pad form, which shall be adhesively connected to the pad and of a foldable nature to wholly enclose the pad, and one wherein the closure flap of the cover is reinforced by an absorbent sheet which provides a blotter for inked matter on each check or receipt and the stub or coupon therefor.

It is a further object to produce a foldable cover for pads, particularly checks, separated from stubs by lines of perforations and which are arranged in pad form, in which the said cover at the folds thereof is reinforced, and in which the closure flap of the cover is further reinforced by a sheet of absorbant material which extends the entire length of the said flap and which serves as a blotter for inked writing on each check and the stub therefor prior to the detachment of the check from its stub, while means is provided for latching the flap to the cover.

The foregoing and other objects which will present themselves as the nature of the invention is better understood, may be accomplished by a construction, combination and operative association of parts such as is disclosed by the drawings which accompany and which form part of this application.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pad, such as a check book, having a closure in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is an approximately central vertical longitudinal sectional view therethrough.

Figure 3 is a perspective view showing a slight modification.

Figure 4 is a similar view illustrating a still further modification.

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view on an enlarged scale and approximately on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a still further modification.

My improvement is designed not only to effectively protect the sheets which are arranged in pad form when the closure is arranged to enclose the same, but also to firmly support the pad when the outermost sheet is being written upon, and in addition to this the flap of the cover which provides the closure is reinforced by an absorbent sheet which extends the entire length thereof and which serves as a blotter for the inked matter upon the outermost sheet and the stub therefor when brought thereover. In addition to this the cover is preferably reinforced at the corners and other parts thereof subjected to wear so that the life of the cover will outlast that of the pad.

My improvement is particularly adaptable for use in connection with bank checks detachably connected with stubs and which are arranged in pad formation and has been so illustrated by the drawings.

Referring now to the drawings in detail and to Figures 1 and 2 in particular, the numeral 1 designates a plurality of superimposed checks detachably connected to stubs, and which are arranged in pad form. In the said showing the cover for the pad is illustrated as constructed of a separate back 2, ends 3 and 4 and a top flap or closure 5, but I desire it to be understood that all of these parts may be integrally formed and in lieu of constructing the end portions 3 and 4 of short strips which are adhesively connected to the base 2 and the top or closure flap 5, the sheet from which the cover is formed may be reinforced at the corners thereof. In the showing of the drawings, the sheets constituting the stubs of the checks comprising the pad 1 are adhesively connected to the end 3, the ends 3 and 4 overlapping the ends of the portions 2 and 5 and being adhesively secured thereto. The upper flanged portion of the end 3 is extended beyond its adhesive connection with the coupon of the upper or outermost check 1, the said extended portion being folded under itself and adhesively connected to form the same with a lip 6, and this lip is designed to receive therein the free end of the closure flap 5. The closure flap has its inner face reinforced by a sheet of porous

material, such for instance as a sheet of blotting paper which is designated by the numeral 7. Of course, other porous and absorbent material may be employed. In any event the said material is designed to reinforce the closure flap 5 and to also serve as a blotter for the inked writing upon the successively used checks and the stubs therefor. By reference to the drawings it will be seen that the absorbent sheet is of a length to cover both the face of the checks and their stubs, and as the checks are successively used and detached from their respective stubs, it is merely necessary to raise the stubs detached from the checks and insert the cover 5 therebeneath and over the outer check which, in addition to its pad, has been made out in the usual manner. Thus the ink upon both the face and stub of all of the checks constituting the pad may be successively blotted, as a matter of fact, all of the checks in the pad or book may be made out one after the other before detaching the said checks from their stubs and the writing thereon blotted in the manner as just described.

In Figure 3 the construction is substantially similar to that above described, the closure flap 8 of the cover 9 having its under face provided with a sheet of absorbent reinforcing material 10. The end 3′ has its lipped extension 6′ provided with a socket member 11 designed to engage with a compressible stud 12, when the free end of the cover flap 8 is arranged beneath the lip. In this instance the lip 6′ is in the nature of a swingable element, the lip 6, however, being preferably in the nature of a stationary element so that it is necessary to bow the closure flap 5 of the cover to arrange the end thereof beneath the said lip.

In Figures 4 and 5 the construction differs from that above described inasmuch as the closure flap 13 of the cover 14 is necessarily formed separately from the ends 15 and 16 of the said cover. The closure flap 13 is, in this instance, wholly in the nature of a comparatively thick sheet of absorbent material. The free end of the absorbent closure flap 13 is designed to be received beneath the lip 17 on the upper flange of the end 16, as clearly disclosed in Figure 5 of the drawings, it being understood that the check pad 18 is adhesively connected to the end 16, and it should here be stated that the check pad 9 is adhesively connected to the end 3′ in the construction disclosed in Figure 3 of the drawings.

In Figure 6 of the drawings I have illustrated my improvement in connection with the ordinary foldable check pad. The pad is designated by the numeral 19, and as is usual in such constructions is provided with a lip arranged in a line with its base or bottom to be received in a pocket in a flexible outer cover 20. The outer cover 20 is also of the ordinary construction, the same being centrally foldable upon itself, having one end provided with a flap on which there is a catch and its opposite end provided with a coacting catch element. In the present instance I adhesively connect to a reinforcing strip 21 for the lowermost sheet on the pad 19, the same being also adhesively connected to the referred to lip which enters the pocket in the cover 20. To the reinforcing sheet or tab of my cover, at the outer end thereof I adhesively secure an end piece 22. The end piece is, of course, of flexible material, the same overlying and being adhesively connected to the cover flap 24 of my improvement. The cover flap may be formed from a sheet of strong absorbent material and is of a length equalling that of the checks 19, so that when the outer check is inked the cover 24 may be swung thereover to blot the writing thereon.

In each instance the absorbent element arranged on and which may constitute the cover of the improvement is employed as previously set forth, that is, all of the stubs and checks may be properly blotted as the checks are successively used, and in order to blot the stub after a number of checks have been detached from their stubs, it is merely necessary to raise or swing the used stubs outwardly to permit of the insertion of the blotter therebeneath and over the writing on the stub of the last check made out.

Having described the invention, I claim:—

A bank check book of the character described comprising a pad including stubs, binder ends for the stubs, a lip formed on one binder end and being raised in a manner to provide a space therebetween and the pad, said last mentioned binder end having its upper portion including the lips reinforced by being bent upon itself with the end thereof terminating in alignment with the end of the pad, a back for the pad, a closure flap flexibly secured to the binder end opposite the raised end and having its free end terminating inwardly from the stub end to be received in the space between the lip and the pad and a sheet of blotting paper fixed to the lower surface of the closure flap for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

HARRY E. EWING.