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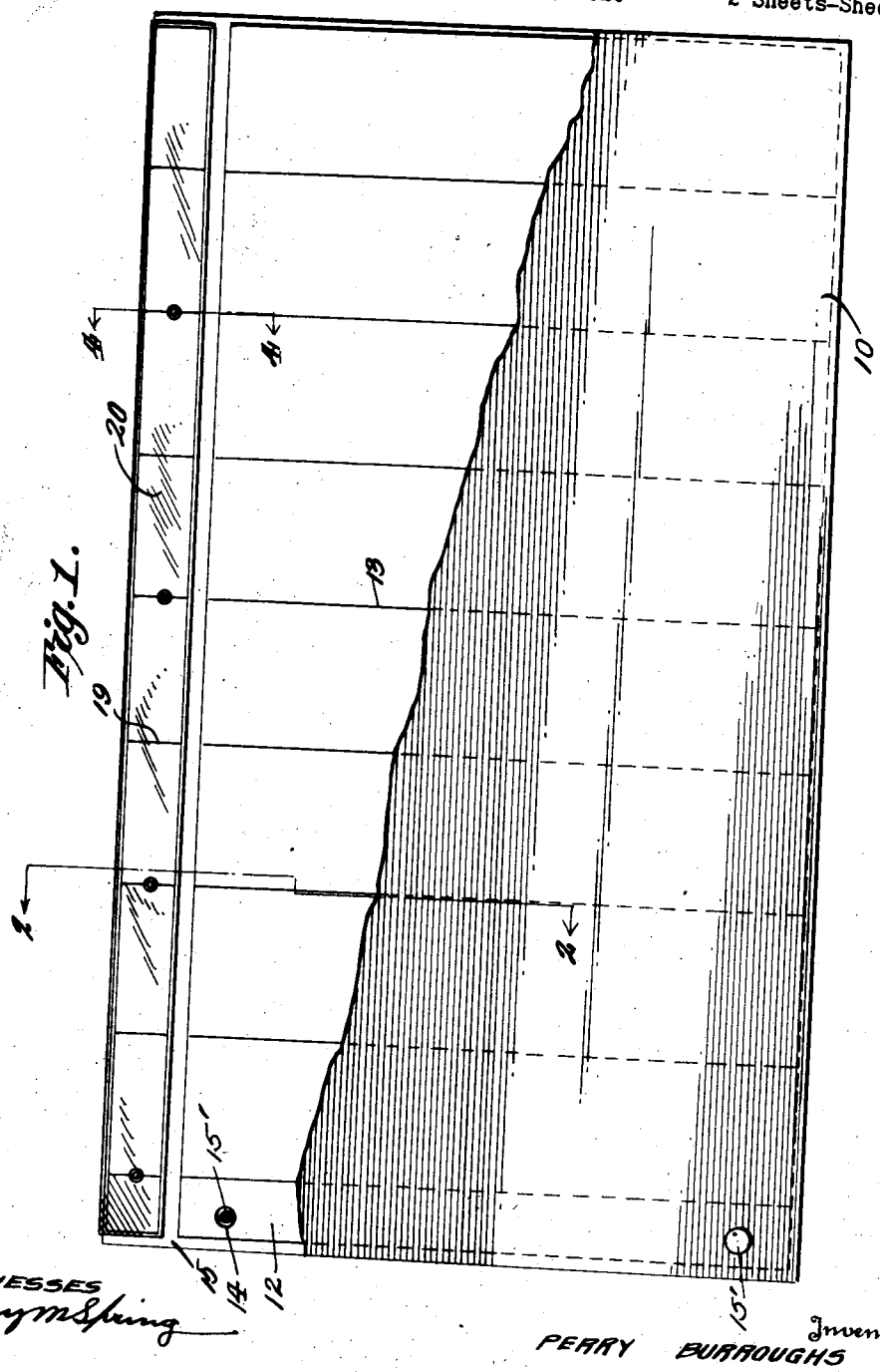


Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

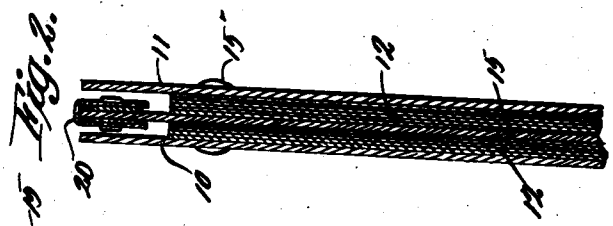


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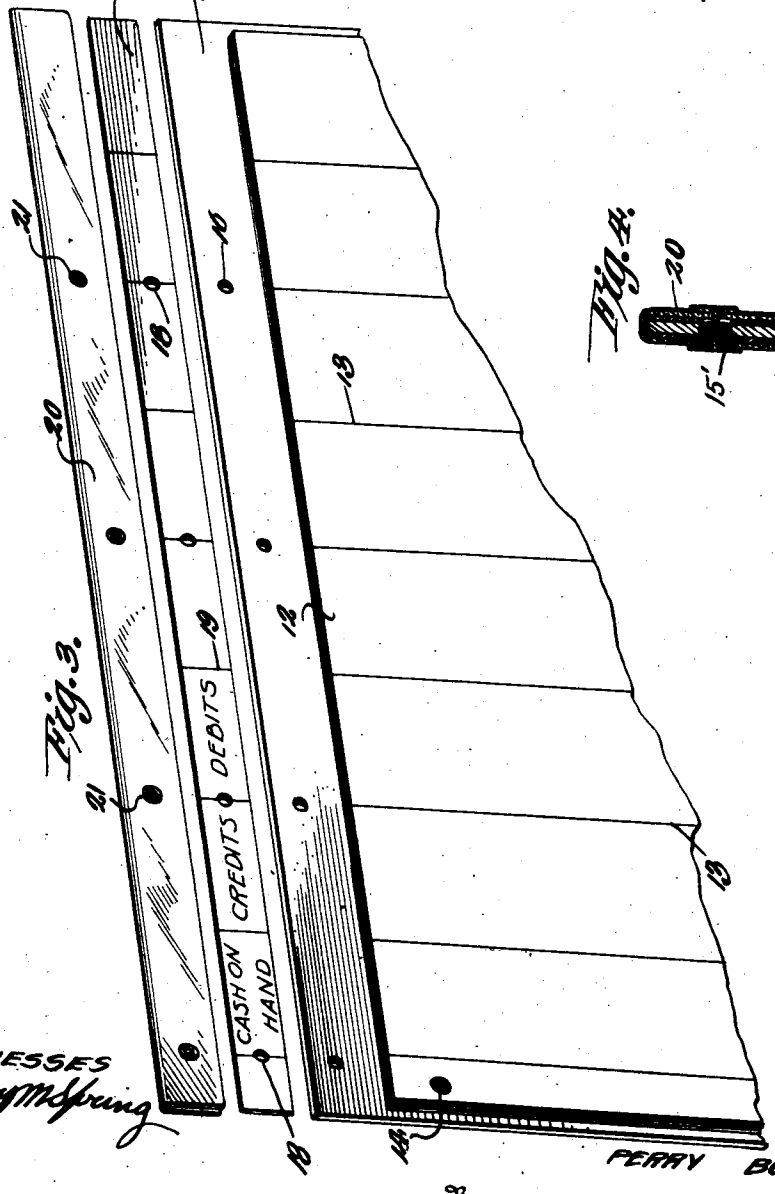


Fig. 4.

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The present invention relates to improvements in account books and has for its primary object to provide a structure which may be embodied in bound as well as loose-leaf books to provide a convenient index.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an index for books embodying removable index strips whereby the indexing of the leaves may be conveniently changed.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an index construction of the above character which is simple of construction, efficient for the purpose intended and which can be manufactured at a relatively low cost.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the description progresses.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts of the same:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a book constructed according to my invention,

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a portion of a book constructed in accordance with my invention, and

Figure 4 is an enlarged transverse sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 10 designates the front cover board of a conventional type of book arranged in opposed position to a book cover board 11. These cover boards are preferably formed of rigid material such as cardboard. Secured between the front and rear cover boards are a plurality of paper sheets 12, in the present embodiment these sheets being ruled vertically, to define columns, as indicated at 13. The cover boards and sheets are preferably formed with perforations 14 near one vertical edge to accommodate snap fasteners 15′ or other removable fastenings, thus providing a binder of substantially loose-leaf construction permitting replacement of the sheets when desirable.

As clearly shown in Figure 2, the ruled blank paper sheets 12 terminate considerably below the upper edges of the front and rear cover boards 10 and 11, for a purpose which will become apparent as the description progresses.

The essential feature of my present invention resides in the provision of a division sheet or board 15 preferably of heavier construction than the usual writing sheet and similar in marginal contour to the formation of the front and back cover boards. From this construction, it will be apparent that the upper longitudinal edge of the division sheet 15 will be parallel with the upper edges of the front and back cover boards. A series of spaced perforations 16 are formed adjacent the upper edge of the sheet 15 as indicated in Figure 3.

Formed so as to be positioned against each side of the divider sheet 15 adjacent the upper edge are index strips 17 of paper or any other suitable material and having openings 18 which register with the openings 16 in the division sheet. The index strips 17 are marked with vertical lines 19 adapted to extend in vertical alignment with the lines 13 of the ruled sheets 12. Suitable designations are marked on the index strips 17 in longitudinal position between the lines 19 so as to form designation headings above the columns of the blank sheets.

The index strips are secured in position on the division sheet by means of a longitudinal clip member 20 preferably formed of celluloid or similar transparent material and extending the entire length of the upper edge of the division sheet to overlap the index strips, the clip member 20 being U-shaped in cross-section and fitted over the upper edge of the division sheet and the index strips 17 and formed with transversely alined openings 21 adapted to register with the openings 18 formed in the index strips. The clip member 20 is preferably of resilient construction so as to normally retain the index strips 17 tightly against the faces of the division sheet, the said clip member and index strips being secured in position by suitable snap fasteners. This will permit convenient removal and replacement of the index strips 17 to vary the index headings when necessary.

While my improved index structure has been illustrated in application upon a detachable form of binder it is readily apparent that the same may be effectively employed upon permanently bound volumes as well as loose leaf binders and any number of division sheets may be employed in each volume. This structure presents a replaceable index of a durable nature designed to obviate the mutilation of the index headings by the customary use of the book. Furthermore, the index headings will be protected from muti-

lation and soiling by the provision of the clip member which entirely covers the index strips.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as the preferred example of the same and that various changes as to the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A book of the character described comprising front and back cover boards, a plurality of sheets secured at one of their side edges between the cover boards, a division sheet disposed between certain of the first-mentioned sheets, and an index strip removably secured to the upper marginal portion of said division sheet.

2. A book of the character described comprising front and back cover boards, a plurality of blank sheets retained at one of their side edges between the cover boards, a division sheet disposed and retained between certain of the blank sheets, and index strips, removably mounted on the upper marginal portion of said division sheet.

3. An account book comprising front and back cover boards, a plurality of blank sheets secured at one of their side edges between the cover boards, a division sheet disposed between certain of the blank sheets and having its upper margin projecting beyond the upper edges of the latter, and index strips removably secured to the upper projecting margin of the division sheet.

4. In an account book, in combination, a binder including a front and a back cover board, a plurality of blank sheets secured at one of their side edges between the cover boards, an index including a division sheet disposed and retained between certain of the blank sheets, index strips upon the upper edge portion of the division sheet, and a transparent clip member removably fitted over and confining the index strips and the said edge of the division sheet.

5. In an account book, in combination, a binder including a front cover board, a back cover board, a plurality of blank sheets secured between the cover boards, an index including a division sheet secured between certain of the blank sheets and having one edge projecting beyond the corresponding edges of the blank sheets, a pair of index strips disposed against opposite sides of the projecting edge of the division sheet, a clip member embracing the index strips and the said edge of the division sheet, and separable fasteners extending through the clip member, the index strips, and the division sheet and detachably connecting the clip member in position.

6. In an account book, front and back cover boards, a division sheet arranged between the same and constituting means for separating, into groups, blank record sheets arranged between the cover boards, fasteners removably fitted through the said cover boards and division sheet for connecting the same in assembled relation and constituting, also, means for removably retaining blank record sheets, an index strip disposed against one marginal portion of the division sheet, and means removably securing the index strip to said marginal portion of said division sheet.

In testimony whereof he has affixed his signature.

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