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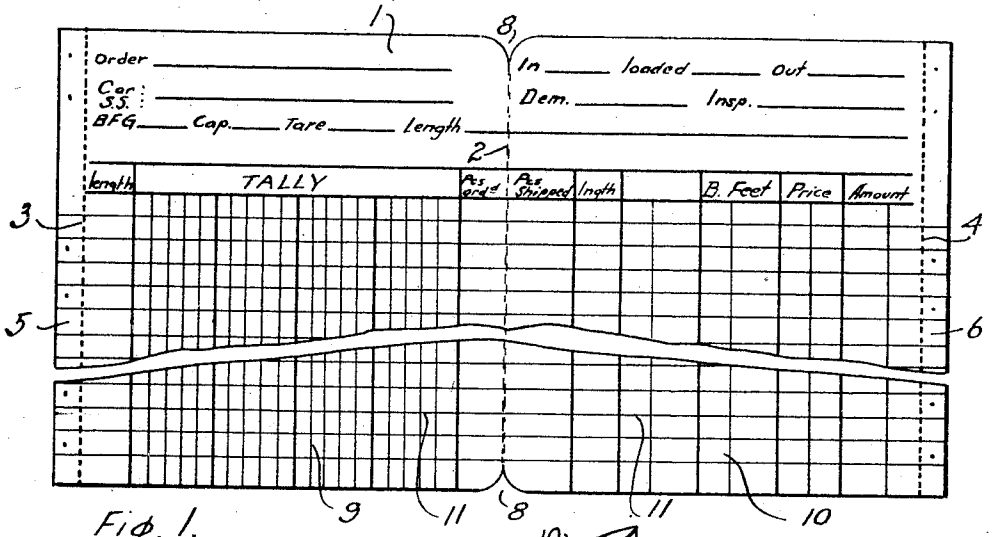


Fig. 1.

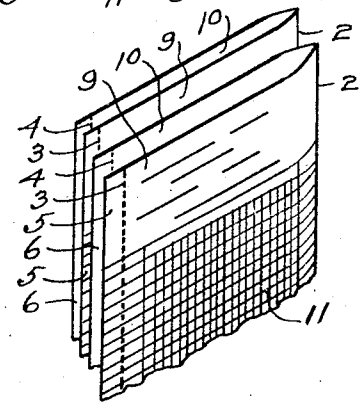


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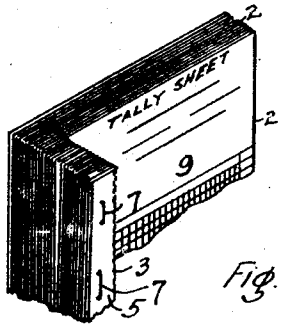


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. JOHNS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tacoma, in the county of Pierce, State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blank-Form Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to books or pads comprising a plurality of similar sheets having spaces arranged thereon to be filled out, and has special reference to such a pad or book of a lumberman's tally sheets. The objects of the invention are to provide a book of bound sheets, each sheet being folded and separately removable from the book and, while in the book, being adapted for use in the lumber yard, but, when removed from the book, being adapted for use in the lumber office; and such that, when thus removed from the book, they can be unfolded and the lumber yard records suitably summarized and transferred to the unfolded portion in order to constitute the office record; and such that, when thus unfolded, the yard record and the office record are on the same side of the sheet; and such that the said yard record and office record will always be inseparably together and may be filed thus for future reference. Other objects are to provide a simple, cheap, and efficient record device.

I attain these and other objects by the devices and arrangements illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—Fig. 1 is a plan of a sheet before it is folded or bound in a book or pad; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a number of such sheets folded and in position for binding; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a part of a pad of such sheets, partially used.

Similar numerals of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In loading or unloading a car or ship of lumber it is necessary to check off the pieces as they are handled and arrange them by lengths and sizes, and this is done on what is known as a tally sheet. The items are recorded thereon, one by one, and several sheets may be used for a single car load. When these tally sheets are turned in to the office the figures thereon are summarized and recorded in a book. In my device the tally sheets are printed on the same piece of paper and on the same side thereof with the office record sheet. The sheet is printed on one side only and is folded in the center from top to bottom. The left-hand portion of the sheet, as printed, forms the tally sheet for use in the yard, while the right-hand portion thereof is differently columned and forms the office record. The fold forms the outer edge of the sheet as bound in the pad or book and is such that the office record lies back of the tally sheet, so that the upper sheet of the pad and all the right-hand sheets thereof (or of the book) are tally sheets and are the only sheets used in the yard. The sheets are perforated near their left and right-edges, leaving two borders or stubs through which the binding means is passed to form the pad or book.

Referring to the drawings, the sheet of paper 1, is creased and folded at 2 in its center, and is perforated at 3 and 4 near its two side edges thus forming binding stubs 5 and 6 through which the binding wires 7, or other holding means, may be passed. The corners of the sheet, as folded, may be rounded off at the crease 2 as at 8. The left-hand part 9 of the sheet is the yard tally sheet and the right-hand part 10 thereof is the office record.

The sheet 1 is provided with suitable vertical rulings on the parts 9 and 10, as desired, and is ruled with horizontal lines 11 which extend entirely and continuously across the two parts 9 and 10 so that, when the sheet 1 is torn from the book, and the part 10 unfolded to lie in the same plane as the part 9, and to the right-hand thereof, the yard records on any line 11 may be summarized in number of pieces, length, and board measure and the price and the amount of the charge therefor entered on the same line on the part 10.

It is evident that when the sheet is thus unfolded it is very convenient for making the record in the office and the likelihood of error in the transfer is materially reduced. The sheet may then be refolded on the crease 2 and filed in a drawer, or other suitable container, so that the office record 10 is uppermost and yet, if desired, the original yard record on the part 9 may be consulted at any time since it is permanently attached to the part 10.

Since both edges 5 and 6 of the sheet 1 are bound, in forming the pad or book, it is evident that the bound sheets will always lie flat independent of the number thereof

which have been removed from the book, and this greatly facilitates its use in making records in the yard.

Although, in this application, I have confined myself to the description of my invention as applied to the lumber shipping business, it is to be understood that I do so merely as illustrative of one use thereof to which I have applied the invention, and I do not wish to be understood as limiting the invention to any particular line of business nor to any particular form of ruling on the sheets.

Having, therefore, described my invention what I claim is:—

A blank form book comprising a pad of doubled sheets bound together at one edge to form a narrow book wherein each doubled sheet forms two pages with the creased line forming the outer edges of both pages, each page being perforated adjacent its bound inner edge, the upper one such page only being adapted to be used while bound in the book, said page being provided with horizontal lines and with spaces for the record of items taken one by one in promiscuous order, the second page of each such sheet being unusable while in the book but being adapted to be unfolded, only after both pages have been removed from the book, to form a continuous loose-leaf page with the first page, and having horizontal lines continuous with the horizontal lines of the first page and suitable spaces for the summarizing of the items on the first page, line by line, and for the extension of such summarized items.

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