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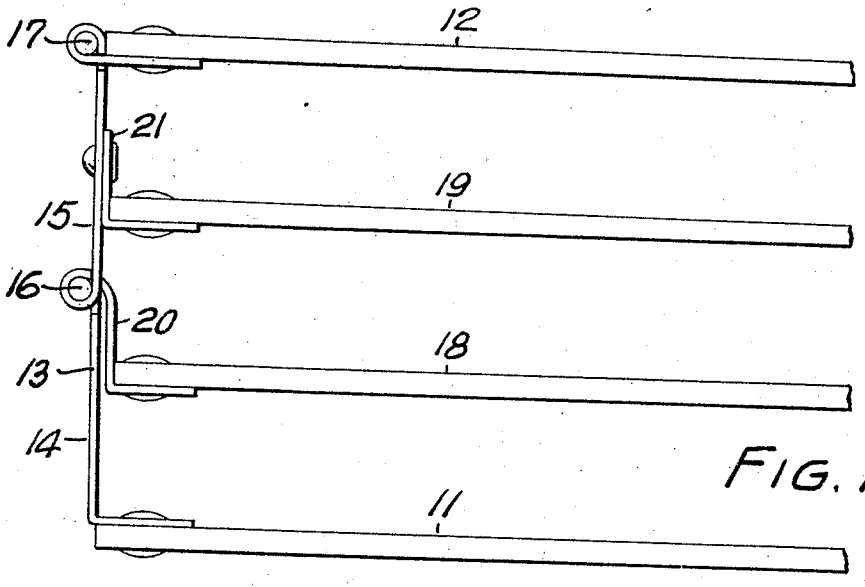


FIG. 1

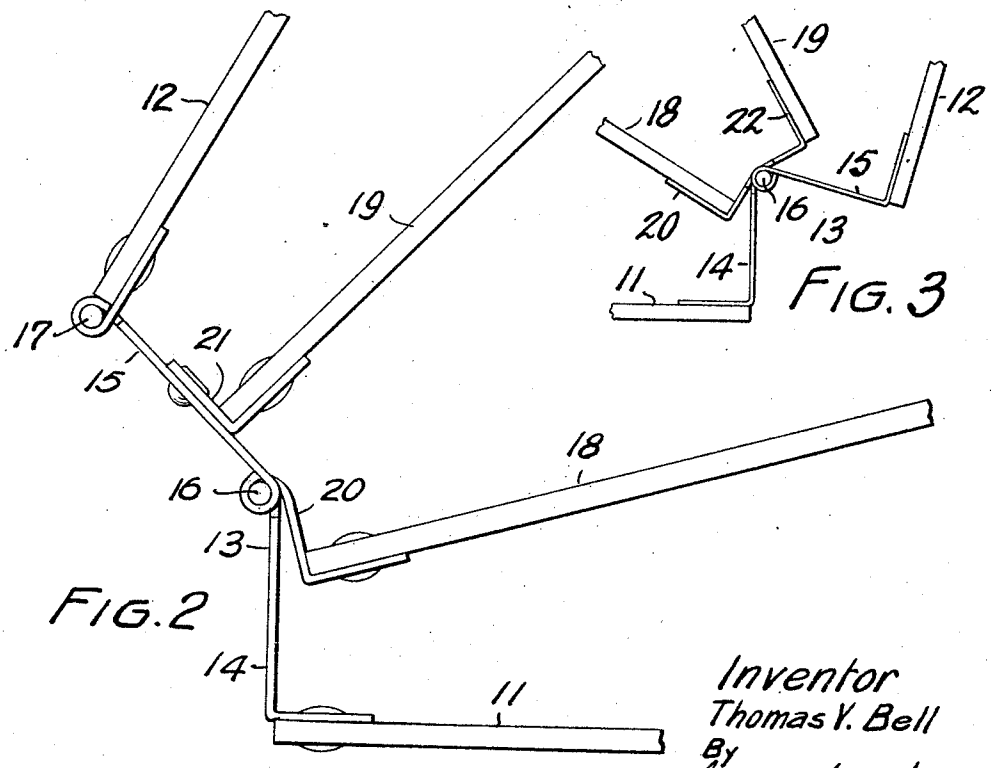


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS V. BELL, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and resident of the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Counter Check Books and the like, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in holders for counter check books and the like, and the object is to provide a simple, inexpensive and durable holder for a plurality of books.

A further object is to provide a holder providing a stiff backing for each book contained therein.

Still another object is to provide a holder which will give easy access to the entire area of each book therein.

Another object is to provide a holder in which the books are independently supported.

The invention resides briefly in providing a holder having a back cover carrying a jointed back to which is hingedly attached a front cover. Divisions are connected to the back in such a manner that they are hingedly related to one another and to the back and front covers, so that any or all may be moved as desired.

In the drawings which illustrate the invention;—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of one form of the holder in closed position.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the holder partly open.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of another form of the holder.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 11 designates a back cover and 12 a front cover connected together by a back 13 comprising hingedly related sections 14 and 15 connected by a pin 16. The back section 14 is rigidly connected to the back cover 11 and the front cover is hingedly connected to the back section 15 by a pin 17. Divisions 18 and 19 are provided between the front and back covers and are connected to the back by brackets 20 and 21 respectively, which are rigidly secured to the divisions. In order to secure adjustable relation between the divisions 18 and 19, they are preferably connected respectively to the sections 14 and 15 of the back and, in order to secure adjustable relation between the lower division 18 and the back cover 11, the division is hingedly related to the back section 14. This may be conveniently accomplished by hingedly supporting the bracket 20 on the same pin 16 which connects the back sections. As the two divisions are disposed on opposite sides of the hinge point of the back, it is not necessary to establish any hinging relation between the upper division 19 and the back section 15, so that the bracket 21 may be rigidly attached to the back section 15.

Counter check books or the like may be mounted by any suitable means (not shown) on the back cover 11 and on the lower and upper divisions 18 and 19 respectively. Upon raising the front cover 12, the back on the upper division 19 is exposed. If the back on the lower division 18 is desired, the upper division 19 is raised and the back folds upon its hinge, as indicated in Figure 2, to expose the desired book, the book on the upper division being in the meantime protected by the front cover 12. If the book on the back cover 11 is desired, the lower division 18 is raised and swings about the hinge pin 16. The thickness of the backs on the lower and upper divisions raise the upper divisions and cover so that the three elements 18, 19 and 12 with the backs between them swing upwardly as a unit about the pin 16.

While the invention has been shown and described only as providing for three books, it will be understood that the number may be increased by providing additional sections in the back between the sections 14 and 15 and additional divisions connected to these sections in either of the manners illustrated as may be found desirable. The holder providing for three books only has been chosen for illustration, as it is the one most generally used in large stores where the system of accounting requires separate books for cash sales and charged sales and a third separate book for exchanges or other transactions apart from cash and charged sales.

The difference between the forms shown in Figures 1 and 3 is that the cover 12 is rigidly instead of hingedly connected to the back section 15, so that when throwing back the cover the back section is also moved. In order to prevent cover movement from being transmitted to the division 19, this division is hingedly related to the

back section 15, conveniently by extending its supporting bracket 22 into the back hinged in the same manner as the bracket 20, the same pin 16 serving to connect all the members together.

The holder is very simple and durable in its construction and is no more complicated to operate than the ordinary holder, each of the divisions serving as a cover for the book below and being operable by a single movement to expose the book. The device is extremely convenient by reason of providing a single holder for a plurality of books, so that the same do not become separated. While the invention has hitherto been described only as relating to counter check books, it will be understood that the invention is not thus limited as it may be used equally well to hold a plurality of catalogues, price lists, date sheets or combinations of these or other material. Each of the elements 11, 18 and 19 may be provided with pockets, clips or the like according to custom to hold summary sheets, indices or the like.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is;—

1. A book holder comprising a back formed of a pair of plates and a pin hingedly connecting the inner edges of the plates, covers attached to the outer edges of the plates and an intermediate book support hinged to said pin.

2. A book holder, as recited in claim 1, including a second book support secured to the back to occupy a position between the first support and one of said covers.

3. A book holder comprising a back formed of a pair of plates, and a pin hingedly connecting the inner edges of the plates, a cover rigidly secured to the outer edge of one plate, a second cover hingedly secured to the outer edge of the other plate and an intermediate book support hinged to said pin and occupying a position between said covers.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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