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COUNTER CHECK BOOK.

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Fig. 1.

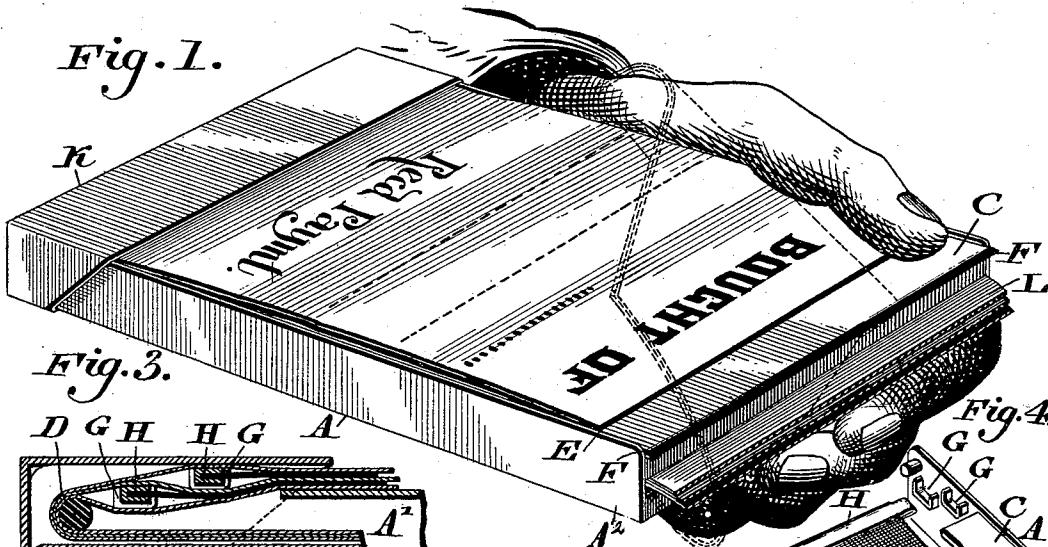


Fig. 3.

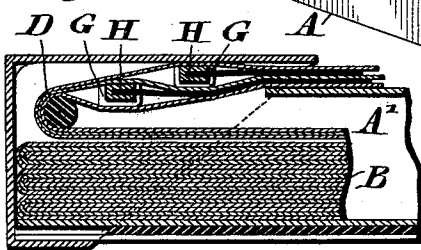


Fig. 4.

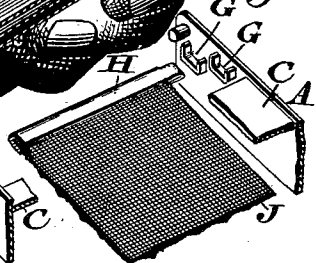


Fig. 2.

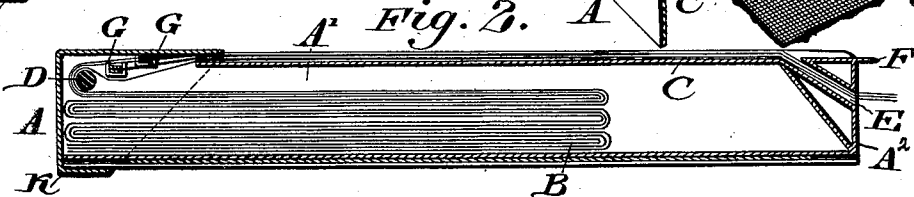


Fig. 5.

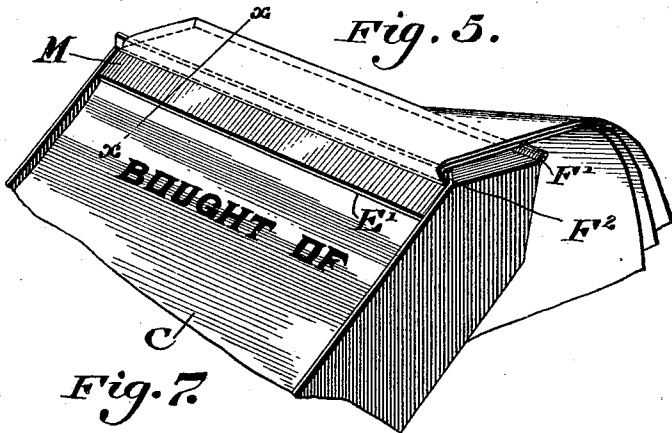


Fig. 6.

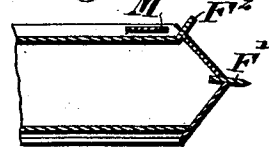


Fig. 7.



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## COUNTER CHECK-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RODERICK BEGG, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Autographic Registers, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a sales book formed of a cover, case or holder having a chamber or receptacle for the checks, a bed plate on which checks to be marked may be rested, a throat over which the checks are guided, and a guide whereby the checks may be cut off.

It also consists of novel means for holding the carbon sheets for single or manifold copying.

It also consists of the location of the blade in such manner that after checks have been cut off, portions of the adjacent checks project from their discharge throats or guides, so as to be readily grasped for detaching said checks.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an autographic register embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 represents a view of a portion of Fig. 2 on an enlarged scale. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of a portion of a carbon sheet, a holding-strip therefor, and a portion of the case to which said strip is attached. Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of a portion of a modification of the device. Fig. 6 represents a section on line *xx*, Fig. 5. Fig. 7 represents a form of a serrated plate that may be used.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings: A designates a case which receives the checks or memoranda B, in strips, and has a bed plate C, on which said checks are supported while data is being marked thereon. The said casing has a flat base on which the memoranda strips B are supported. Secured to the sides of the casing, at what may be termed the lower end thereof, is a rod D, forming a guide for directing the checks from the chamber A' in the casing they occupy, to the bed plate. In the head A<sup>2</sup> of the casing, is a throat E, which

extends obliquely from the bed plate through the casing, and terminates in the end wall of the casing. Projecting from said head is a blade or cutter F, which is located intermediate of the termini of the throat E, as most plainly shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In the sides of the casing, adjacent to the rod D, are sockets G, in which are fitted the holders or holding strips H of the carbon sheets J, it being noticed that in the present case I employ two such sheets for use with three sets of checks, so as to make duplicate copies of the original data or memoranda written on the upper or outer check, it being also evident that I may use but two checks, and a single carbon sheet between the same, but to the number I do not limit myself. A cap K is fitted over the lower end of the casing, thus retaining the checks, carbon holders and carbons in place, it being noticed that said end is open excepting when covered by said cap, so that when the latter is removed, access is had to the end of the casing for replenishing or removal of the checks and carbons, and adjustment of the same. After the checks are drawn from their chamber and passed around the guides D, they are placed on the bed C, and then directed through the throat E. After the matter, or data, is marked on the outer check, and thus duplicated on the other checks, the checks are drawn out through said throat the length of a check, and bent back toward the blade F, and then drawn across the edge of the latter, whereby the check and its duplicates are cut-off, leaving pieces L of the next checks projecting from the throat at the head of the casing, so that the same may be grasped when said next checks are to be withdrawn. During this operation the carbons remain stationary, owing to the retaining action of the socket in which the strips are seated.

In Figs. 5 and 6, the throat E' is formed by the cross bar M, over the bed plate C, and the blade F' is below the terminal end of said throat, so that when the checks are withdrawn they are bent forward over the flange F<sup>2</sup> of the case, and so presented to said blade F', whereby they may be cut-off by the latter when pressed against the same from end to end. The blade may be straight or serrated, as shown in the different figures.

Owing to the flange F<sup>2</sup>, Figs. 5 and 6, when the check or paper is bent over the same, it will be firmly held, so that it cannot shift or be farther drawn from the throat while in the act of being cut, the same being true of the outer end of the throat E, over which the check or paper is bent preparatory to contact with the blade F.

In lieu of the carbon sheets J, I may employ other material for duplicating or manifolding purposes, such as ink-paper, ink-cloth, &c.

It is evident my invention may be used not only in stores for recording sales, but for all general business purposes. For railroad and transportation companies it will provide a convenient mode of keeping records of cash received, mileage used, and other data. It is also evident that the sockets G may be multiplied for the employment of numerous carbons, in which case they will be arranged obliquely to each other, so as to occupy less space in the case, as is evident by the arrangement of the two sets of sockets in Figs. 2, 3 and 4.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An autographic register consisting of a casing, a guide rod secured to said casing near one end thereof, sockets on the inner face of the sides of said casing, detachable carbon holders in said sockets, a bed plate with a throat leading from said casing, a cap at one end of said casing covering said guide rod and sockets, and a blade on the outer side of said casing, said parts being combined substantially as described.

2. An autographic register having a casing, with a flat base a guide rod secured in the sides of said casing, sockets on the inner face of the sides of said casing, carbon sheet holders in said sockets, a bed plate, and a detachable cap at one end of said casing covering said guide rod and sockets, said parts being combined substantially as described.

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