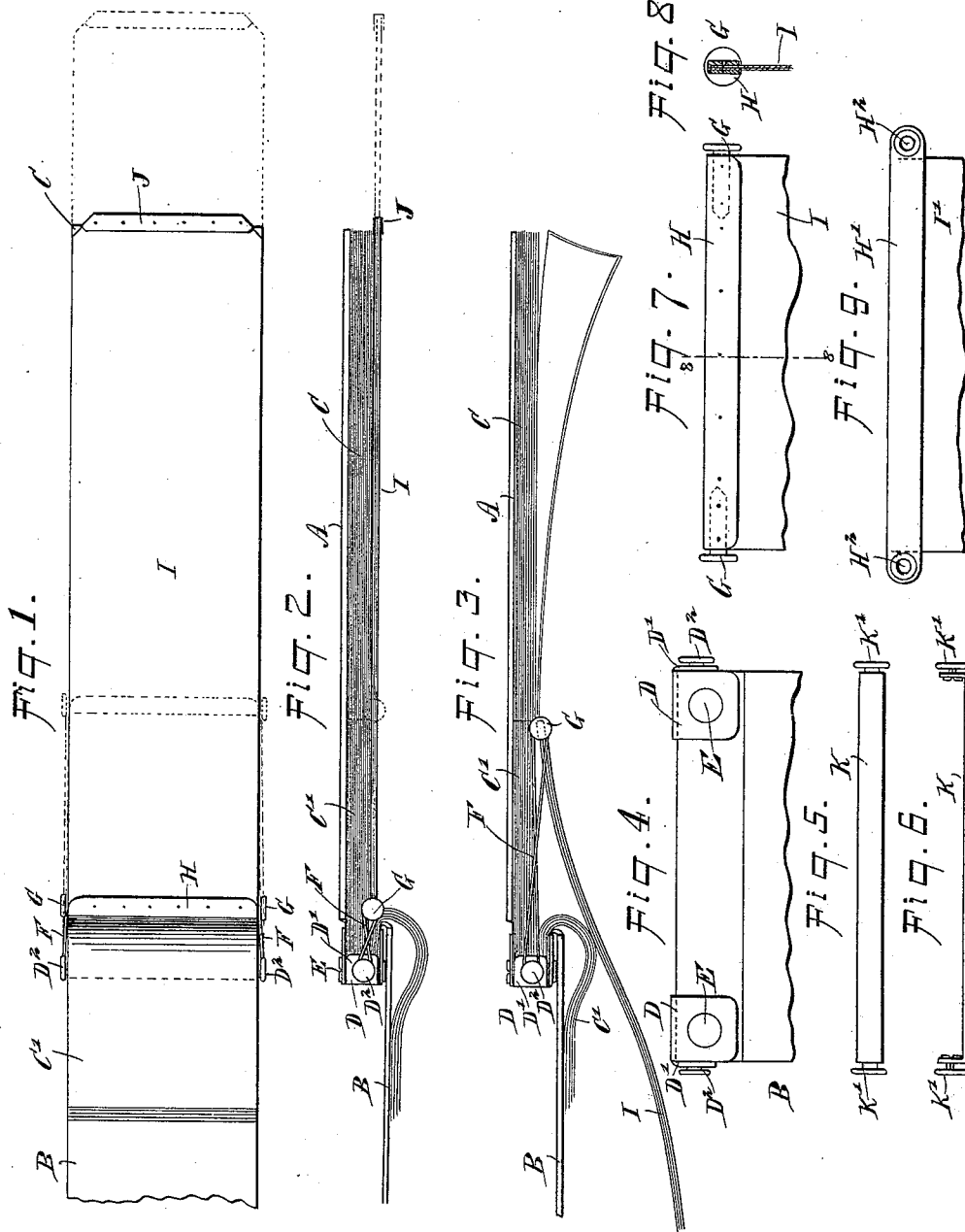


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FARRAND CLARK PRINDLE and CLARENCE EUGENE YOST, of Hornellsville, in the county of Steuben and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Book Attachment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to books having stub-leaves; and the object of the invention is to provide a new and improved attachment for check-books and the like and by which the leaf can be readily blotted and torn out and removed without the employment of the usual separate blotters and cutters.

The invention consists principally of a blotter having a stiff binding at one end to form a cutter and an elastic laterally-arranged connection between the said binding and the back of the book to permit of drawing the cutter to the inner edge of the leaf to be torn out.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter, and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is also to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a face view of the improvement with the book in an open position. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the same with the cutter in position for tearing the leaf. Fig. 4 is an enlarged face view of the back of the book. Fig. 5 is a plan view of a modified form of fastener for the elastic connection. Fig. 6 is an end elevation of the same. Fig. 7 is an enlarged plan view of the inner binding for the blotter. Fig. 8 is a sectional side elevation of the same on the line 8 8 of Fig. 7, and Fig. 9 is a plan view of a modified form of the binding for the blotter.

The book on which the attachment is applied is provided with the usual back A, the cover B, and the leaf C, having stubs C' held in place between the back and cover by a suitable fastening device D, preferably made in the form of U-shaped clips, each having

its top and bottom flanges connected with each other by suitable fasteners E, passing through the stubs, as indicated in the drawings.

Each clip is provided with a flange D', extending onto the side edge of the book, and on each flange D' is formed a button D², adapted to be engaged by one end of an elastic band F, extending forwardly along the edge of the book to connect with a similar button G, held on the ends of a transversely-extending binding H, preferably made of sheet metal and secured to the inner end of a blotter I. The clip is composed of a metal strip whose outer edge serves as a cutter for use in severing or tearing the leaves C. Blotter I is of any approved construction and of a length somewhat in excess of the length of the leaves C and stubs C', so as to blot the same simultaneously, the outer end of the blotter being preferably formed with a metallic binding J, extending beyond the outer ends of the leaves C to permit of conveniently opening the book at the proper place. Now it will be seen that by the arrangement described the elastic bands F permit of conveniently swinging the blotter I when the book is open or closed, and the said elastic bands also permit of moving the metallic binding H to the inner edge of the leaf C when it is desired to tear out this leaf after the check and stub are filled out. (See Fig. 3.)

When the book is open and the blotter I is swung to the left, then the check and stub can be readily filled out in the usual manner, after which the blotter is swung to the right, so as to blot both check and stub. When this has been done, then the operator swings the blotter I back into a left-hand position and takes hold by thumb and forefinger of the button G to then push the blotter I forward to the right with the metallic binding H sliding over the stub to the separating-line between the leaf and the stub.

The operator by taking hold of the leaf C can readily tear the same from the stub along the edge of the metallic binding H, which thus forms a cutter for tearing out a leaf. When the check has been removed, then the operator permits the blotter I to be drawn back to a normal left-hand position by the

elastic bands F, and then the operator pulls the entire leaf I to the right to again extend the elastic bands F, to permit the last stub to pass from under the blotter to the left-hand side thereof, so that the blotter is again in position over the next following leaf and its stub.

Instead of using clips D for holding the outer ends of the elastic bands F we may use U-shaped strips K, bound in the book by the back thereof, the said strips being each provided at its outer ends with buttons K' for attaching the elastic bands F. Instead of using buttons G on the binding H we may form the outer projecting ends of the metallic bindings H' with eyelets H², adapted to be engaged by the elastic bands. (See Fig. 9.)

It is evident that other suitable means may be readily employed for fastening the ends of the metallic bands in place on the back of the book and of the blotter without deviating from our invention.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A book attachment, comprising a blotter having a stiff binding at one end to form a cutter, and an elastic connection between the

said binding and the back of the book, the same being arranged on the sides of said book to permit of swinging the blotter and of drawing the same to the inner edge of the leaf to be torn out, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination with a check-book or other book having blank writing-spaces, a blotter having a metallic binding at its inner and outer ends, the outer edge of the inner binding forming a cutter, and having an elastic connection with the back of the book and the outer binding projecting beyond the leaves of the book, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination with a check-book or other book having blank spaces for writing, of a blotter, a rigid device attached to the back of the book and projecting laterally therefrom, as shown, and elastic connections between the projecting ends of said device and the blotter, as specified.

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