F. W. BAKER.

CHECK HOLDER.

APPLICATION FILED JAN. 31, 1914.

1,131,591. Patented Mar. 9, 1915.

Fig. 1.

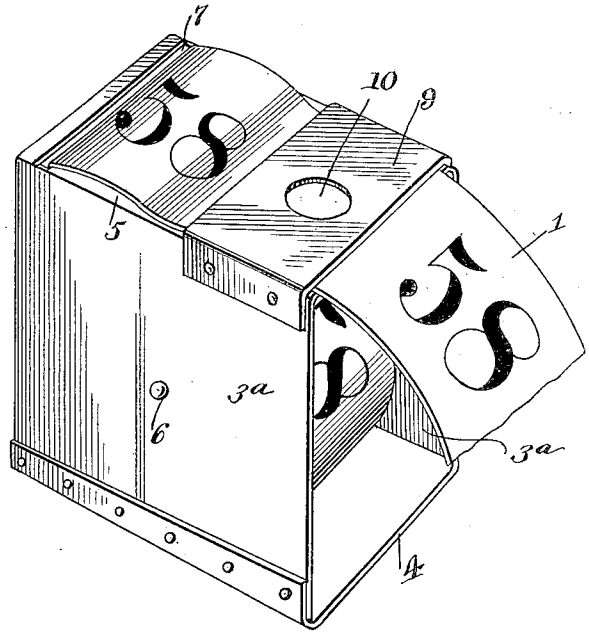


Fig. 2.

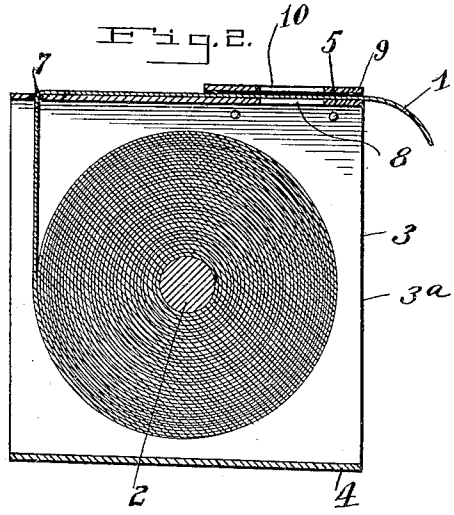
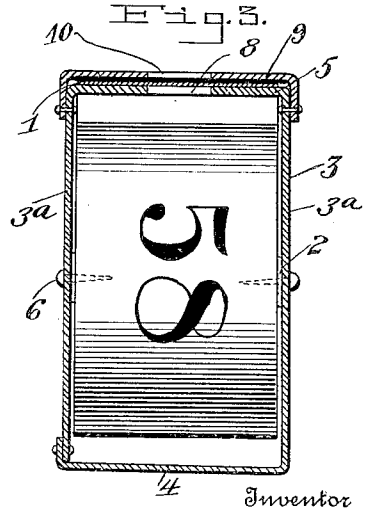


Fig. 3.



Witnesses

H. B. Byrd.

J. W. Garner

Inventor

Frederick W. Baker

By Victor J. Evans

Attorney

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., PHOTO-LITHO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

FREDERICK W. BAKER, OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS.

CHECK-HOLDER.

1,131,591. Specification of Letters Patent. Patented Mar. 9, 1915.

Application filed January 31, 1914. Serial No. 815,734.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK W. BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Crawford and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Check-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved paper check for use by miners, especially coal miners, and a holder for the paper check strip to enable the paper checks to be torn off from the strip as needed, the invention consisting in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide paper checks for use by coal miners instead of the metal checks heretofore employed to avoid inconvenience and trouble in adjusting accounts caused by the loss of the metal checks which represent the amount of coal mined by the individual miners, another object being to provide an improved holder for use in connection with the checks to enable the latter to be torn off as needed.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a strip of miner's paper checks and a holder therefor constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the same.

In accordance with my invention I provide a paper check strip 1 for use by each miner, the check strip being of suitable length and width and being provided throughout its length at suitable distances apart with numbers corresponding with the number assigned to the miner using the checks and one of which numbered checks is to be attached by the miner to each carload of coal mined by him and used in adjusting his pay account. This check strip has one end attached to a reel 2 and the check strip is nearly entirely wound upon the reel. The holder 3 for the reel is here shown as a rectangular structure made of a single piece of sheet metal and comprising sides 3^a, a bottom 4 and a top 5. The reel has its bearings in the sides as at 6. The top or holder is provided near one end with a transverse slit 7 and is provided near the opposite end with an opening 8. Over the said end of the top is a guide or clip 9 which has an opening 10 that registers with the opening 8. The free end of the check strip is passed from the reel up through the slit 7 and under the clip or guide 9. In use, the holder is grasped by the left hand and one finger is placed on the check strip above the holder. When the right hand has drawn out the required distance of the strip to a point between two of the check numbers on the strip and the check thus drawn out is cut off from the strip by turning the same either upwardly or downwardly and drawing it against either of the straight edges formed by the end of the top of the holder and one side of the clip. The portion thus torn off is then attached by the miner to the car containing the coal mined by him and despatched to the cages. By pressing the strip on the top of the holder, by pressure of the finger, the check strip may be tensioned while being cut off or torn off and being prevented from becoming unreeled to too great an extent.

The openings 8 and 10 expose portions of the surfaces of the check strip and enable the check strip to be grasped between the thumb and forefinger to facilitate the cutting off of a check.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

A check strip holder having sides, a bottom and a top, the latter being provided with a transverse slit at one end, a clip or guide over the other end, and a reel mounted for revolution between the sides of the holder, the strip on said reel being adapted to be passed through the said slit, over the top of the holder and under the clip, the top of the holder and the said clip presenting straight edges on which the check strip may be passed, the top of the holder and the said clip being provided with openings, to expose and enable the strip to be grasped.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

FREDERICK W. BAKER.

Witnesses:
ALLEN R. MATHEWS,
B. F. HALE.

Copies of this patent may be obtained for five cents each, by addressing the "Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C."