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Fig. 1.

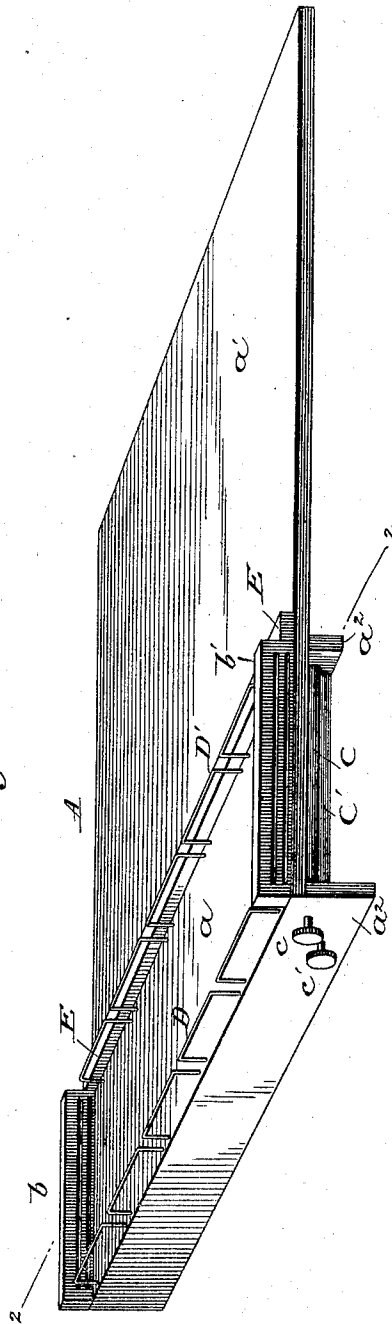
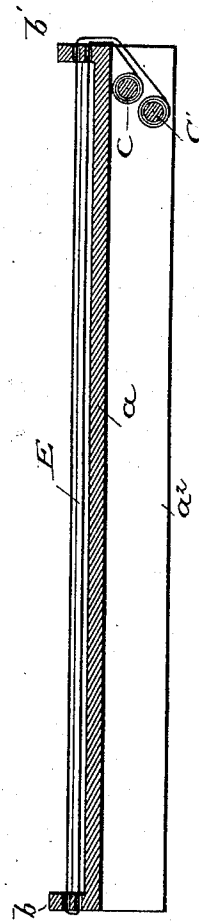


Fig. 2.

on line 2-2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CALLUM H. BROWN, of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Manifolding Devices for Baggage-Checks, of which the following is a specification.

In railroading it is customary in checking baggage to issue the checks in triplicate, one of which is retained by the issuing office, one being attached to the baggage, and the third delivered to the owner of the baggage. In practice trouble and annoyance have been caused by reason of disputes arising as to the entries on the checks differing, and it is the aim of my invention to provide a simple and portable device which may be conveniently employed by the person issuing the checks to produce them at once in triplicate, and in this way insure the entries on one check corresponding in every particular with those on the other checks.

The invention consists in a support which is provided with a series of independent guides for the checks, located side by side and an overlying carbon sheet or sheets beneath and above which the checks may be placed, those below being thus in position to receive an impression of the entries made on an overlying check.

The invention also consists in the details of construction and the combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section on the line 2—2.

In the drawings,—A, represents a support which is in the form of a board *a*, on which the checks are placed. At its edge this board is extended as shown at *a'* to form a rest to receive the hand when writing. The board *a*, is provided at its side edges with upwardly extending flanges *b*, *b'*, each of which has formed therein two horizontal slots for the passage of a band of ribbon of carbon or similar transferring paper. This ribbon is wound at its ends on horizontal rollers *C*, *C'* which are journaled between ledges *a*², projecting downwardly from the under side of the board *a*. From the upper roller *C*, the ribbon extends through the lower slots in the two flanges, and is returned through the upper slots and con-

nected to the lower roller. The rollers are provided on their ends as shown with turning wheels *c*, *c'*, by means of which the ribbon may be moved, as occasion may demand, to bring its fresh impression surface into position. This ribbon extends between two rows of guides *D*, *D'*, which are in the form of staples projecting upward from the front and rear edge of the board *a*, as plainly shown. These staples are of a width sufficient to admit of the insertion of the checks, so that the latter are held in position thereby, and are prevented from being pushed too far to the rear by a bead *E*, which extends adjacent to the row of staples *D'*, in rear of the same.

In practice a series of checks is inserted rearwardly through the front row of staples upon the board *a*, and their ends entered in the staples of the rear row against the bead *E*. Another row of checks is inserted in a similar manner between the two portions of the carbon ribbon and still another upon the upper portion of the ribbon. The checks are then issued by writing upon the upper series, which operation, owing to the interposed carbon ribbon will transfer the entry to the underlying checks so that the entries are produced at once in triplicate. The upper check is delivered to the owner of the baggage; the next is attached to the baggage, and the third is retained by the issuing clerk to be filed.

It will be noted that my device is of extreme simplicity and may be carried from place to place, and conveniently used to issue the checks.

While I have shown the device as being provided with but five staples or guides for the checks, it is to be understood, of course, that the number may be increased or diminished, and that various other changes which may suggest themselves to the skilled mechanic may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention, provided it will operate and may be used substantially in the manner above described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a device of the type described the combination of a support, a series of independent guides thereon located side by side and adapted each to receive and hold the checks, a transfer sheet overlying the support and extending

transversely of the guides; whereby a series of checks may be inserted in the guides side by side above and below the sheet as and for the purpose set forth.

5 2. In a device of the type described, the combination of a support, guides thereon for the checks, a transfer ribbon extending from one side of the support to the other and returned again, and rollers journaled in the support
10 and attached to the end of the ribbon.

3. In a device of the type described, the combination of the board *a*, guides for the checks at the front and rear of the same, the slotted flanges at the sides of the board, the rollers,
15 and the ribbon having its ends fastened to the rollers and extending through the slots in the flanges.

4. In a device of the type described, the combination of the board, a hand rest projecting

from the same, two rows of staples at the front 20 and rear of the board adapted to receive the checks, the ledges extending from the under side of the board, the rollers mounted between said ledges, the slotted flanges extending up from the sides of the board, and the transfer 25 ribbon having its ends attached to the rollers and extending through the slots in the flanges.

5. The combination of the board *a*, the two rows of staples *D*, *D'*, the hand rest and the rib extending transversely in rear of the sta- 30 ples *D'*.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand, this 13th day of December, 1892, in the presence of two attesting witnesses.

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