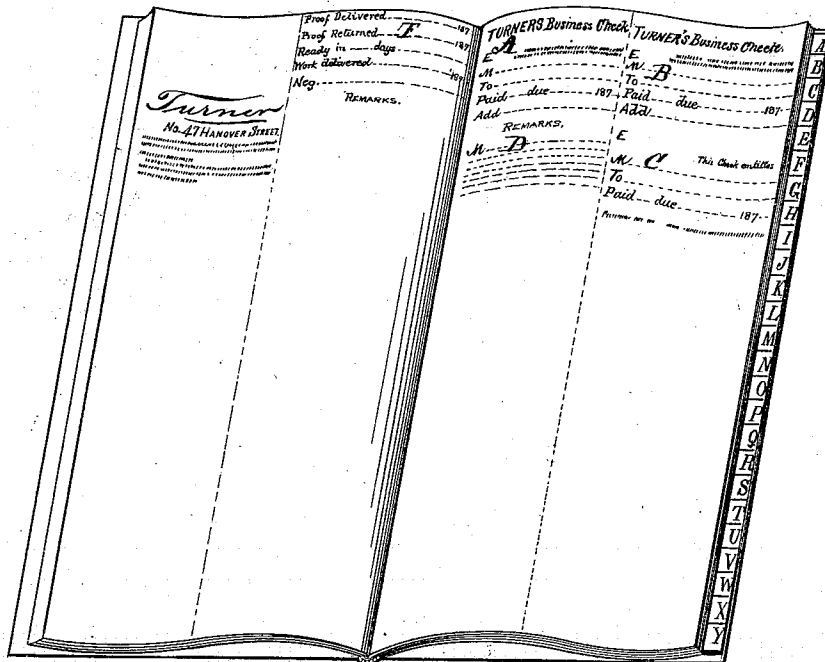


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS CHECK-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. TURNER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a Business Check-Book, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to produce a business check-book, arranged in such a manner as to be adapted to business of various kinds, so as to dispense with the necessity of keeping a set of books, and by means of which a considerable saving of time is effected, and the work of keeping a complete history of business transactions, together with a cash account, can be readily conducted by persons inexperienced in the art of book-keeping.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangement of four blank checks, one of which is to be filled out and retained in the book, and two are to be filled out and removed. Of the latter, one is to be retained at the place of business, and constitutes the order and directions for the workman. The other check is to be given to the customer, and is to contain the date on which the work is to be completed, and constitutes the money-receipt, and also the order for the work when done, or goods to be delivered, to be good on presentation.

Below the main check is a blank, on which is entered any action made or contemplated, and is especially useful in the event of a customer's losing his check.

On the back of the blank for the permanent record is also a blank for noting the completion of the whole business transaction.

At the end of the book is an index for registering the names and numbers, by means of which a ready reference may be made to any transaction recorded in the book.

The accompanying drawing represents a check-book, showing the arrangement and combination of checks embodying my invention. As here shown, the book is more particularly adapted for use in a photographic establishment; but it may be equally applicable to other business.

A in the drawing represents the permanent

blank or check, to be filled out with the name, date, and such order as may be required. B and C are duplicate blanks to be filled in a manner corresponding with check A. These two checks, C and B, are to be taken by the customer to the operating-room. The operator then tears them apart and retains the check B, the customer retaining the check C. The operator then places the check B on the camera, as a guide to the particular style of work to be done. The check B is then taken, after the picture is secured, to the "dark room," where the number is marked on the negative, so as to insure its identity.

When the negative is varnished the check is pasted on the back of the same. As the number corresponds with that of the check in the book, the negative can at any time be at once referred to when wanted. The check C, which the customer holds, is a receipt for his order, and is to be given up when the work is delivered.

Below the permanent check A is a blank, D, to be filled out when necessary, and serves as a fourth check, and becomes a necessity in the event of the loss by the customer of his original check, and completes the system of checks covering the entire transaction.

On the back of check A and D is a blank for a summary of actions supplemented by any final action not provided for in the other checks.

By means of the above-described system of checks the accounts may be kept by any person of merely ordinary capacity, who can enter all the details of each transaction, including the cash debited and credited, so that the proprietor can at a glance obtain a complete history of any transaction entered, the amount of money paid, and that due.

My improved system does away with the necessity of keeping more than one book in any specialty business. It also avoids the necessity of a tedious explanation of proceeding, both to the customer and the operator.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A check-book, the printed leaves of which contain three similar checks, and a blank for

a fourth check, one of which, having on its reverse side printed blanks for the insertion of entries connected with the deliveries of merchandise ordered in the checks, and which check and entries are to be retained as stubs, all substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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