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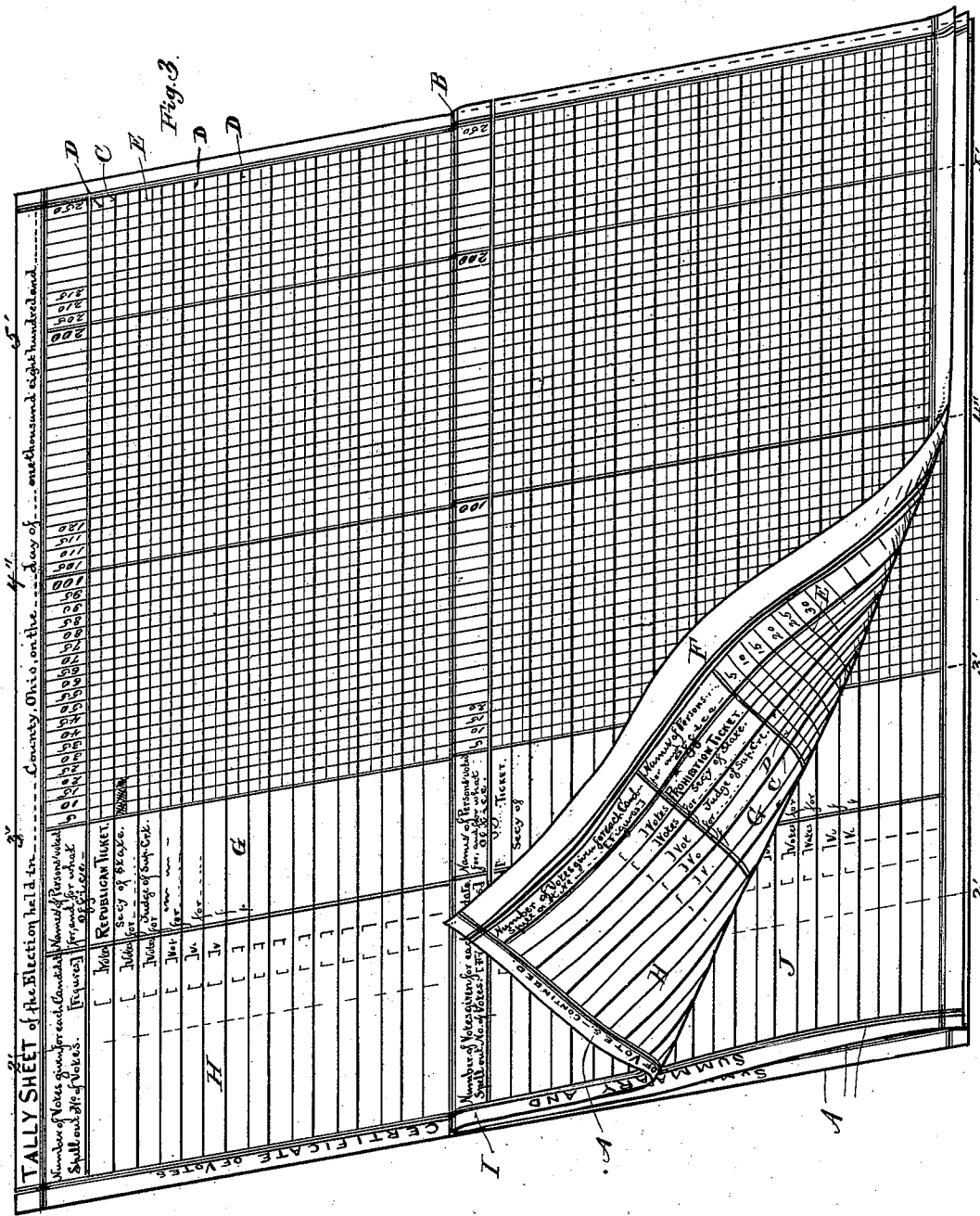
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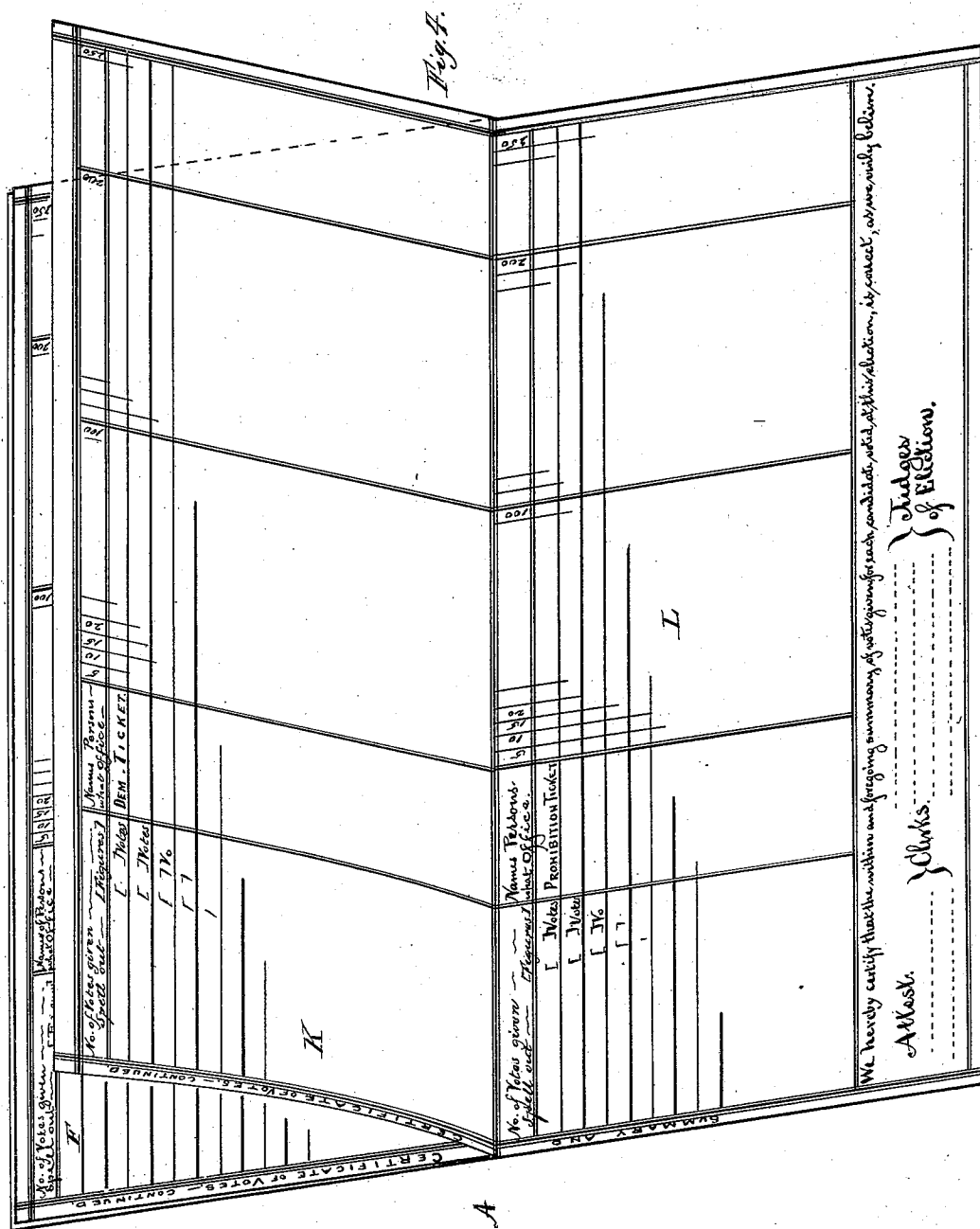
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK W. BARRETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Clark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tally-Sheets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in tally-sheets.

My invention consists of a tally-sheet ruled with squares for tallying, and with an adjacent column for candidates, columns for the number of votes cast and for offices, and a certificate in which to certify to the summary of votes cast for each candidate and the number of votes on such sheet, its position being either on the first page or a succeeding page of the sheet, or on the reverse side thereof, the said columns being continued from one page of the sheet to the succeeding page or pages, should the exigencies of the election require this, in which case the certificate is so placed as to certify to the contents of the said continued portions of the columns, as well as to the main or first part of the columns, as will be hereinafter more fully pointed out.

My invention further consists of a tally-sheet ruled into squares or spaces for tallying the votes cast, with a column immediately to the left of such spaces conjointly for the candidates and offices, and with a second column to the left of the first-named column for the number of votes cast, such spaces and such columns so arranged, preferably, as to extend to and over on the next page, and of a certificate in which to certify to the contents of said columns, the sheets preferably being arranged and folded as in my application, filed April 1, 1889, Serial No. 305,542, for tally-sheets.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like reference-letters indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 represents a tally-sheet according to the first part of my invention, looking upon the first page thereof; Fig. 2, a view looking upon so much of the back or second page thereof as is necessary to an understanding of it; Fig. 3, a perspective view of a tally-

sheet composed of a number of sheets secured together and having the conjoint column according to the second part of my invention, and Fig. 4 a similar view of the tally-sheet opened at the page bearing the certificate-blank.

Referring to Fig. 1, 2 represents a sheet of paper called a "tally-sheet," and ruled with a number of horizontal and vertical lines composing numerous squares in which to place the tally-marks, as is well known. Immediately to the left of these tally-squares is a column marked 3 and headed "Name of Person Voted for." This column may be exclusively used for the candidates of one party or of several parties, as indicated in the drawings, according to the number of candidates in the field. Immediately to the left of this column is a column marked 4, and above this and columns 3 and 5 is the heading "At this Election the Votes Cast were as follows." Column 4 is headed "Spell out the Number of Votes. (Figures.)" This column is used to write in the number of votes received by each candidate. It is preferred to write these numbers in words and figures, and for this purpose column 4 is divided off to form a sub-column 4'. In some cases, however, the numbers may be indicated by figures alone or by words alone. To the left of column 4 is a column designated 5 and headed "For what Office." In this column are the names of the offices for the candidates in the field. The horizontal lines which in part compose squares are extended across the columns above described, so as to form lines upon which to place or write the matter which is to go into said columns. The portion of the sheet occupied by said columns is headed "Summary and Certificate of Votes Given for each Candidate."

At 6 is represented a certificate by which the judges and clerks of the election certify to the matter contained in columns 3, 4, and 5. In some cases one side of the sheet, which is designated a "page," may not be sufficient to receive all of the data necessary to record. In such cases the columns 3, 4, and 5 are continued over onto the next side of the sheet, being the next page, and are headed "Summary and Certificate—Continued." These are indicated in Fig. 2, together with so many

of the tally-blanks as will show their position with respect to such columns. In this case, however, it is preferred to place the certificate at a convenient place with respect to said columns on the second page. This is seen at 7, Fig. 2, the continued columns being marked 8, 9, and 10, respectively. Thus the columns proper and the continued columns are certified to as regards their contents by the one certificate 7. In some cases it might be desirable to place the certificate on the second page or back of the tally-sheet, as in Fig. 2, even though the columns are not continued to and upon that page. The most usual use for the continued columns is to record the matter incident to the election and known as "scattering candidates."

Thus it will be seen that the names of the candidates as written or printed for use in connection with the process of tallying are afterward used without rewriting or additional labor and the consequent risks of errors in and at the time of certifying to the results of the election by the judges thereof when they fill in the certificate aforesaid. Thus, also, it will be seen that the entire record of the votes is recorded and kept on a single sheet in compact form and free from the liability of one part becoming separated from the other. Thus, also, it will be seen that I continue the names of the candidates, the list of the offices, and the number of votes cast from the first part of the first page down as far as the transactions of the election may require and then certify to such matter by one certificate for all of it, be it more or less extensive and be such matter continued from one page or not.

Referring to the second part of my invention, the letter A designates a number of sheets stitched together or otherwise secured together on a transverse and middle or central line B, after the manner of a book, so that the leaves composed of these sheets may be folded over to and from the person having the book before him, as shown in the drawings. The whole of the area presented by the opened-out book, as seen in Fig. 3, for instance, (the upturned corner of one sheet not being considered,) I designate a "page" for the purposes of this specification. This page may be upon one sheet of paper or upon two sheets, according to where the book is opened and how the sheets are arranged when they are stitched together. The reverse side of such a page is opposite the side of the sheet or sheets upon which such a page occurs. In Fig. 3 the page so presented to view is ruled with heavy horizontal lines C and light horizontal lines D intermediate of the heavy lines. Such sheet is also ruled with vertical lines E. These sets of lines form squares called "tally-squares," in which the tally-marks are made to indicate the number of votes cast, as suggested in several of such spaces in Fig. 3. From the upturned corner shown in Fig. 3 it will be seen that these cross-lines are contin-

ued over on the following page, (marked F,) and appear on the reverse side of the sheet containing the page exposed. This I term the "continuation" of the tally-spaces on the opposite page. Immediately to the left of the tally-spaces is a column marked G, which extends down such first page and is headed "Names of Persons Voted for and for what Office," the horizontal lines C extending across said column, as also across the remaining left-hand portion of the said page. The column G, so divided by the said horizontal lines, contains the names of the offices and the names of the candidates, and is used conjointly for the candidates and offices. This column, like the squares, occupies the first page and extends over and continues down upon the next page F. To the right of column G is a column marked H and headed "Number of Votes Given for Each Candidate. Spell out the Number of Votes. (Figures.)" This column is to receive in words and figures the number or total of votes indicated by the tally-marks. This column occupies the first page, as does the column G, and this column also extends down to and over on the next page, (designated F.) If the number of candidates and number of offices be large, as sometimes occurs, particularly in presidential years, the first page will not accommodate all of the candidates, and hence the tally-squares and columns are extended over onto and down the next page F. The headings of the columns may or may not be repeated near the stitch-line, as shown in Fig. 3 at I. Thus it will be understood that a page is provided with tally-squares with a conjoint column for candidates and offices, and with a number-column, and thus such matter is continued on the reverse side of the succeeding page. Thus a tally-sheet is provided in which all of the spaces or blanks required to receive all the data required to be recorded concerning the votes cast is in convenient, compact, and practical form, and in proper juxtaposition to facilitate the work and prevent the occurrence of errors. The conjoint use of the first column to the left of the tally-squares for the candidates and offices brings the names of the persons voted for and the names of the offices close to the blanks for tallying, at the same time making it unnecessary to have the sheet of paper so long as would otherwise be necessary. The number of sheets which will be bound together will be determined by the number of parties and the number of candidates in the field. In Fig. 4, page F, is shown folded from the person, and the succeeding sheet partly folded over, so as to expose the page K thereof. The page J, which is a continuation of page F in Fig. 3, is behind K in Fig. 4, it being presumed that the Democratic ticket occupies the pages J and K. In Fig. 4 the page L is what might be considered the lower part of page K when it is folded down, and the whole exposed to view is appropriated by the Prohibition ticket. The same ruling

and the same arrangement of squares and columns are carried out on all of these pages. On page L, which is the last page of the group, the certificate for the number of votes for each candidate is printed. This certificate certifies to the correctness of the number of votes for each candidate, as indicated in the column headed, "Number of Votes Given for Each Candidate," as seen in Fig. 3. It is preferred to place the certificate on the last of the several pages. It will be seen that on the margin of the number-column H these words are printed, "Summary and Certificate of Votes," these appearing on the first page. It will also be noticed that this phrase ends on sheet F, being the second page, with the word "Continued." It will further be noticed from Fig. 4 that the said phrase on the succeeding sheets is also terminated with the word "Continued." This means that the number of the votes written in the column H and the names of the candidates and offices in the column G are continued from page to page down to the page bearing the certificate, being page L in Fig. 4. Thus the names of the candidates as written in connection with the tallying are used in connection with the certificate with out rewriting such names in connection with the certificate. The second part of my invention will therefore be understood to contain two general features—namely, the conjoint use of a column for "candidates" and "offices" and a continuation of the number of the votes and of the names and offices from one page to another, so that all the pages collectively bearing such matter are certified to by one certificate. The several sheets are creased on the dotted line 2' and on the lines running vertically from 3' to 3', 4'' to 4'', and from 5' to 5', Fig. 3, so as to be folded in a small compass and be filed away.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tally-sheet ruled with squares and with an adjacent column for candidates, as at 3, a column adjacent to it for the number of votes cast, as at 4, and another column adjacent to the second named for officers, as at 5, and with a certificate in which to certify to the contents of said columns, as at 6.

2. A tally-sheet ruled with squares for tally-

ing, with a column adjacent thereto for candidates, as at 3, another column adjacent to the first named for the number of votes cast, as at 4, and a third column adjacent to the second named for offices, as at 5, the squares for tallying being continued on the succeeding page and said columns being also continued, as at 8, 9, and 10, and a certificate on said succeeding page in which to certify to the contents of the matter on both sides of the sheet, as at 7.

3. A tally-sheet ruled with squares for tallying and with columns for candidates, as 3, the number of votes cast, as 4, and the offices, as 5, and a certificate, as 6, on said sheet in which to certify to the contents of said columns.

4. As an improved article of manufacture, tally-sheets formed of pages ruled with squares for tallying and ruled with a column conjointly for candidates and officers, as G, and an adjacent column for the number of votes cast, as K, one of said pages having a certificate-blank in which to certify to the matter recorded in said columns.

5. As an improved article of manufacture, tally-sheets formed of pages ruled with squares for tallying and ruled with a column conjointly for candidates and officers, as G, and an adjacent column for the number of votes cast, as H, the squares and the columns for one party being extended from one page into more or less of the succeeding page, as page F, and a certificate on one of said pages in which to certify to the contents of such columns.

6. A tally-sheet ruled with squares for tallying, with a column adjacent thereto for candidates, as at 3, another column adjacent to the first named for the number of votes cast, as at 4, and a third column adjacent to the second named for officers, as at 5, said squares for tallying and said columns being continued, as at 8, 9, and 10, on a succeeding page, and a certificate in which to certify to the contents of the matter on both pages, as at 6 and 7.

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

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