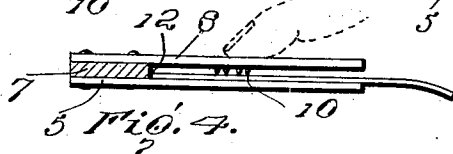
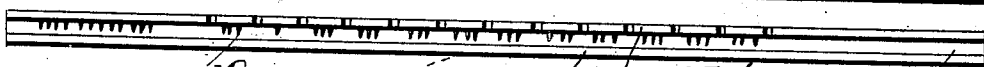
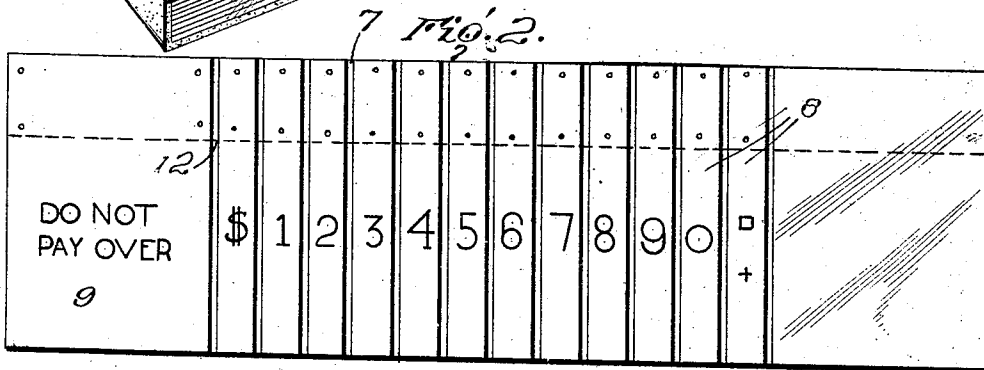
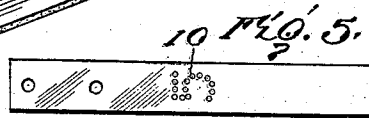
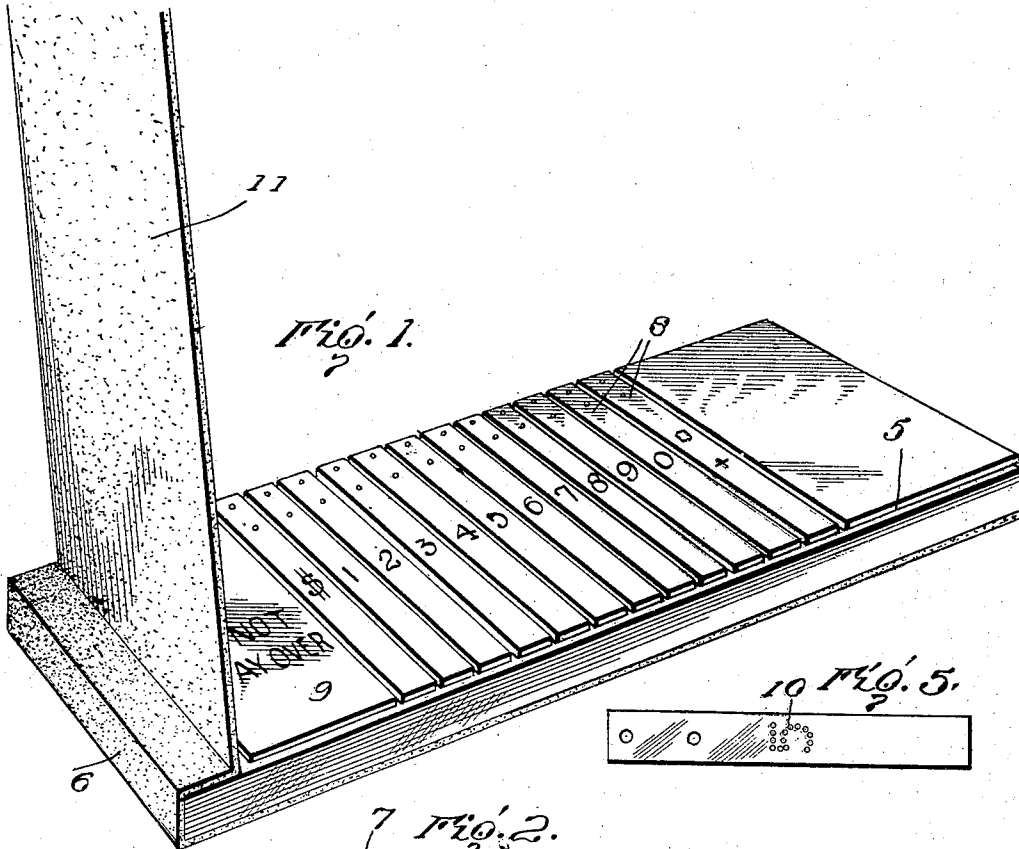


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. DENNINGTON, citizen of the United States, residing at Maben, in the county of Jefferson and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bank-Check Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to perforators and has for its object to provide a comparatively simple and thoroughly efficient device of this character for perforating or otherwise marking on a check the face value thereof so as to prevent an unauthorized person from raising the amount and fraudulently obtaining more than the check originally called for.

A further object is to provide a perforator including a supporting base adapted to be inserted between the leaves of a check book and provided with a plurality of spring fingers having perforating needles depending therefrom and adapted to pierce the check when said fingers are depressed.

A still further object of the invention is generally to improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability and efficiency, as well as to reduce the cost of manufacture.

Further object. Advantages will appear in the following description, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claim.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction and the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a perforating device constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the position of the perforator in a check book when not in use. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device removed from the check book. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the same; Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view showing the manner of using the perforator; Fig. 5 is a plan view of one of the spring fingers detached.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The device comprises a supporting base including a flat elongated plate 5, preferably formed of metal and of such a width as to permit the plate to be readily housed between the leaves of a check book indicated at 6.

Secured to the upper surface of the plate 5 at one longitudinal edge thereof is a bar 7 preferably extending the entire length of the plate and to which are riveted or otherwise rigidly secured a plurality of spring fingers 8. One of the fingers 9 is wider than the remaining fingers and printed or otherwise represented on the upper face of said fingers are the words "Do not pay over." Some of the remaining fingers 8 are numbered from one to nine inclusive, while others are provided with symbols indicating the dollar mark and period.

Depending from the lower faces of the fingers 8 and 9 are a plurality of perforating needles 10 corresponding to the symbols or subject matter on the upper faces of the fingers, the free ends of the fingers being spaced from the upper surface of the plate 5 so that when said fingers are depressed, the needles 10 will pierce the check.

In using the device, the check properly filled in is inserted between the fingers and upper surface of the plate 5, after which the operator depresses the plate 5 which causes the needles carried thereby, to perforate the check with the words "Do not pay over." The operator then depresses the fingers 8 bearing the numerals thereon corresponding to the face value of the check which correspondingly perforates the check with the face value thereof so as to prevent an unauthorized person from raising the amount and fraudulently obtaining more than the check originally called for.

When the device is not in use, the same is positioned between the leaves of the check book beneath the cover 11 and in which position, the cover will effectually house the perforator so as to permit said perforator together with the check book to be readily carried in the pocket.

Attention is here called to the fact that the inner edge 12 of the spacing member or bar 7 forms a stop or abutment for engagement with the adjacent edge of the check when the latter is inserted in the perforator. It will also be noted that the lower or pointed ends of the needles are normally spaced

above the adjacent plate 5 to permit the ready insertion of the check within or the removal of said check from the perforator.

The device is extremely simple in construction and may be manufactured and placed on the market at a comparatively small cost.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

- 10 A portable perforator for check books including a flat relatively thin supporting plate, a spacing bar secured to the upper face of the plate near one longitudinal edge thereof and of the same length as said plate,
- 15 end fingers of equal width secured to the spacing bar, and a plurality of intermediate fingers of less width than the end fingers secured to said spacing bar between the end fingers, the lower faces of the intermediate
- 20 fingers and the lower face of one of the end

fingers being provided with depending perforating devices, there being numerals on the upper faces of the intermediate fingers corresponding to the perforating devices on the lower faces thereof, said end and intermediate fingers being of a length equal to the width of the plate and disposed in the same horizontal plane to present a smooth unobstructed surface normally parallel with the plate for contact with the cover of the check book, said plate and fingers being entirely housed between the cover of the book when the latter is closed. 25 30

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

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