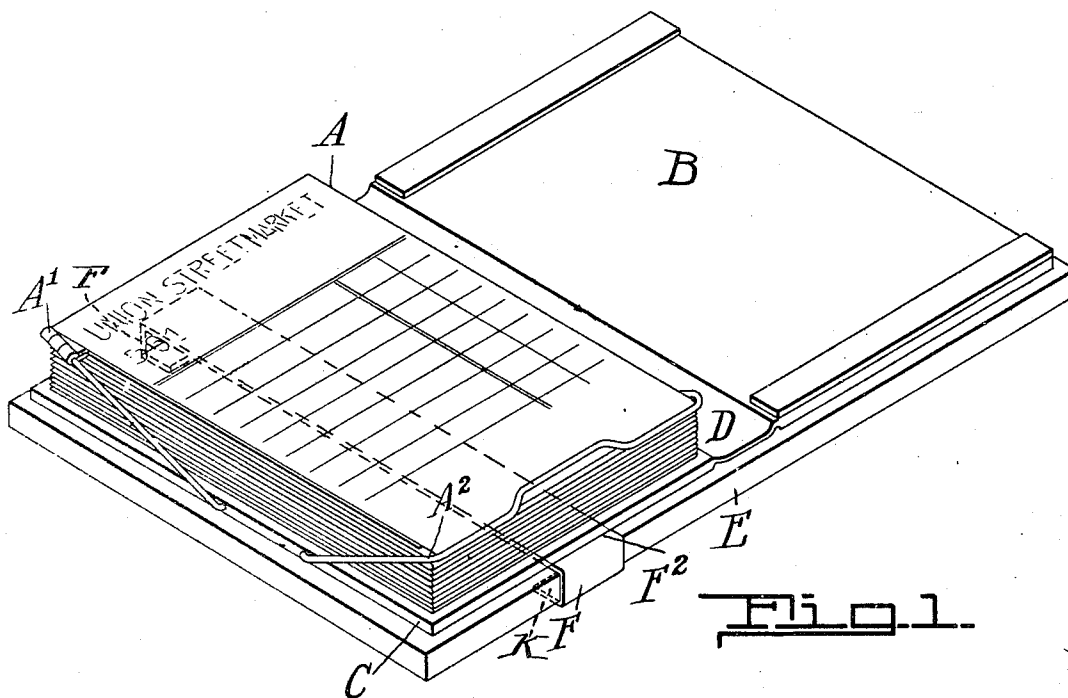
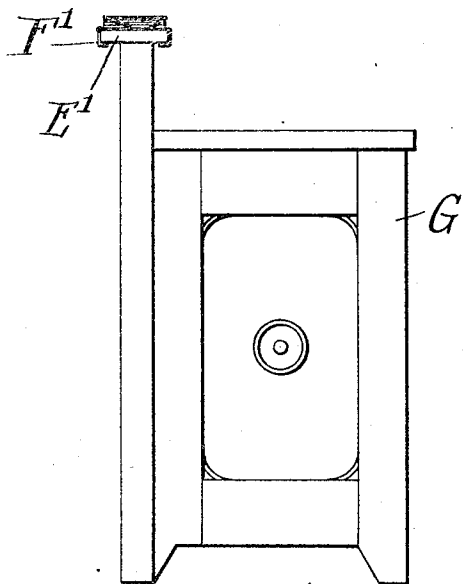
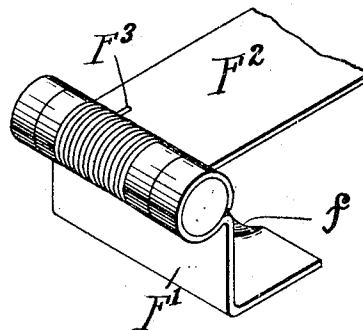


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD KIRBY BOTTLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elmira, in the county of Chemung and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Manifold-
ing Devices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention relates to sales books, and has for its object to provide one which shall be adapted to use in butcher shops or other places where food is handled and which shall employ a construction which shall protect the book from absorbing grease or dirt, so that if it be laid down on a counter it will still be kept reasonably clean and may be handled by the tradesman without making it unpleasantly dirty. For the purpose named, I construct the book preferably with a non-absorbent cover and I also attach it, preferably detachably, to a non-absorbent and easily cleaned support, as will appear more fully from the drawings and description.

In the drawings,—

Figure 1 is a perspective sketch of such a book as I have described attached to its support;

Fig. 2 is an end elevation of a counter with the book attached to a part thereof; and
Fig. 3 is a detail.

In Fig. 1, A is the manifolding book or pad, B being one side of the cover, and C the other, connected by the usual flexible fold D, the pad A lying on the top or inner face of the cover. A' is a carbon-sheet supporting-device, and A² is a spring clip holding the sheets of the book in place. As these are of common construction they need not be further described. The covers B and C are preferably covered with oilcloth or other non-absorbent material, or they may be treated with any suitable preparation for the same purpose, it being desirable to make as much as possible of the structure non-absorbent, so that it may be easily kept clean.

E is a non-absorbent guard, or rest, which I prefer to make of plate glass about $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch in thickness, but which obviously may be composed of porcelain or china or other substantially non-absorbent material, preferably vitreous. For some cases, prop-

erly treated wood may answer, however. The plate should by preference have parallel edges and the cover is removably joined or secured thereto by guides, as retaining clips F formed on the opposite ends of a strip F² of suitable metal, the strip being secured to the outer face of the cover C of the pad in a plane below the pad A, by any suitable means, not shown. In the structure shown in Fig. 1, the cover is removably attached by sliding the clips or guides F over the edges of the guard E, the passageway K in these guides being open at each end. In this arrangement the support is portable with the pad or cover, they being handled together as a unit and, after the tradesman has made his entries, the guard, or plate may be laid down and will not absorb grease or dirt of any kind and will protect the cover against contact with the articles of food, or waste therefrom.

In Fig. 2 I show a modification of the structure, in which the guard or support is relatively stationary, and is provided by a ledge E¹ running along the inside of a counter G; and the books, of which there are or may be a number for the different salesmen, are supported slidably upon the ledge. To avoid the inconvenience of having to remove all of the books in order to remove any one, I provide one of the clips, which is shown in detail in Fig. 3, with a hinged portion. This clip is marked F¹, and is suitably hinged to the body F² of the metal strip and also is provided with a spring F³ by which it is held in place. I may also form upon it a thumb-piece f, but this is not essential, as the book may be removed by pressure of the finger on the clip F¹. In both forms the strip F² and the clips F being of a metallic nature, provide non-absorbent means for securing the cover to the guard. The strips F² are slipped over the guard E, one face of the cover C being disposed adjacent the guard, the other and opposite face of the cover C being adapted to receive the pad or book A, this pad or book being removably held on the cover by means of the clip A², or in any other suitable way.

It will be obvious that a considerable variety of constructions may be adopted and still be within the scope of the invention and the claims which are appended hereto to define it.

Having described my invention, what I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a cover, a manifolding pad removably mounted on one face of said cover, a non-absorbent guard on which said cover rests, and means adapted to removably attach said cover to said guard, whereby said cover and guard are transportable together.
2. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a cover having opposite faces of non-absorbent material, a manifolding pad removably mounted on one of said faces of said cover, a non-absorbent guard adjacent the other face of said cover, and means adapted to removably attach said cover to said guard.
3. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a cover having opposite faces of non-absorbent material, a manifolding pad removably mounted on one of said faces of said cover, a non-absorbent guard adjacent the other face of said cover, and means joined to said cover to removably retain said cover on said guard.
4. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a cover having an outer face of non-absorbent material, a manifolding pad removably mounted on its opposite face, a non-absorbent portable support, and means joined to said cover in a plane below said pad for retaining said cover on said support.
5. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a cover having an outer face of non-absorbent material, a manifolding pad removably mounted on its opposite face, and a guide of non-absorbent material at-

tached to said cover below said pad, said guide comprising a passageway open at each end.

6. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a cover having an outer face of non-absorbent material, a manifolding pad removably mounted on its opposite face, and a metallic strip attached to the outer face of said cover, having clips at the opposite ends thereof, one of said clips having a hinge connection with said strip.

7. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a cover having opposite faces of non-absorbent material, a manifolding pad removably mounted on one of said faces, a metallic strip joined to the other of said faces of said cover, said strip having a retaining clip at each end, and a non-absorbent supporting plate having parallel edges engaged by said clips along which said cover is movable.

8. A manifolding device comprising, in combination, a foldable cover having opposite faces of non-absorbent material, a manifolding pad mounted on one of said faces, a non-absorbent support, and a non-absorbent member joined to said cover having means adapted to engage said support and permit movement of said member and the cover joined thereto relative to said support.

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

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