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CHECK BOOK.

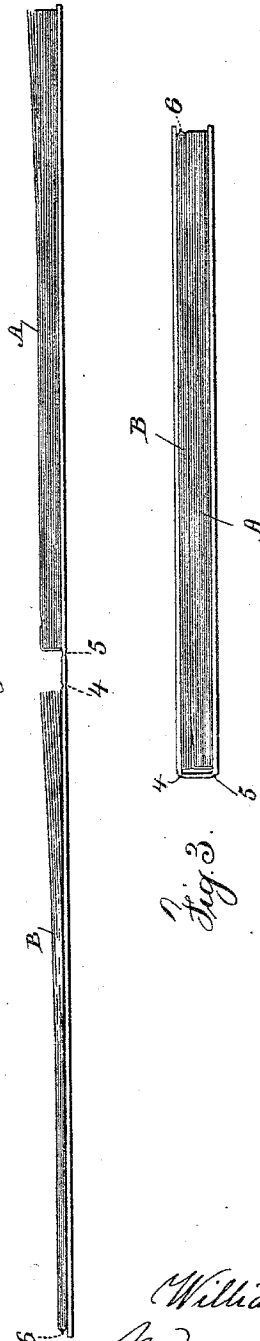
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CHECK-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Check-Books, of which the following is a specification.

A number of bank-checks have been placed together and secured at one edge, there being a row of perforations in each check adjacent to the portion which is sewed or otherwise fastened with the other checks into a block of checks, so that the checks can be torn off in succession, and such mass or block of checks has been secured into a cover, and there have been ruled sheets for deposits and balances connected within the same cover. The perforations, however, have usually been near the top or bottom edge of the check, and the ruled sheets for deposits and balances have been either above or below the check, and hence there has been difficulty in making out the check in connection with the record of the check or of the deposit or balance, because it has been necessary to reach across one or the other in properly writing down the record or making out the check, and the writing is liable to be blurred.

In some cases several checks have been printed on each page, but the stubs that remain in the book are difficult to hold down while writing.

Separate memorandum-sheets have been removably connected to one cover by flanges or clips, but they are liable to become detached and lost and do not give the required space for a complete and permanent record and the book cannot be opened out flat for writing on the record-sheet.

The object of the present invention is to permanently retain in one book the memorandum-sheets in a convenient position where they can be written upon substantially independently of the checks, and with this object in view the block or mass of checks is permanently connected with one cover of the book, there being a double hinge at the back of the book, and the ruled sheets upon which the records of checks, deposits, and balances are kept is attached to the outer edge of the opposite cover, so that when the book is

opened the record-sheets lie flat upon one cover and the checks lie flat upon the other cover, the double hinge of the back intervening and allowing the cover to lie flat upon the desk or table, and the folded record-sheets being united at the outer end of the one cover can be turned over and inspected entirely independent of the checks, and in writing upon the respective portions of the book the check does not get in the way of or interfere with the record or the record with the check.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents the book as opened out flat ready for use. Fig. 2 is an edge view illustrative of the manner in which the respective record-sheets may be inspected, and Fig. 3 is an edge view showing the book as closed.

The checks A are of any desired number massed together and perforated at 2 near their left-hand ends, and the portions of the paper beyond the perforations are fastened permanently together by stitching or otherwise, and the mass of checks is attached to the cover by the same stitching, or in any other convenient way, so that the mass of checks is within the cover, preferably at the right side, and the cover is provided with hinges at 4 and 5, so that when the book is closed up the covers will lie flat upon the interior portions of the book, and when opened out the whole cover, including the back portion, will lie flat upon the desk or table, as seen in Fig. 2.

The ruled sheets B, upon which the memorandums of checks are made, and also of deposits and balances, are folded in the middle and sewed together at 6 adjacent to the outer edge of one of the covers, preferably the left-hand edge, and the last sheet is pasted to the cover, and the lines and columns ruled upon the memorandum-sheets are to be arranged in any desired manner, and proper marks and words should be provided at the respective columns to guide the party using the checks in the manner of keeping the respective memoranda. The drawings illustrate a convenient form in which the memorandum-sheets can be ruled and printed.

It will now be apparent that the checks which are to be of any desired number or character can be filled out conveniently, and there

may be two or more checks on each sheet, and the memorandum-sheets are not in the way while writing the checks, and the memoranda can be filled out upon the memorandum-sheets with convenience, because they lie flat upon the desk or table and are entirely independent of the checks, and the writing upon one is not liable to become blurred while writing upon the other, and any desired number of memorandum-sheets can be provided and remain permanently connected in the book, and when closed up the memorandum-sheets lie flat upon the surface of the mass of checks, and the whole is in a convenient form adapted to insertion into the pocket, if sufficiently small, or to lie upon the desk or table if the book contains more than one check on each page.

I claim as my invention—

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posits and balances, folded and sewed together and to the cover with the fold near the outer end of the cover opposite to the checks, the cover having a double hinge at the back to facilitate closing the book and so that the cover lies out flat when the book is opened, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the covers having two hinges at the back so as to open out flat, of a mass of checks connected together at one end and to one cover, and memorandum-sheets with columns for deposits and check memorandums, such sheets being folded in the middle and the end sheet pasted to the inside of the other cover with the fold of the sheets near the edge of the cover so that the sheets can be turned over away from the checks, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 8th day of April, 1896.

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