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Fig. 1.

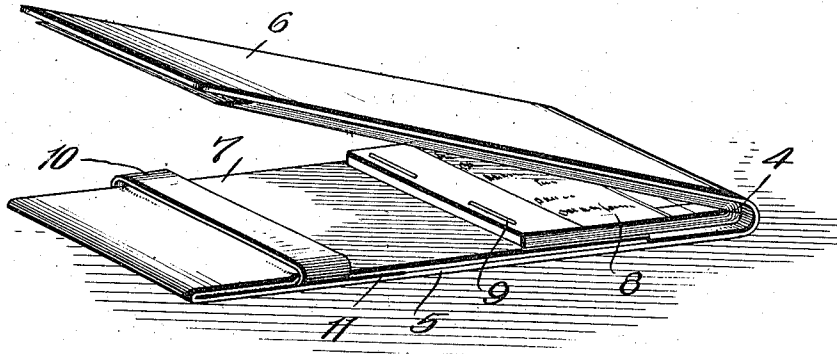


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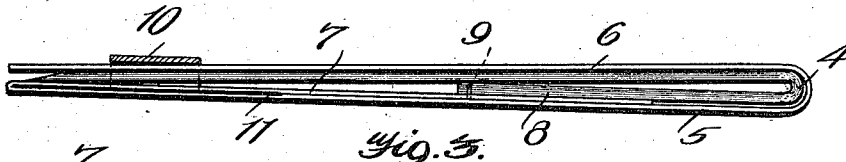


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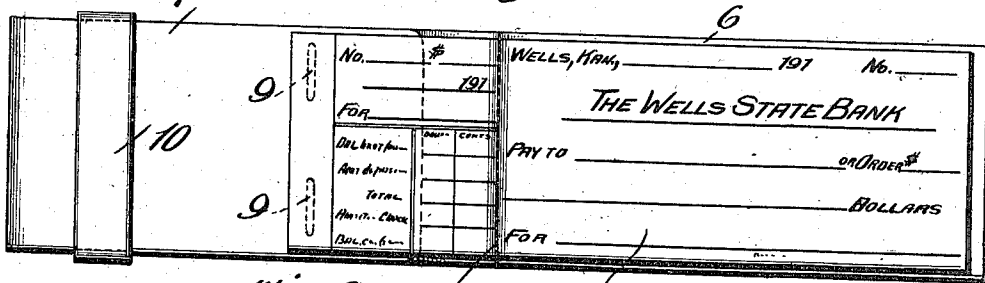


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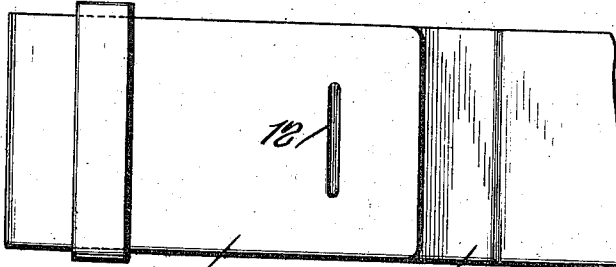
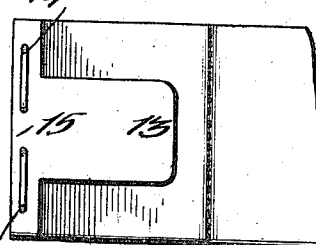


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Fig. 6.

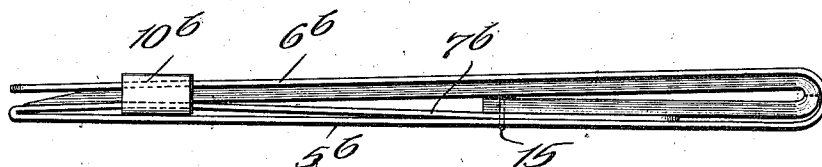


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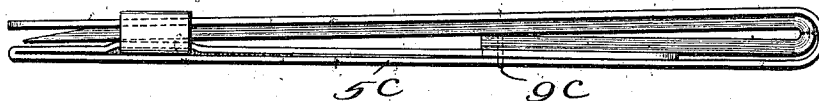


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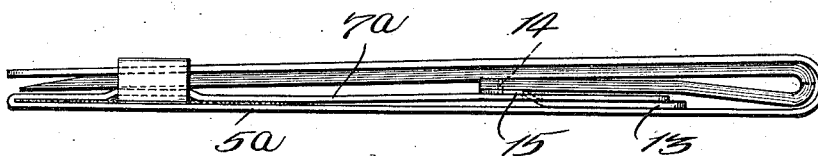
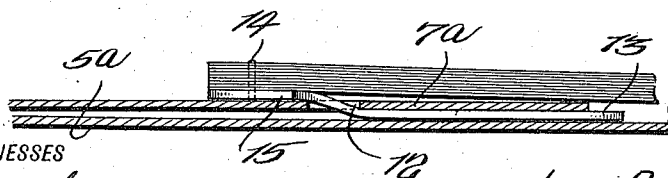


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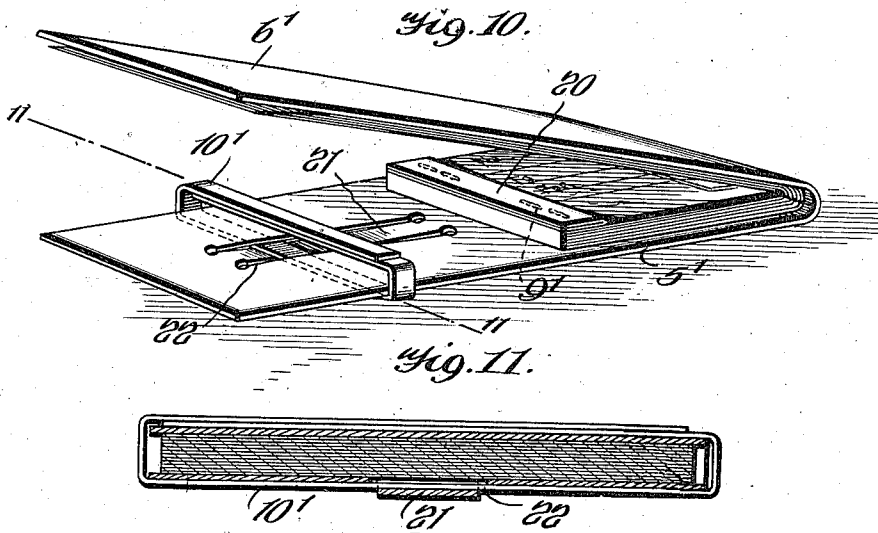
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. MORRIS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wells, in the county of Ottawa and State of Kansas, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Check-Book Holders, of which the following is a specification.

One of the principal objects of my invention is to provide an improved check book holder of convenient size for the pocket, adapted to hold and protect a pad of checks in such manner as to eliminate the fold in the center of the check, so that the checks will always be straight and smooth and afford a good writing surface.

Another object is to provide an improved check book holder of the above nature which will be extremely simple, durable, efficient in operation, and inexpensive to manufacture.

Still another object is to provide a check book holder having conveniently located and readily operated means to hold the same in closed position.

With these and other objects in view which will become apparent as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which like characters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several figures, of which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of one embodiment of my invention, the book being shown partly open;

Fig. 2 represents a side elevational view, partly in section, the book being closed;

Fig. 3 represents a plan view of the book in open position;

Fig. 4 represents a fragmentary plan view of the cover used in another embodiment of the invention, the cover being open;

Fig. 5 represents a fragmentary plan view of the under side of a pad of checks and a tab fastening means with which the checks are connected with the back, shown in Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 represents a side elevational view of another embodiment of the invention, the book being closed;

Fig. 7 represents a side elevational view of still another form, the book being closed;

Fig. 8 represents a side elevational view of the form shown in Fig. 4, the book being assembled and shown in closed position, and

Fig. 9 represents a fragmentary longitudi-

nal sectional view through the book shown in Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 represents a view in perspective of a further embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 11 represents a view in section taken on the plane indicated by the line 11—11 of Fig. 10.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a book of such nature that the checks, instead of being folded across their centers as heretofore customary, are folded at the line of perforations separating the stubs from the bodies of the studs, so that the checks will be retained in a flat smooth condition. The backs on which the check pads are carried, are made of flexible leather, of cardboard, or imitation leather, or other suitable material.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the cover on which the check pad is mounted includes a back 5, a leaf 6, formed by folding the strip of material of which the cover is made, upon itself along a line spaced at a suitable distance from one end, and a folded-over portion 7, formed by folding the strip of material upon itself at a line suitably spaced from its opposite end. The folded-over end portion 7 lies against what may be termed the inner face of the back 5, occurring between said back and the leaf 6, when the book is in closed position, indicated in Fig. 2.

The check pad, indicated generally at 8, is secured at the stub end to the folded-over portion 7 by means of a pair of staples 9. These staples extend through the leaves forming the check pad, and extend through the thickness of the folded-over portion 7, being clenched against the under face of the folded-over portion. The check pad is so positioned relatively to the cover, that the line of perforations 4 will occur along the line on which the leaf 6 is folded relatively to the back 5, as indicated clearly in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. Thus when the book is in closed position, the body portions of the checks will not be folded across their central portions, but will remain, and be kept, in a flat even condition.

Engaged between the folded-over portion 7 and the back 5, at a suitable distance from the line on which portion 7 is folded relatively to the back, is one side of a loop 10, under which loop the leaf 6 is engaged when the book is in closed position indicated in Fig. 2, whereby to retain the checks

in folded position. This loop 10 may be formed of the same material of which the back is made, and in the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, the loop is held stationary by reason of the fact that the folded-over portion 7 and the back 5 are cemented or pasted together from the point 11 to the line along which the portion 7 is folded relatively to the back. The extremity of the folded-over portion 7 is left free and unconnected with the back, whereby to facilitate the clenching of the staples 9.

The construction shown in Figs. 4, 5, 8, and 9 is similar to that already described, with the exception of the means for fastening the check pad to the cover. In the embodiment shown in these figures, the folded-over portion 7^a is provided adjacent its free end with a transversely arranged slot 12 adapted to detachably receive the tongue portion 13 of a tab on which the check pad is mounted. The check pad is connected by means of staples 14 with the head portion 15 of the tab, as indicated in Fig. 5, said head portion 15 extending across the pad at the stub end thereof for suitably supporting said pad. When the pad is mounted on the cover, the tongue 13 is inserted through the slot 12 in the manner indicated in Figs. 8 and 9, so that the tongue will engage between the folded-over portion 7^a and the back 5^a to be held in place by frictional engagement between these members.

In the construction shown in Fig. 6, the folded-over portion 7^b of the cover, and the back portion 5^b are not glued together, as in the other embodiment of the invention, but are left unconnected except for the single staple 15 which secures the check pad in place, this staple being extended through the check pad, folded-over portion 7^b and back 5^b, and clenched against the outer side of the pad, as indicated in the drawing. By leaving the back and the folded-over portion thus unconnected, the retaining band 10^b may be slid back and forth, at the will of the user, for being positioned at any desired point along the leaf 6^b within the range of movement of the band, for retaining the book in closed position.

In Fig. 7 the arrangement is the same as set out in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, with the exception that the staples, indicated in Fig. 7 at 9^c, extend clear through the back portion 5^c and are clenched against the outer surface of the check pad, for securely connecting the parts and holding them rigidly together.

In the forms of check books shown in Figs. 10 to 14 inclusive, the back portion of the book cover does not have an extended folded-over portion which operates to retain the strap. The form shown in Figs.

10 and 11 is one in which the check pad is folded along the line of perforations and is secured to the back 5' by means of staples 9', and the stub end of the pad is provided with a short fly-leaf 20 folded back to cover the staples and to give the pad a finished appearance. This arrangement does away with the binding with which the studs of the check pads are usually finished.

The strap or band 10' in this instance extends around the portion of the back 5' unoccupied by the check pad, and slidably engages a strip 21 formed in the back by cutting longitudinally spaced slots 22 therein.

The retained strip 21 thus formed prevents loss of the loop or band 10', and at the same time allows it to be slipped longitudinally of the back into positions for engaging and disengaging the leaf portion 6'.

Such a check book as I have provided is exceptionally neat and attractive in appearance, is of a convenient size to readily fit in one's pocket, and presents the extremely desirable advantage of keeping the checks in a flat, uncreased condition.

It is obvious that in the forms described where the retaining band is adjustable a non-elastic member may be utilized, and by shifting the same toward the free end of the leaf excessive bending of the latter may be avoided in opening the cover.

Although I have described the preferred embodiments of my invention, I may desire to make such changes in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts thereof, as do not depart from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. In a check book holder, the combination of a cover formed of a single strip of flexible material and comprising a back, a leaf forming a continuation of one end of the back and folded upon the back along a line intermediate the ends of the strip, and a folded-over portion normally folded against the back along a line adjacent the opposite end of the back; said folded-over portion extending between the back and the said leaf; means upon said folded-over portion to hold a check pad, and a retaining band beneath which the leaf is adapted to be detachably engaged for keeping the book in closed position, said band having one side confined between the back and the said folded-over portion.

2. In a check book holder the combination of a back, a leaf forming a continuation of said back and folded along a line relatively to the back, a folded over portion forming a continuation of the back and folded along a line against the back and between the said back and said leaf, means on said folded-over portion to hold a check

pad, and a retaining band beneath which the leaf is adapted to be detachably engaged for keeping the book in closed position, said band having one side arranged and shift-
5 able between the back and the said folded-over portion.

3. In a check book holder, the combination of a back, a leaf adapted to be folded against the back, a folded over portion
10 folded against the back between said back and the said leaf, means on said folded-over portion to hold a check pad, and a band for holding the check book in closed position, said band having one side arranged
15 and shiftable between the back and said folded-over portion, said back and folded-over portion adjacent the band being secured together.

4. In a check book holder, the combina-

tion of a back, a leaf foldable against the
20 back, a folded-over portion folded against the back between said back and said leaf, said folded-over portion being provided with a transversely arranged slot adjacent
25 its extremity, said slot being provided to accommodate a tab on which a check pad is mounted, said tab to project through the slot of the folded over portion, and to lie be-
tween the folded over portion and the back.

5. In a check book holder, the combination
30 of a back, a leaf folded over the back, a folded-over portion folded against the back, means to hold a check pad on said folded over portion, and a loop slidably disposed
35 around the folded-over portion and through which loop the leaf may be extended for holding the book in closed position.

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