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*Fig. 1.*

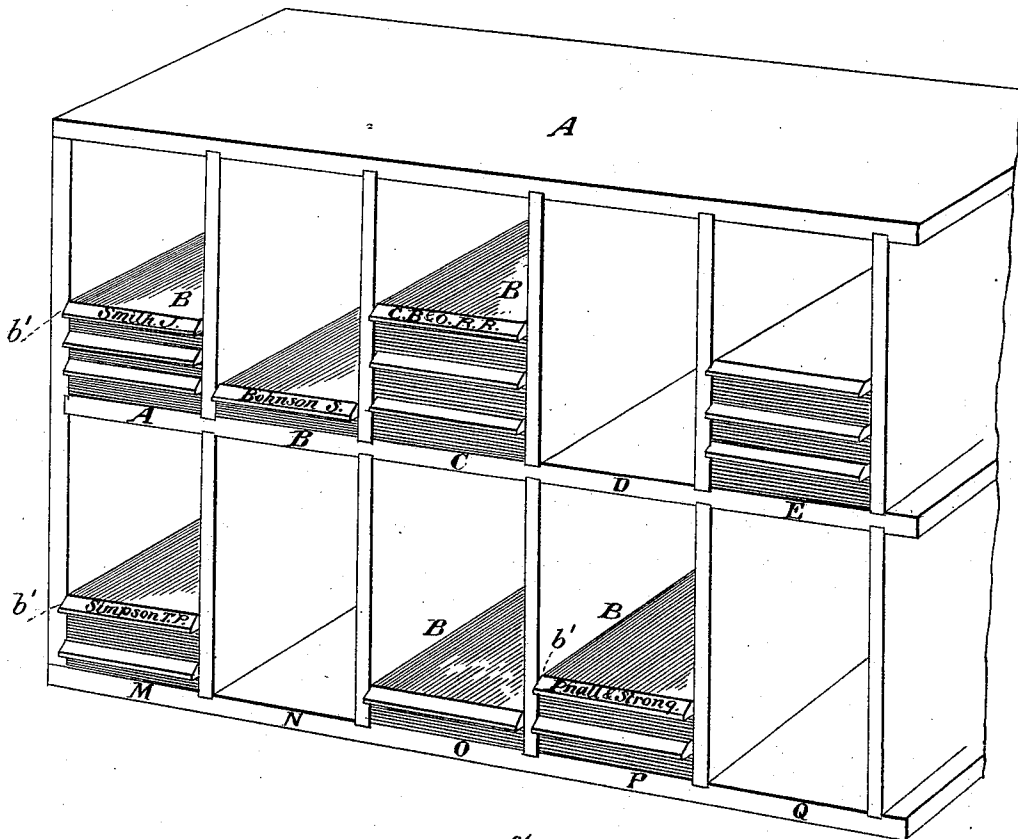
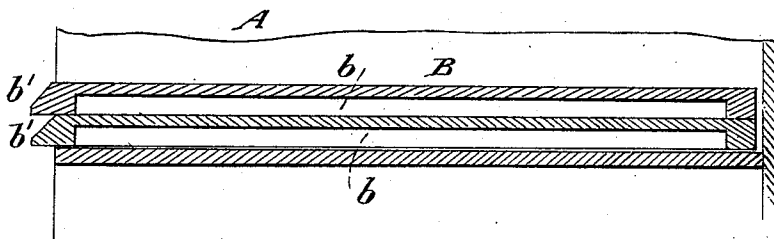


*Fig. 2.*



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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORRIS L. SAGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Corning, in the county of Steuben and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pigeon-Hole Blocks for Keeping Checks or other Vouchers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The special object of the invention is to facilitate the handling of checks and vouchers in banks and large business houses where accounts are kept with numerous individuals.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 of the drawings is an elevation in perspective, and Fig. 2 a detail sectional view, of the block, board, or plate, showing it recessed underneath.

In the drawings, A represents an ordinary case provided with pigeon-holes of any preferred height and width, while B represents oblong and preferably rectangular boards, plates, or blocks, which are beveled at the end *b'*, so that they may be easily and conveniently manipulated. Any preferred number of these may be arranged in each pigeon-hole, the letters of the alphabet being arranged in regular order over the holes and the name of each customer being placed on the outlying end of a block. The checks or vouchers will be ar-

ranged in the order of their filing under each one's block, so that they may be inserted or removed without a moment's delay. Thus each patron's checks and vouchers are filed separately and in the smallest possible space, so as to save a great deal of time to book-keepers and accountants.

I preferably make the blocks with an excision or cavity, *b*, in which the checks or vouchers may lie, thus increasing the capacity of each pigeon-hole about forty per cent. This system of keeping checks and vouchers will not require more than one-tenth the usual space for a given number under ordinary circumstances.

The checks of a bank when assorted in their boxes are in the same order which characterize their arrangement on the ledger, and in which they will be drawn off on the customer's pass-book. Thus it will be seen that checking the passbook may be done very rapidly and with little trouble.

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

The described pigeon-hole block, consisting of a board, B, cut out at *b* and having a beveled end adapted to be notated with an individual, or corporate, or firm name, substantially as shown and described.

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

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