

(No Model.)

2 Sheets—Sheet 1.

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CHECK OR ORDER BOOK.

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Fig. 1.

D *D'* *D''* *A*

State Fund.

Date	Amount	Total	Balance	Total
Dec 7	228 12			
" 10	150 00	378 12	250 15	128 00

State *Not Forward* *S* *b* *B*

Date	Amount	Total	Balance	Total
Dec 11				
Dec 11				
Dec 11				

John Doe *Dec 11* *1*

R. Roe *Dec 11* *2*

E. Sue *Dec 11* *3*

Order upon County Superintendent of Public Schools

The County Superintendent of Public Schools of Los Angeles County,

189 *18*

or order to the amount of (\$87.00)

or order to the amount of (\$87.00)

Dollars for

to *School District*

School Trustee of *District*

School Trustee of *District*

Fig. 2.

D'' *A'* *D'* *D* *A*

County Fund.

Date	Amount	Total	Balance	Total

County *State*

Fig. 3.

D'' *D'* *A'* *D* *S* *A*

Special Fund.

Date	Amount	Total	Balance	Total

Special *County* *State*

Fig. 4.

D'' *D'* *D* *A'* *A*

Library Fund.

Date	Amount	Total	Balance	Total

Library *Special* *County* *State*

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Fig. 5.

Fig. 5. A' S

Library Fund

Date	Amount	Total	Balance	Total	Amount	Total	Balance	Total
Jan 1	137 50							
Nov 1	27 50							
Dec 1	25 00	190 00	124 00	66 00				

Write the amount of this order under the name of the fund against which it is drawn.

Remarks: Services

John Doe

R. Roe

C. Sue

Date: Dec 11

Number: 1

2

3

a e f g h B

Fig. 6.

Fig. 6. A

Remarks:

Date	Amount	Total	Balance	Total	Amount	Total	Balance	Total
Dec 10	250 00							
Dec 11	25 00	375 00			25 00			
Dec 11	250 00	625 00	386 00	39 00	14 00			

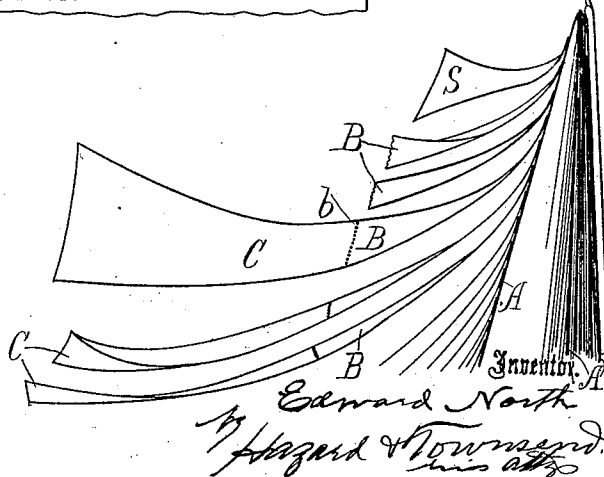
Los Angeles, Cal. 189 J#

Trs of Los Angeles Bank.

Pay to the order of \$ Dollars.

B' b C'

Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD NORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newhall, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Check or Order Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of check-books in which the memorandum-stubs are arranged to present, when the checks are detached, a series of step-like surfaces for simultaneous exposure of the amounts of said detached checks.

One object of my invention is to provide a check-book of superior convenience for counting-room use.

A further object is to provide a ledger check-book of this class which will be adapted for use in drawing upon several different funds, keeping the several accounts separate, and so arranged that when it is desired the book can be made to present a complete ledger-account of any one of the funds drawn upon.

The accompanying drawings show two styles of check-books, one style comprising the check-book and ledger combined adapted for use where a number of funds are involved, and the other style consisting of a check-book of the simpler form designed for use where but one fund is to be drawn upon.

My invention consists in a check-book composed of a suitable back or base sheet and a series of superimposed sheets or leaves, each comprising a check and a memorandum-stub arranged longitudinal of each other and provided upon the stub portion with transverse column-ruling for the record of amounts and secured by the upper edge of the stub to the back or base sheet, the several stubs and checks being so arranged with relation to each other that when the checks are detached from the stubs the stubs will present a series of step-like surfaces ruled in columns to receive the amounts.

It further consists of the combination of the step-like stubs having the column-ruling thereon and an account-leaf pertaining to the same account as such column on the stubs, and arranged to form with such column a complete ledger-account.

It further consists in the combination, with

such base-sheet and stubs, of a series of superimposed ledger-account leaves of successively-increasing widths arranged to fold over upon the stubs, with the widest leaf uppermost and with the successive extended edges of the several account-leaves (except the undermost) covering, respectively, the stub-account column pertaining to the lower account-leaf, and leaving exposed to view and immediately adjoining it the stub-account column pertaining to the account to which such extended or projecting edge and its leaf relates, so that when the account-leaf of any particular fund is folded upon the stubs there will be no danger of entering the amount in a wrong column, the leaf serving as an index to point out the column in which the entry should be made. In practice the undermost leaf may be an extension A' of the back or base sheet A, ruled on that side of the sheet upon which the stubs are secured, and the uppermost leaf may be the farther extension D' of the same, ruled on that side of the sheet opposite that upon which the stubs are secured and arranged to fold over and cover extension A' and a portion of the ruling on the stubs.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the upper portion of a ledger check-book, embodying my invention in full as it appears when all the ledger-leaves are closed or folded over upon the checks and stubs. Fig. 2 represents a fragment of the same book with the uppermost account-sheet turned back to expose the account-sheet next below it. Figs. 3 and 4 are successive views, which show fragments of the book with two other account-leaves turned back in succession. Fig. 5 shows a fragment of the book with all the account-leaves except the undermost one removed to contract the view, and with the "Brot. forward" stub S turned up to expose the first of the account-stubs in full. Fig. 6 illustrates my invention as applied in cases where the checks are all to be drawn on a single fund. Fig. 7 is an edge view of my improved check-book, showing a number of the base-sheets (with stubs and checks attached) bound together in one book. In Figs. 1, 5, 6, and 7, two stubs are shown as having their checks detached.

A indicates the base-sheets or backs, to

which the several stubs are secured. B B' indicate the check-account stubs, to which the checks C C' are respectively attached. These stubs are arranged in succession from top to bottom of the book to expose sufficient surface for the entry of the amount of check.

In practice the check and stub are printed on an integral sheet of paper and adapted for detachment from each other by perforations *b*. The several account-leaves are indicated by the letters A' D D' D'', in succession, from the undermost one up. A', as shown, is integral with the back or base sheet A, and its account-ruling *a* is arranged to immediately adjoin the ends of the checks, so that when it is desired to draw a check upon the fund represented by the account on that leaf, and the other leaves are thrown back to expose the leaf A', such leaf A' and the outer ruled column *e* of the stubs will immediately adjoin the ruled column *a* of the account-leaf A', the combination of said column *e* of the stubs with said account-leaf A' when folded thereupon forming a complete ledger-account of the fund in question.

In the drawings the several account-leaves are shown for "Library fund," "Special fund," "County fund," and "State fund," arranged in the succession named from the undermost and narrowest leaf A' to the widest and topmost leaf D'', and the several columns *e f g h* ruled on the stubs are designed to receive, respectively, in the succession named the memoranda of the amounts drawn on the several different funds. The columns are provided with suitable headings, corresponding to the several different funds to be drawn upon. It will be observed that when the "State fund" leaf is folded over upon the checks it covers all the stub-memorandum columns except that one designed for the entry of the amounts drawn on that fund. When the "State fund" leaf is turned back and the "County fund" leaf is folded over upon the stubs the "County fund" leaf covers all the columns except those for the "County" and "State," and its edge is at the side of the "County fund" column. When the "County fund" leaf is folded back and the "Special fund" leaf is folded over upon the stub, the edge of the "Special fund" leaf is at the side of the "Special fund" column and the "Library fund" column is yet covered. When the "Special fund" leaf is folded back it exposes the "Library fund" account in full. Thus the amounts of the several checks can be set in their proper separate columns without danger of error, and when so set are brought into the ledger account without further posting by simply applying to it its proper ledger-leaf. By this means all danger of error in transferring the numbers to a separate ledger-account is avoided.

Fig. 1 illustrates this use of the book. It appears that there has been brought forward from a former account of the money apportioned to the "State fund" the sum of \$228.15,

and that on the 10th of December there was apportioned a further amount of \$150, which makes a total of \$378.15 on the credit side of that fund. It appears from the account on the stubs that there has been drawn from the fund by check from a former book the sum of \$100, and that there has been drawn from such funds by check from this book the sum of \$28, so that the total amount of drafts is \$128, thus leaving a balance undrawn in this fund of \$250.15.

In Fig. 1 it appears that a check or order in favor of John Doe has been drawn upon the "State fund," while another has been drawn in favor of R. Roe on some one of the other funds, the account of which is not exposed in this view. In this view is also shown an order upon the county superintendent in favor of E. Sue for \$87, to be drawn from the "Special fund."

In Fig. 5 the stubs are shown with the several amounts above mentioned entered thereon, and it is seen thereby that the order in favor of R. Roe was drawn upon the "Library fund." With the above explanation the entries shown on Fig. 5 will be easily understood by accountants, it being supposed that the "Brot. forward" stub S, which is turned up in this view, does not show that any check on the "Library fund" has been drawn before that for \$66, indicated in the drawings as having been drawn in the favor of R. Roe.

Fig. 6 shows three deposits to have been made, and two checks have been drawn, leaving a balance of \$586.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A check-book comprising the combination of a suitable back sheet and a series of superimposed leaves, each leaf comprising a check and memorandum-stub arranged longitudinal of each other, provided upon the stub portion with transverse ruling for the record of amounts, and secured by the upper edge of the stub to the back sheet, the several stubs and checks being so arranged with relation to each other that when the checks are detached from the stubs the stubs will present a series of step-like surfaces ruled in columns to receive the amounts.

2. The combination of the step-like series of stubs having the column-ruling thereon and an account-leaf pertaining to the same account as such column on the stubs and arranged to form with such column a complete ledger-account.

3. The combination of the back sheet, the ruled stubs secured thereto and arranged to present a series of step-like surfaces ruled in columns to receive the amounts, and a series of superimposed account-leaves of successive increasing widths arranged to fold over upon the stubs with the widest leaf uppermost and with the successive extended edges of the several account-leaves (except the undermost) covering, respectively, the stub-account col-

umn pertaining to the next lower account-
leaf and leaving exposed to view and imme-
diately adjoining it the stub-account column
pertaining to the account to which such ex-
5 tended edge and its leaf relates.

4. The combination of the stubs provided
with the transverse ruling and secured to the
back sheet A and arranged to present a se-
ries of step-like surfaces ruled in columns to
10 receive the amounts, and the back sheet A,
arranged to receive such stubs and provided

with the extension A', ruled on that side of
the sheet upon which the stubs are secured,
and also provided with the further extension
D'', ruled on that side of the sheet opposite 15
that upon which the stubs are secured and
arranged to fold over and cover the extension
A' and a portion of the ruling on the stubs.

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