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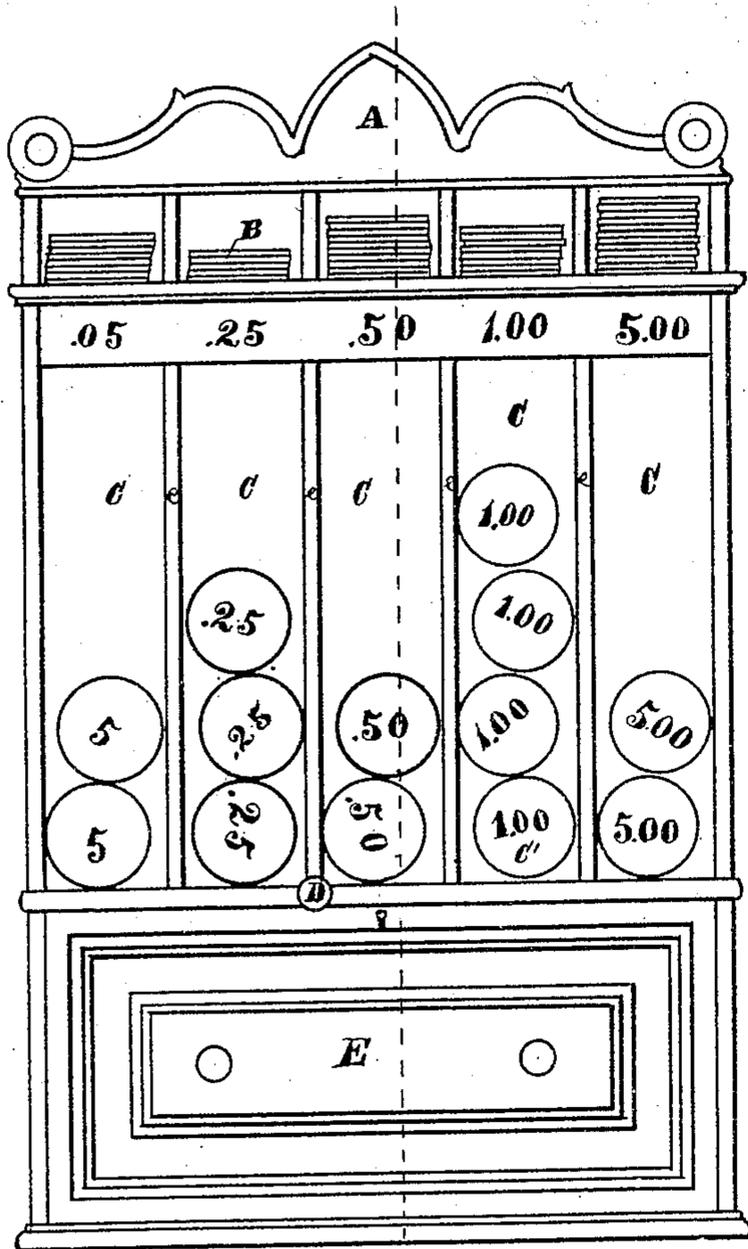


Fig. 1

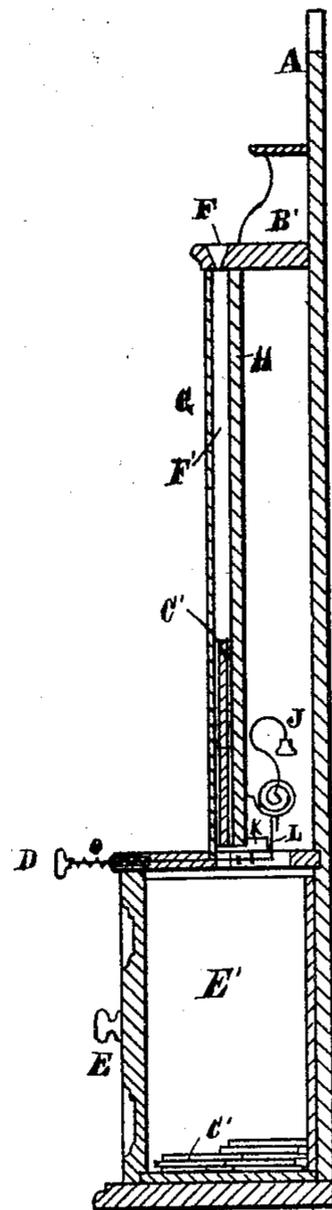


Fig 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED CHECK-BOXES AND CASH-INDICATORS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WM. I. RIPLEY, of Indianapolis, county of Marion, State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Check-Box and Cash-Indicator, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to construct a cash-recorder and check-box adapted to all businesses where checks are used by the clerks and a cashier handles the money, in such a manner that when a sale has been made the clerk deposits the checks to the amount of the sale in the box, so that the customer and cashier can see the amount of the bill. These checks are to be left in sight until another sale has been made, when the clerk drops the checks of the previous sale into a drawer below, at the same time sounding an alarm on a bell, which calls the attention of the cashier and customer to the new sale. This arrangement prevents the clerks and cashier from any pilfering of the cash, as the checks in the drawer at night must correspond with the cash.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved check-box. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same.

The check-box is composed of a frame, having a drawer, E, at the bottom. This drawer is partitioned off to correspond with the number of check-receptacles in the upper part, which is formed with a glass front, G, and a partition, H, in its rear. This partition H has several strips of wood, e, or other material, which divide the front into several divisions or check-receptacles, C. At the top of the glass front G is the cover of the frame, which has a hole, F, immediately over each receptacle C, through which the checks are passed into the box. In front of these openings F, and a little below them, is a face-board, on which is secured or painted a fac-simile of the checks that are to be deposited; and above and at the rear of the holes F are several apartments, partitioned off to hold a supply of checks.

The checks are to be of different colors—as, for instance, the five-cent checks can be white;

the ten-cent, green; twenty-five-cent, yellow; fifty-cent, pink; one-dollar, red; and five-dollar, blue. This arrangement of colored checks makes it very convenient in counting up, as the value of each check is determined by its color, and, by being deposited in separate apartments in the drawer E, they are prevented from being mixed.

At the bottom of the partition H is arranged a slide, K, which is held forward against the glass G by the spring O on the wire of the knob D, or by any other means. The wire to which the knob D is attached extends to the rear of the slide K, and is attached or connected with the slide in such a manner that, when pressed in far enough, it will allow the checks to drop into the drawer E, and an alarm will be given to a bell properly arranged at the rear part of the check-box.

To operate my improved check-box, place checks to the amount of the bill sold in their proper holes F, when they will drop into the receptacles C, as shown in Fig. 1, where the amount of the sale is represented as \$15.85. The cashier and customer both can see the amount sold, and the cashier can make his change accordingly. The checks thus placed in the box remain in sight until the next sale has been made, when the clerk presses on the knob D, thus moving the slide K back, and giving an alarm, and dropping the checks into the drawer E; then the slide K returns to its place, and the next sale is indicated in the same manner.

What I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of a series of vertical ticket or check receptacles, C, provided with transparent fronts and orifices F, spring-slide K, alarm device J, and the depository E, as and for the purpose set forth and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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