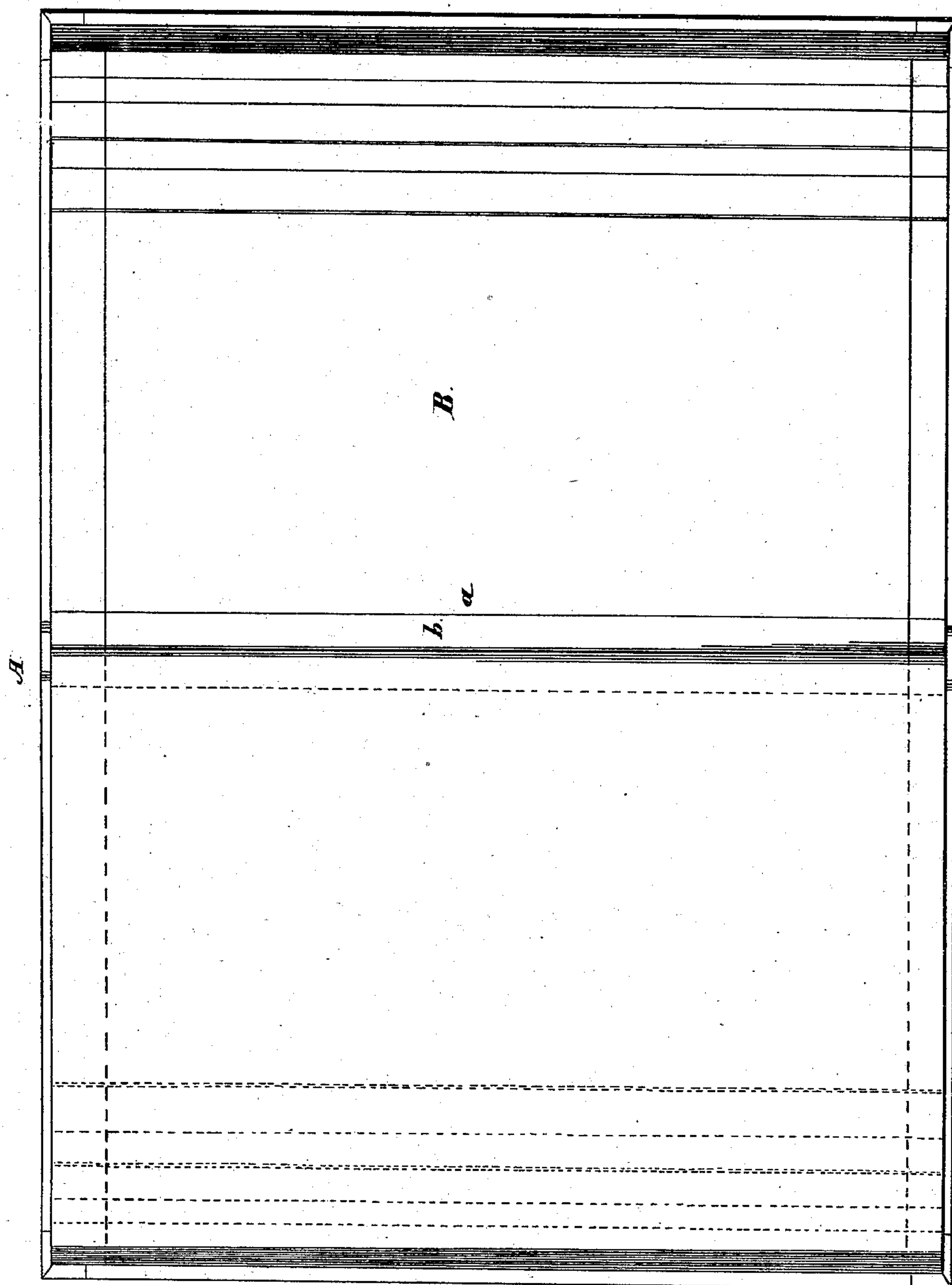


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## COPYING-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SHEA SMITH, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented new and useful Improvements in Copying-Books for Bills and Invoices, of which the following is a full description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which shows an open copying-book containing my invention, the dotted lines on the left-hand sheet indicating the position of ruled lines on the opposite side.

It is customary to copy bills and invoices into a journal by hand. The firm of which I am a member has endeavored to introduce so-called "copying-books" for use in press-copying such bills and invoices; but as such books have been heretofore made they have not been acceptable and satisfactory, because it has been difficult to bring together the footings of the several bills on a single page, the figures of the footings being liable to be confounded with other figures, and hence many mistakes occur. It is also a matter of much labor to bring together and estimate the total of a day's business. The books mentioned have only been designed and adapted to receive the copy of the bill or invoice.

The object of my invention is to provide a copying-book free from the objections mentioned and acceptable to consumers as a press-copying book for bills and invoices, which I accomplish by constructing such book as hereinafter particularly described.

In the drawing, A represents a book the leaves of which are made from paper of such quality that while it can be used for press-copying it is also adapted to receive writing with ink by hand. Each leaf is ruled as shown in the drawing or in a similar manner. Upon the left of the ruled line *a* is a space, *b*, for journal or ledger folios. Upon the right-hand side of each page are any suitable number of ruled lines, primarily designed for figures. The large blank space B between the ruled lines at the two sides of the page is of sufficient width to receive a copy of the bill or invoice, including the figures upon such bills or invoices, which are to be copied into the book, so that

when such bills or invoices have been copied the space *b* for journal or ledger folios and the ruled space at the right hand of the page will be free from copy.

In use the bills and invoices are to be copied into the space B. Then the book-keeper can carry, by means of pen and ink, the footing of each bill or invoice into the dollar and cent columns at the right hand of the copy, and can also foot the totals of the several bills on a page and place the amount at the bottom of such columns, and carry such amount forward from page to page, as may be desired, to ascertain the total of the business for a day or other period. The total of each bill on a page being thus carried into suitably-ruled columns, mistakes in posting and footing such totals are not likely to occur from a confusion of figures or imperfect figures in the copy.

By using these books there will be a great saving in labor, in the cost of journals, and mistakes incident to hand-copying will be avoided, while the dealer will have an exact and complete copy of the bill sent to his customer, with any memorandum or note that may be made on the bill.

If desired, the page can be wider than shown in the drawing, and additional ruled lines can be used to the right of those already shown, which will be found convenient in keeping certain classes of accounts.

The pages may ordinarily be about nineteen inches long and about eleven inches wide; but any other suitable size may be used. Each page may be provided with a ruled line both at the top and bottom, a little distance from the edge.

I do not claim, broadly, a copying-book into which bills and invoices can be copied; neither do I claim an improvement in a method of keeping accounts. My invention is limited to a book the leaves of which are made of copying-paper, having a large space to receive the copy and a ruled space to the right hand thereof for the purposes specified.

I am aware that an ordinary press-copy book and an ordinary journal or balance book have been connected together so that bills can be press-copied in the press-copy book and then



entered in the separate journal-book; but such does not constitute my invention, and is hereby disclaimed.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure  
5 by Letters Patent, is as follows:

As an improved article of manufacture, an invoice or bill book possessing the following characteristics—namely, a bound volume of leaves, B, of paper, which is both adapted to  
10 press-copy original ink-writings, and also to be

written upon with pen and ink, each leaf having its outer portion provided with ruled longitudinal columns, the blank space of the leaves serving to receive the press-copy of the bill or invoice and the ruled columns to receive the  
15 totals of the same, substantially as described.

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