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FIG. 1

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Union National Bank.

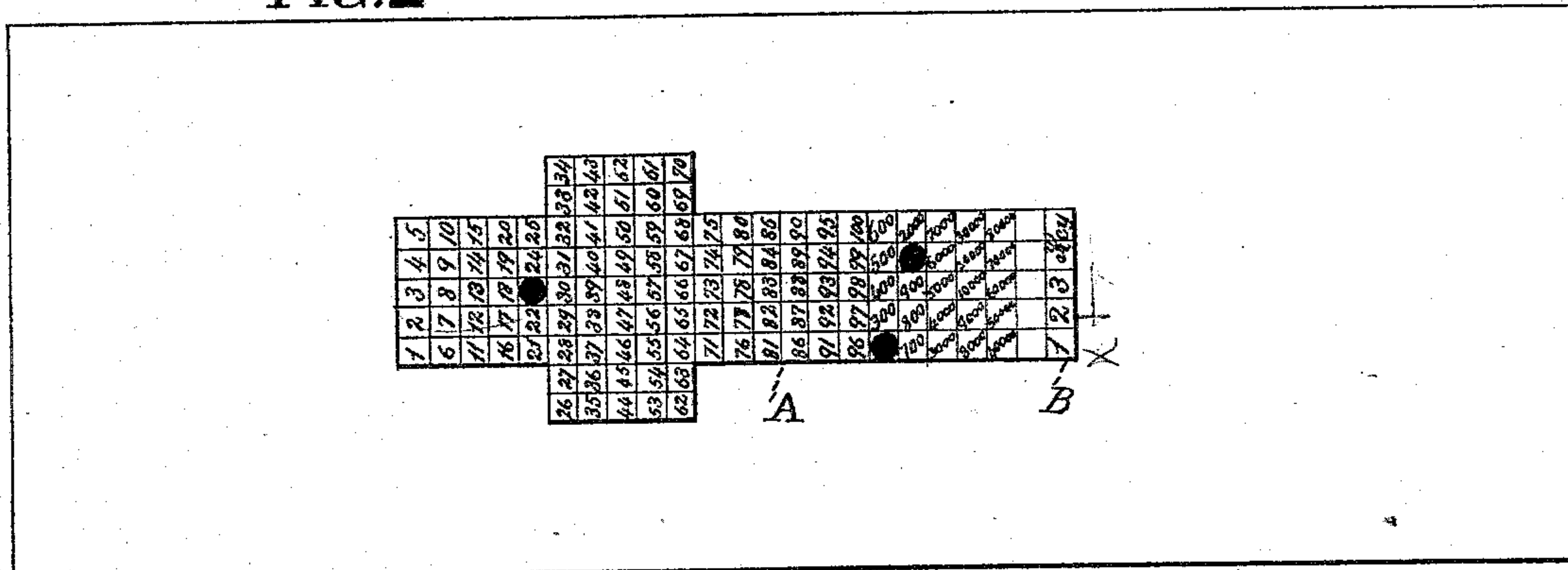
Pay to the order of Howard Bodley

Twelve Hundred and Twenty three  $\frac{00}{100}$  Dollars.

\$1223.00.

Howard Bodley.

**FIG. 2**



Witnesses.

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## CHECK, DRAFT, NOTE, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HOWARD BODEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norristown, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Checks, Drafts, Notes, &c., affording protection against the fraudulent raising of the value thereof, of which the following is a specification.

10 My invention relates to a form for checks, tickets, bills, notes, &c., the said form being adapted to prevent and detect the "raising" or alteration of such checks, &c.; and the novelty consists in the peculiarities of arrangement in the figures or other characters upon  
15 such check, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claim. To prevent such raising or altering of negotiable paper, various schemes and devices have been devised—as, for instance, the  
20 form shown in Patent No. 68,448, of 1867; but in that case each figure has to be punched out separately, and the entire series of figures may be separated from the body of the check,  
25 leaving a negotiable body intact.

In my invention the form of figures or other characters are printed upon either face of the check or other instrument in units, from one to nine, inclusive, and in tens, hundreds, thou-  
30 sands, tens of thousands, and hundreds of thousands in like manner, so arranged as to cover the major part of the face upon which they are printed.

Referring to the drawings which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front and Fig. 2 is a back view of a check illustrating the invention.

The letter A indicates the scale of figures, and B a key which denotes the number of  
40 figures or combination of figures punched out.

The check being properly filled in other respects, and being for the amount of twenty-three dollars, the combination "23" is punched

out, and the figure "1" in the key is also punched, to denote that but one punching had  
45 been made in the schedule. If the check was drawn for one hundred and twenty-three dollars, the combinations "100" and "23" would be punched out, and the figure "2" in the key  
50 also punched, to denote that but two punch-holes had been made, and in like manner one thousand two hundred and twenty-three would be designated by punching out "1,000,"  
55 "200," and "23", and the figure "3" of the key punched, to denote that three punch-holes had been made. As shown, fractions of a dollar are not provided for; but it is obvious that the scheme would be equally efficient and as easily manipulated with such provision made.

It will be observed that by the combinations  
60 arranged as shown any amount less than one hundred thousand may be punched out with three holes, while in the patent hereinbefore mentioned it would require the formation of five holes—an addition of time and trouble  
65 and study.

I attach importance to the key, as it doubles the security against alteration—that is to say, the schedule of figures protects the amount of the check, while the key protects the schedule  
70 itself.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A bank-check or similar instrument having a schedule of figures in units and combina-  
75 tions, occupying the major part of either face thereof, and adapted to be punched to denote the commercial value thereof, and having a key adapted to be punched to denote the amount of defacement to the schedule, as and  
80 for the purpose set forth.

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Witnesses:

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