

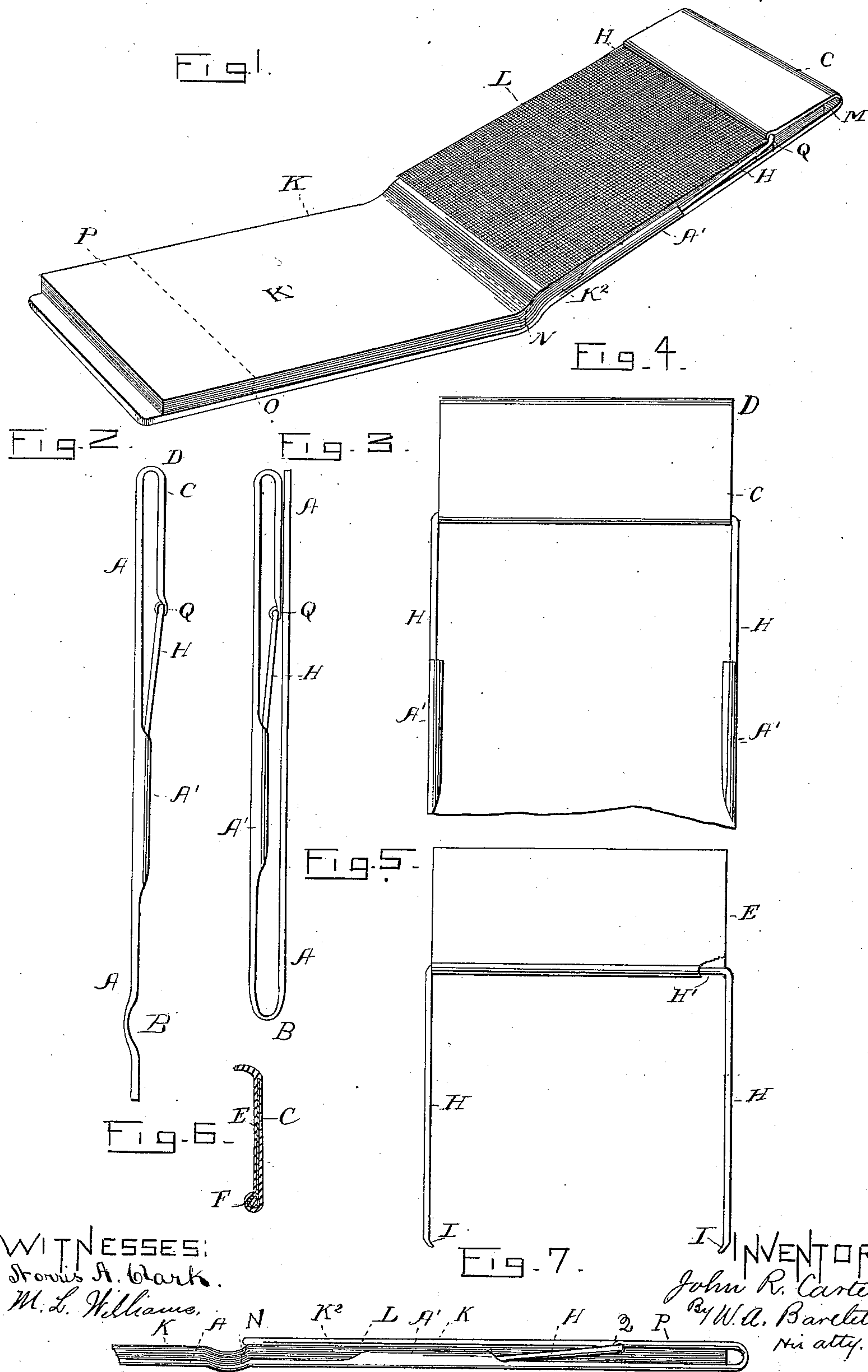
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to all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. CARTER, residing at Niagara Falls, in the county of Niagara and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sales-Books, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to sales-books and memorandum-books in which a pad of detachable sheets is removably held in a cover, with or without a carbon sheet.

The present improvement consists in a peculiar cover and spring attachment thereto to hold the sheets or pad, and in the construction of the pad with relation to the transfer-sheet, substantially as hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book constructed according to my improvement. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the cover, part being broken away. Fig. 3 is a similar view of a cover closed. Fig. 4 is a plan of a portion of the cover open. Fig. 5 is a view of the spring and strengthening-plate. Fig. 6 is a detail section showing the re-enforcing plate. Fig. 7 is a detail showing position of sheet in writing sales-check.

A indicates the cover. This cover is jointed at B, and has a clamp-tablet, C, which is preferably connected by a flexible part, D, with one end of the cover. The clamp-tablet C is preferably strengthened by an inserted metallic plate, E, having a turned-over edge or loop, F. This plate E serves to stiffen the clamp-tablet and hold it always flat. It also serves to prevent wear of the material of the cover, which is preferably pasteboard covered with leather. The turned-over edge of the metallic plate serves as a socket or hinge for the cross-bar H' of the metallic spring H. This spring H, formed, preferably, of a single wire, has its ends I I seated in the body A of the cover, near the edges A' A'. Where the part H' of the wire spring H passes through the clamp-tablet C it causes a projecting rib to protrude below the general surface of the tablet. This rib bears on the inclosed sheets in a manner which will be hereinafter explained.

The sheets forming the sales or memorandum book may be made up in a pad, K, with a black or transfer leaf, L, on top, the black leaf ex-

tending about half the length of the pad, from the top end, M, of the pad to about the line of perforations N across the sheets constituting the pad, although in some forms the black leaf may be shorter. The sheets of the pad may also have a line of perforations, O, extending across the sheets, near the bottom. These perforations O separate the sales-check P from the body of the sheet. The lower end of the top sheet may be turned up over the black leaf and clamp-tablet, the check P resting on the tablet C, as in Fig. 7. The check P then rests on the tablet C, and may then be written without leaving a transfer on the stub. The part K' will, when written, leave a duplicate of the written matter on part K² beneath.

The projecting rib of the tablet C is held by the spring H firmly down upon the pad just above the upper line of perforations, Q. This enables the salesman to readily remove the upper sheet of the pad from the stub without tendency to tear into the stub, the rib holding all the sheets firmly in place for their full width, so preventing any tear, except in the line of the rib.

The cover-sections and the tablet C are stiff, and will hold the sheets of the pad flat when the head of the pad is entered between the clamping-tablet and the upper section of the cover. The tablet also affords a smooth surface on which the check P or any other part of the sheet may be written, of which no duplicate is desired.

The spring H, being attached at the sides of the cover and also at the sides of the clamp-tablet, will leave the face of the tablet and the back of the cover free from projections, so that a smooth surface is presented on which a sheet may be spread for writing, and the device is much more durable than if made with surface projections.

I claim—

1. The combination, with the cover of a book, of clamping-tablet and a spring attached to the sides of the cover below the tablet and to the tablet at the sides thereof, as set forth.

2. The combination, with the cover of a sales or memorandum book, of an end clamping-tablet, an inclosed metallic plate in said tablet, and a spring attached to the sides of the cover and bearing on the metallic plate in the tablet, as set forth.

3. In combination with a sales-book cover, a clamping-tablet having a rib across the under surface, and a spring connected with the cover and bearing the tablet toward the cover, 5 substantially as described.

4. The combination, with cover A, of the clamp tablet C, held toward the cover by side springs connected with the cover, and the pad of the sheets having a line of perforations near 10 the edge of the tablet.

5. The sales - book described, having stiff cover jointed centrally, the spring-tablet, and the pad of leaves perforated on a line near the edge of the tablet, perforated centrally, and 15 perforated near the end away from the tablet, as set forth.

6. The book-cover A, of stiff material centrally jointed, the tablet C, the side springs, H, attached to the cover and bearing on the inner end of the tablet, the pad of sheets K, 20 perforated on the lines N O Q, and the transfer-leaf held under the tablet and shorter than the leaves in the pad, as set forth.

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

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