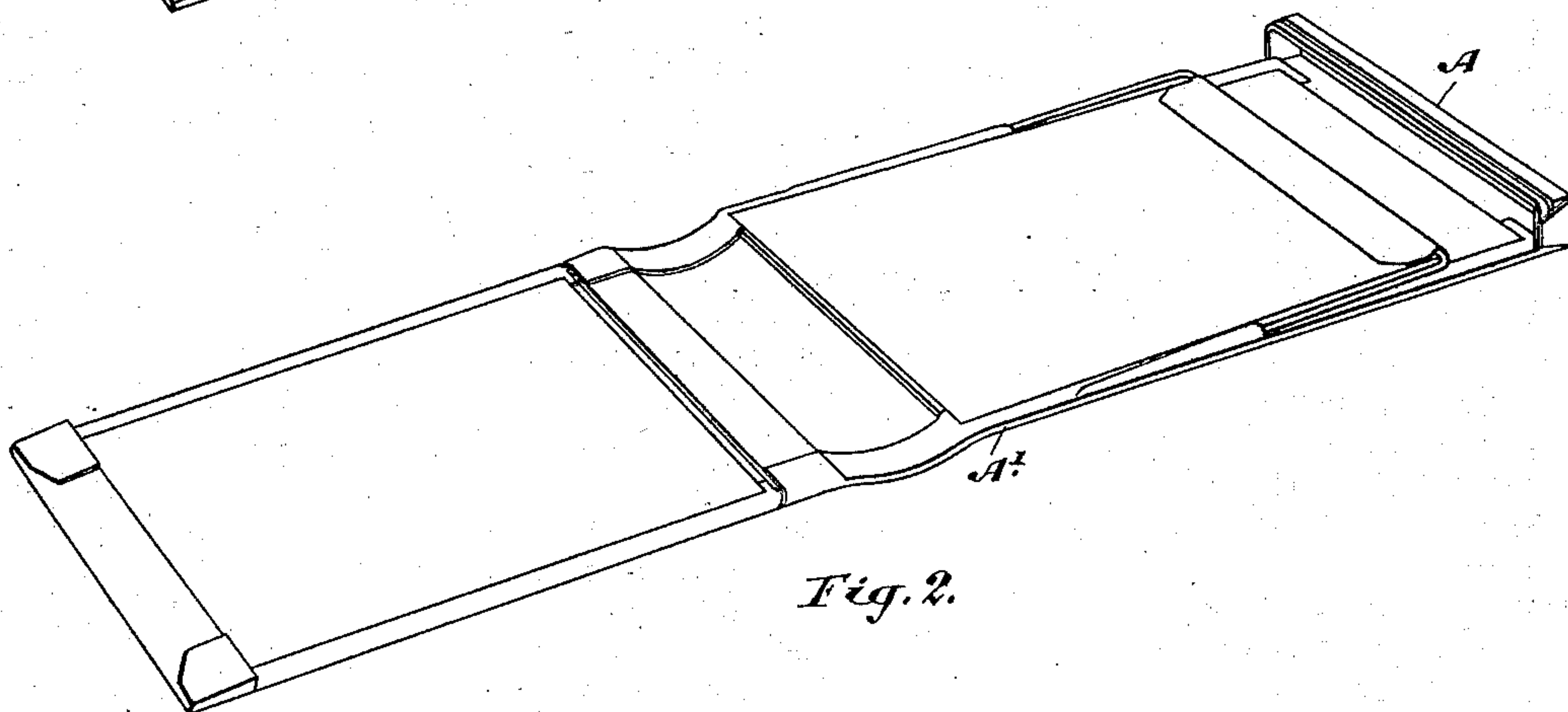
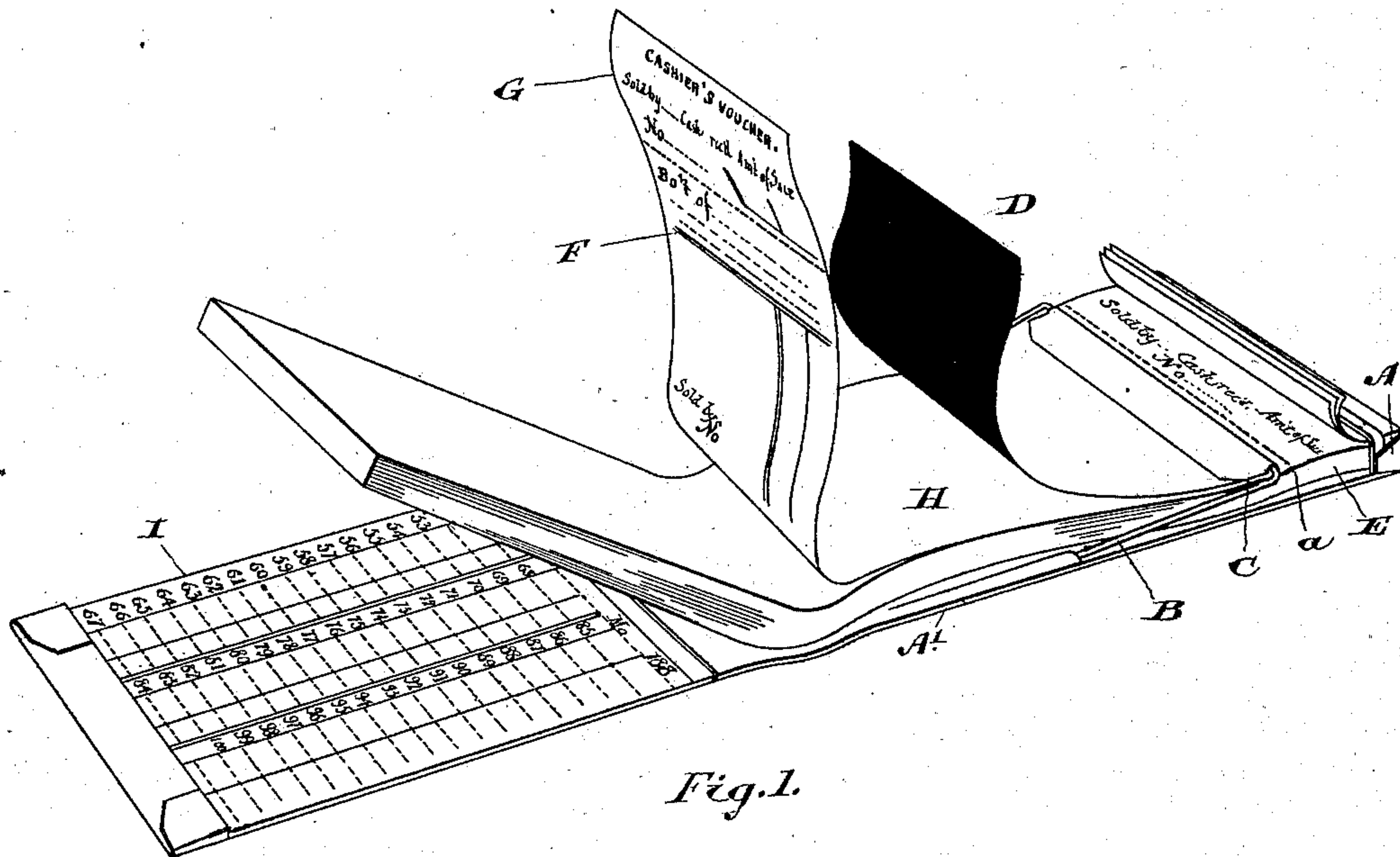


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS McDOWELL, manufacturer, of the town of Niagara Falls, in the county of Niagara, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Black-Leaf Check-Books, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to that class of black-leaf check-books in which the leaves are made detachable from the cover; and the objects of the invention are, first, to design the book so that the salesman can record the amount of each sale on the stub of the book without handling the black leaf; and, secondly, to hold the leaves to the cover in such a manner that, while they may be readily removed when desired, they cannot be shaken out of position.

The invention consists, first, in forming a stub on the end of the sheet between the end of the black leaf and the pocket on the cover, in which the leaves are inserted; and, secondly, in providing a spring for holding the leaves to the cover and locating the said spring below the perforations separating the stub from the main leaves, substantially as hereinafter more particularly explained.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved black-leaf check-book and cover. Fig. 2 is a view of the cover with the book of leaves removed.

In the drawings, A represents a pocket formed on the cover and made to hold the book of leaves in position.

B is a spring connected to the cover A' and extending across the portion of the leaves marked H just below the perforations *a*, which separate the portion H of the leaf from its stub E.

C is a fly, which I prefer to make of heavy Manila paper, attached to the spring B, and suitably connected to the carbon sheet D, so as to hold the said carbon sheet clear of the stub E, on which the salesman is enabled to record his sales without handling the carbon sheet D.

In Fig. 1 the book is shown at its fourth leaf, the three preceding stubs E being curled,

so as to enable the salesman to write freely on No. 4 stub.

F is the bill which is given to the customer. G is the cashier's voucher, and H is the duplicate which is retained in the house for reference.

I is the index or tally-sheet, which the salesman fills up at his leisure from the entries made in the stub of the book, and as he has time to fill up this tally-sheet he is enabled to do it more neatly than he would were it not for the stub E.

By locating the spring B below the stub E the removal of a few leaves will form the stub E into an obstruction which will prevent the book of leaves from being shaken clear of the cover A', which removal can only take place by raising the spring B.

I do not claim the spring B in its broad sense for securing the book of leaves in position, nor do I claim a cover A' with a pocket A formed in its end.

What I claim as my invention is--

1. The combination, with the cover of a book, of a substantially U-shaped spring attached to said cover and the cross-bar thereof adapted to bear on the book at a point between its attachment to the cover and the perforations *a* of the book, leaving the stubs entirely free of the spring, and a black leaf secured to the cross-bar of said spring, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A cover A', formed at one end with a pocket A, and a book fitted into pocket A, formed on the end of the cover A', in combination with a binder or elastic over the portion of the book in the pocket, and the carbon sheet D, attached to a fly C, attached to the spring B, which is attached to the cover A' and extends along the side of the main leaf and across the book at a point between the free end of the main leaf and the perforations *a*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

Niagara Falls, New York, October 12, 1887.
THOS. McDOWELL.

In presence of—
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PERCY HOCH.