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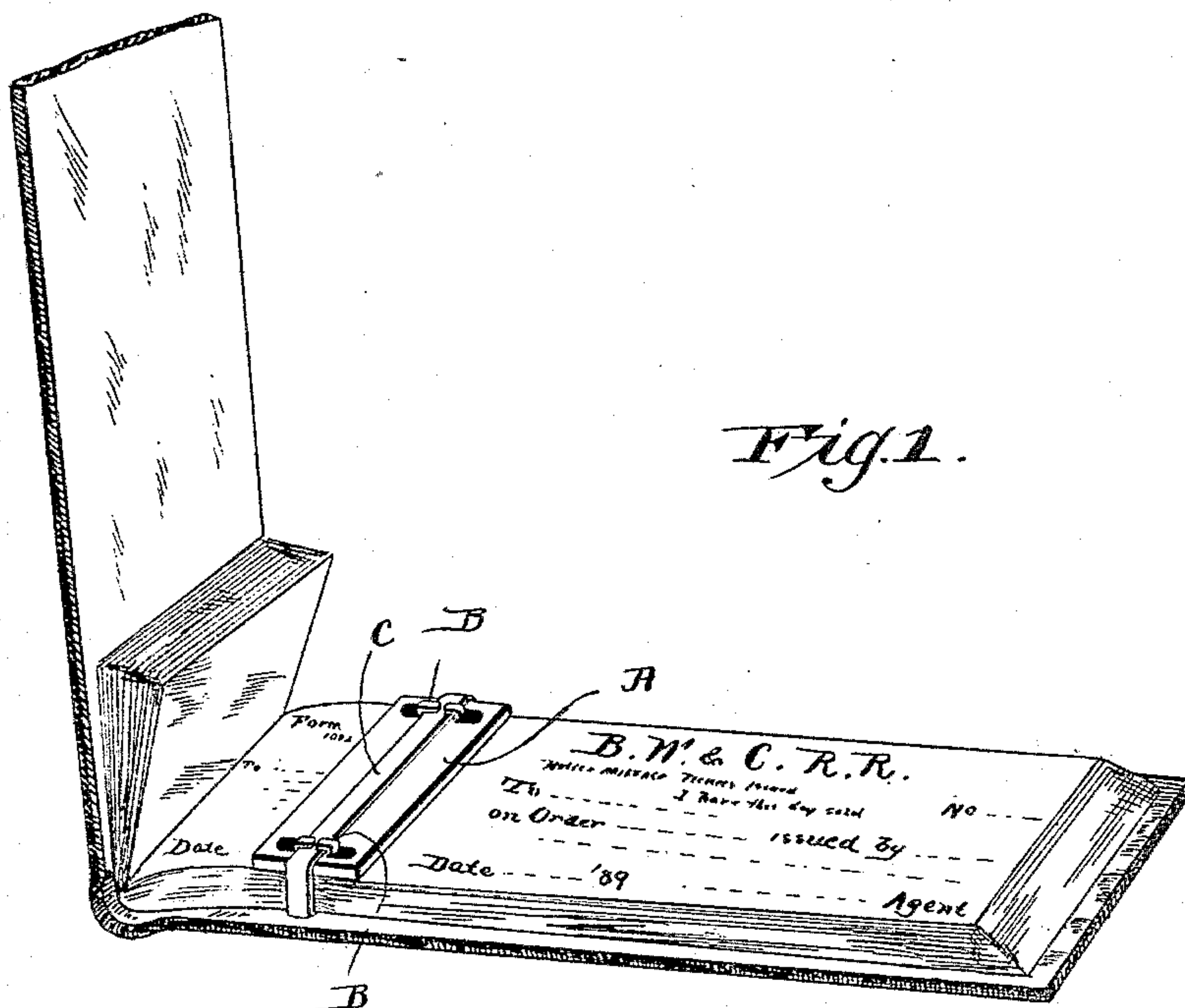


Fig. 2.

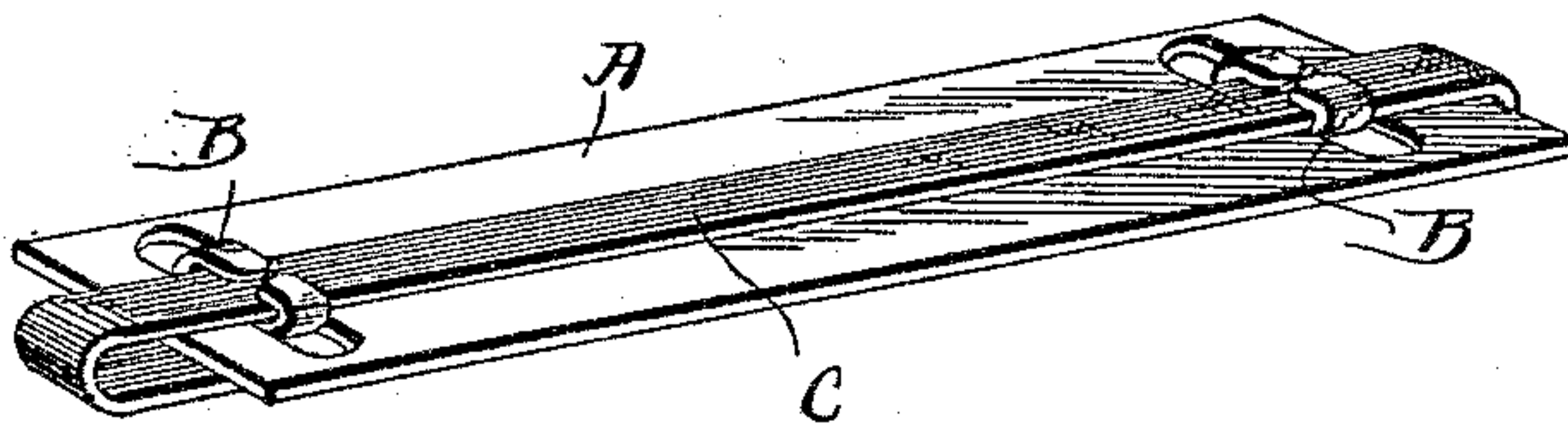


Fig. 3.



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## STRAIGHT-EDGE FOR RECEIPT OR STUB BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE ROSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Butte, in the county of Silver Bow and Territory of Montana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Straight-Edges for Receipt or Stub Books, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a straight-edge for receipt or stub books; and it consists in a simple, cheap, and effective device to facilitate the detachment of the leaves from the stubs, as more fully described hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the device applied in the operative position to a stub-book. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the device detached from the book. Fig. 3 is a transverse section through the ears.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates a thin flat plate having straight parallel side edges, and it is provided near its ends with the pliable ears B B, which are struck up from the plate, and C designates an elastic band, of rubber or other suitable material, which extends longitudinally over the plate, between the said ears, and also passes around a number of the leaves of the book, as shown in the drawings, Fig. 1. The ears are bent down after the band is arranged properly between them to hold it firmly in place, and the plate is held by the band in position on the book, with one of its edges on the line of division between the leaves and stubs. The plate may be slid in either direction to bring its edge in the proper position

or to expose the portion of the leaf or stub which is to be written upon, and when the leaf is to be torn off the plate is pressed down firmly, so that its edge acts as a paper-cutter.

This device may be used with books in which the division-line between the leaves and stubs is perforated, or in those in which the said line is not perforated.

Having thus described the invention, I claim—

1. The straight-edge for receipt or stub books, consisting of a plate bearing on the leaves and provided with a continuous elastic band encircling both the plate and the book and secured to the plate to hold it in place, substantially as specified.

2. The straight-edge for receipt or stub books, consisting of the plate provided with upstruck ears, and the elastic band extending over the plate and engaged by the said ears, substantially as specified.

3. As a new article of manufacture, the straight-edge for receipt or stub books, consisting of a plate A, having parallel edges and opposite struck-up bent ears formed intermediate its ends, and an elastic band connected to the plate by means of the ears and adapted to extend around the leaves of the book, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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