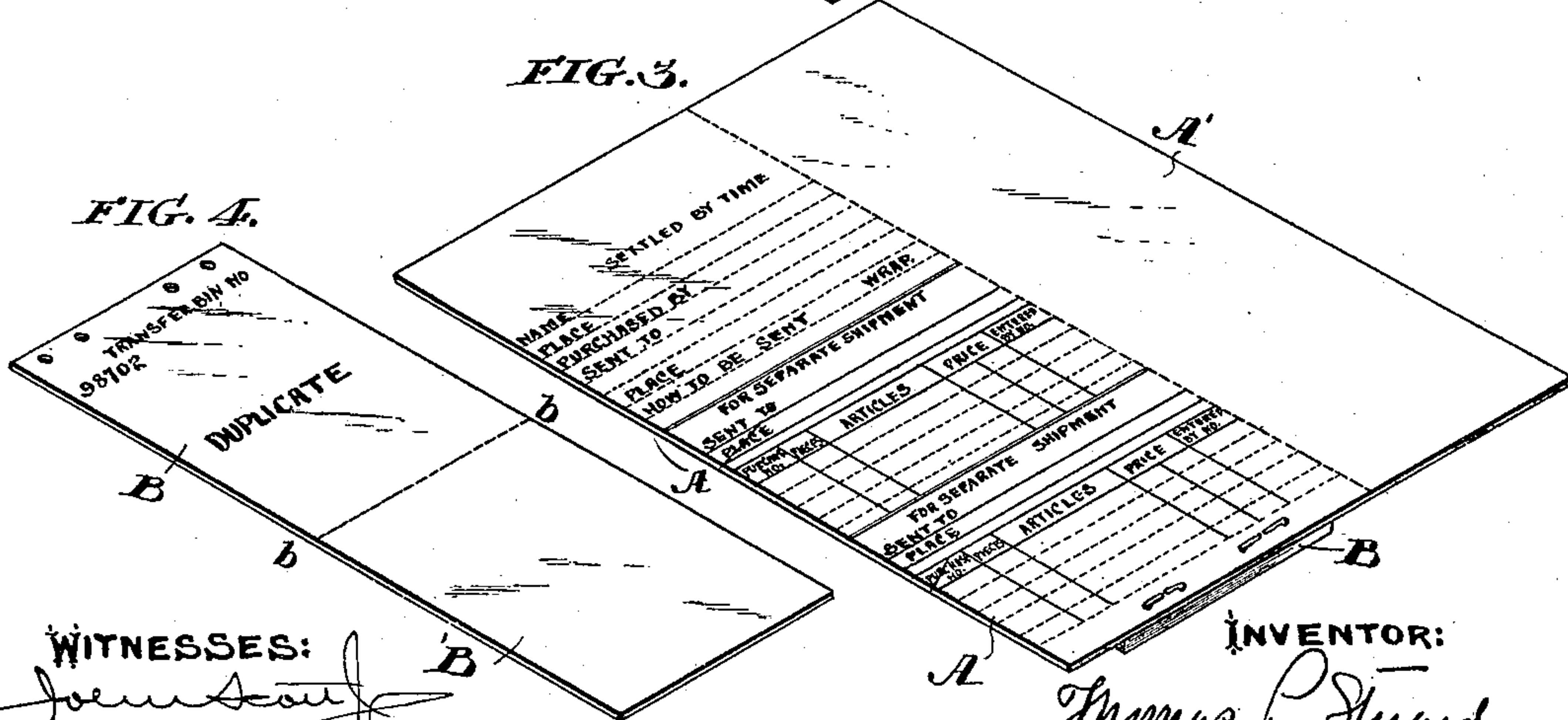
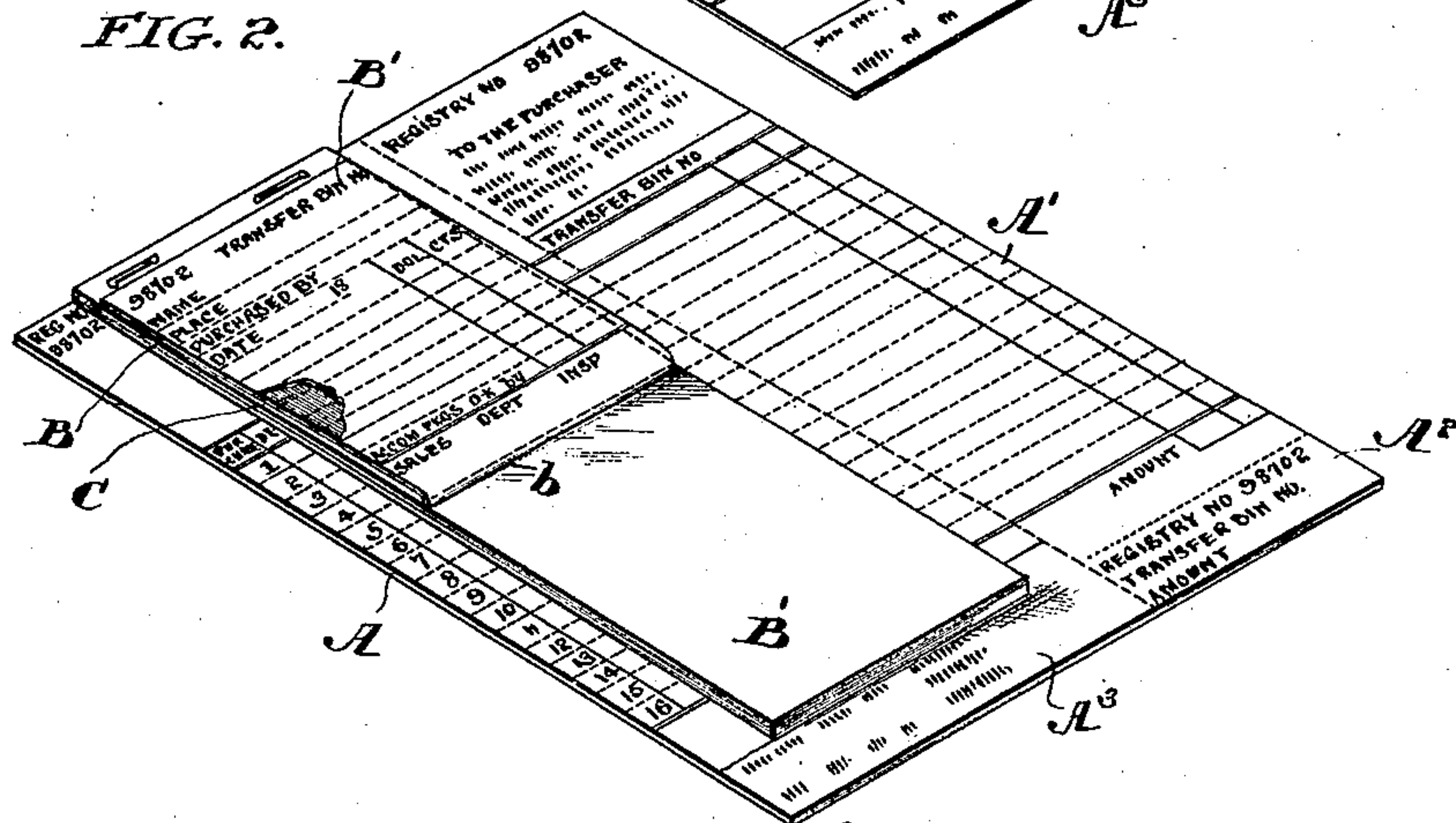
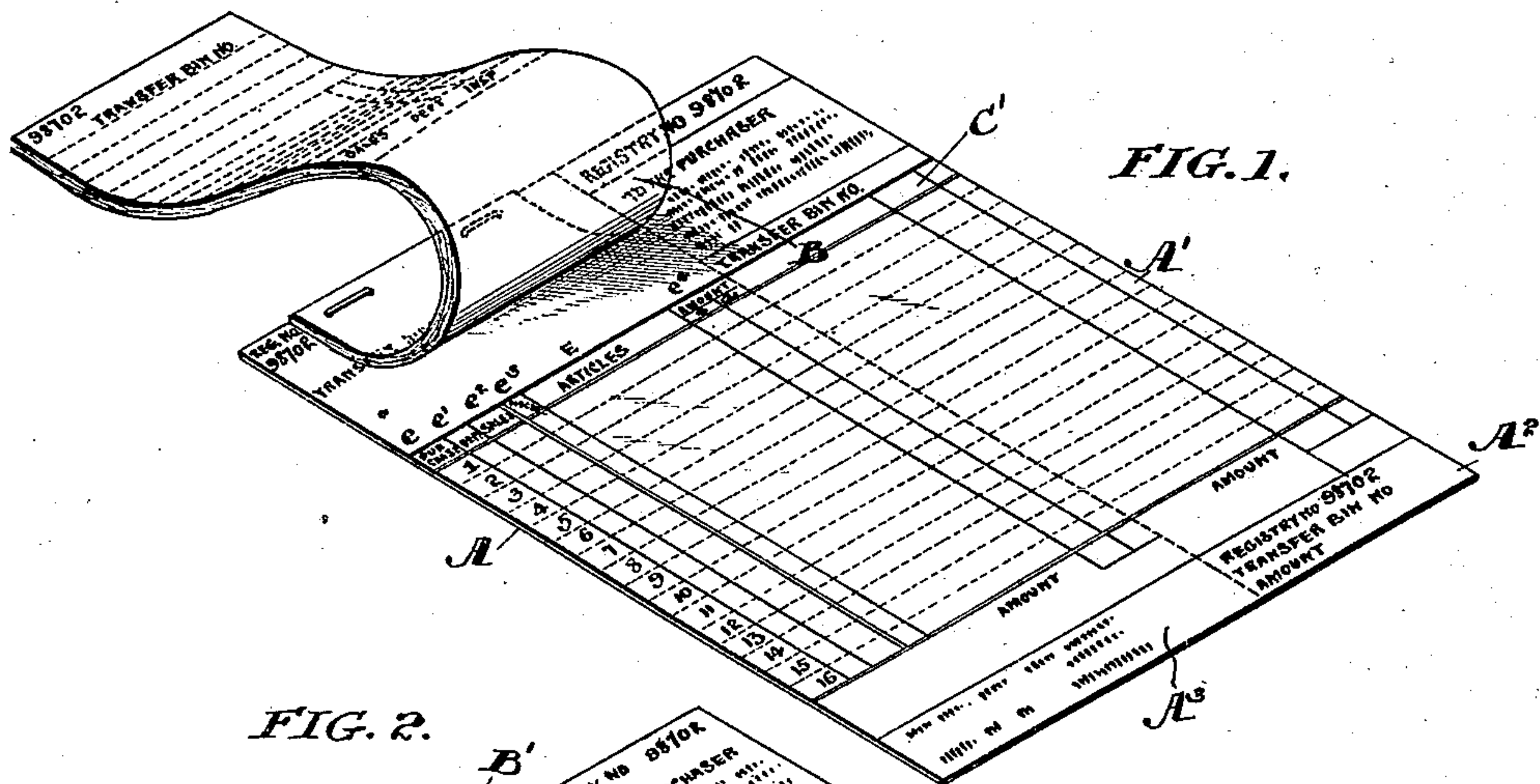


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. STUARD, of the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Purchasing-Sheets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention has for its object to provide a purchasing sheet or book to prevent mistake either on the part of the purchaser or the seller, or to allow a mistake to be easily traced when made, and a further object is to provide for the convenience of the purchaser where numerous articles are to be purchased at different departments of the same store by obviating the necessity of having the goods wrapped and delivered and the money paid at each purchase, while at the same time a correct record is made on the said sheet, and after all the goods have been purchased at the different departments of the store they may be thus collected at one delivering-point and bound together for delivery and payment of all the purchases made at one time, with the liability to error reduced to a minimum.

My invention relates to an improvement in salesheets or books for use in large retail and other stores; and it consists in a sheet, preferably of stiff paper, having a longitudinal section of the same detachable from the main sheet, upon which detachable section a column is provided for the entry thereon of the articles purchased and a separate column for the total amount of each purchase. Upon the main sheet are also provided similar columns for the entry of the articles purchased and the total amount of each purchase opposite thereto. There is also preferably provided a space for the number of each purchase opposite each purchase, and also, in like manner, a column for the number or letter of the department, a column for the number of the salesman, and a column for the number of the pieces. Both the main sheet and the detachable sheet are also preferably provided with a space for the aggregate total amount of the purchases, the number of the transfer-bin, and the registry number of the said purchase-sheet, so that the articles and the amount of

the purchase, the registry-number, and number of transfer-bin correspond on each sheet. On the main sheet is provided a number of sheets, preferably of thin paper, bound together at the top, said thin sheets being columned and lined, as hereinafter particularly described.

In the accompanying drawings similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention with the bound thin sheets thrown back, disclosing the construction of the main sheet with the detachable sheets. Fig 2 is a plan view showing one of the detachable thin sheets turned back to the line of its perforations as when in use, showing the construction and form of arrangement printed or otherwise marked on the said slip or sheet. Fig. 3 shows the construction and form of arrangement of the back of the sheet. Fig. 4 shows one of the detachable sheets detached from the main sheet.

A is the main sheet, and A' the detachable longitudinal sheet forming part of the main sheet A. To the main sheet A are bound together at the top the pack of sheets B B', the sheets B B' being capable of being detached from each other by means of the perforations b, provided across the same midway of their length. All the sheets A A' B B' and the detachable slip or coupon A², provided at the bottom of the detachable slip A', are provided severally with the same registry-number, so that when detached they may be traced by the registry-number. The sheet A' is provided on its face with lines and separate columns E for the entry of each purchase consisting of one or more articles, and column e for the number of the purchases; e', for the department; e², for the salesman's number; e³, for the number of pieces or remarks, and e⁴ for the amount of each separate purchase, and at the bottom is provided a space for totaling the amounts. The sheet A is also provided, preferably, with the number of the transfer-bin, and a separate space A³, detachable, if desired, from the main sheet A, is also provided at the bottom of the sheet A, having preferably thereon a line for the amounts in total of the prices of the goods, the amounts

received from the customer, and the number of the transfer-bin. The detachable longitudinal sheet A' is provided with a column and lines for the entry of each purchase consisting of one or more articles, and columns C' for the entry of the amount of each separate purchase corresponding to that on the main sheet A, together with the number of the registry-bin and the registry-number hereinbefore stated. A detachable slip A² is provided at the bottom of the sheet A' and has thereon, besides the registry number and number of the transfer-bin, a space for the amounts of the purchases.

The sheet B' is provided on its back, which is the face when turned up in the position shown in Fig. 2, with spaces for the name and residence of the purchaser and the name of the party purchasing, likewise for the date of the purchase, and a column for the articles purchased at a particular department, with also a column or columns for the amount of each purchase set opposite each article. Each sheet B' is also preferably provided with accommodation for other memoranda and notes, such as the number of accompanying packages, the name of the person by whom marked "O. K.," the name of the sales person, and the number of the department, and any other necessary notes, together with the number of the transfer-bin.

The detachable sheet B, which was originally a part of the sheet B', is preferably marked "duplicate" and also has, in addition to this and the registry-number, a space for the number of the transfer-bin. The back of the sheet A is also preferably provided with a section or space marked off thereon, upon which may be entered, on lines designated for the purpose, the name of the party to be charged and his residence, the name of the party by whom the goods are purchased, and the place where the goods are to be delivered; also a space for other notes, such as how the goods are to be sent, the wrapper-number, settled for by whom, and time of settlement, &c., with any other desirable directions. Separate sections or spaces are also preferably provided for use in the case some of the goods purchased are to be shipped to different parties at different addresses. Each said separate section is provided with spaces for the names of the parties to whom the goods are to be sent, together with the address, and also with separate columns and lines for the entering of articles purchased, the amount of each purchase, number of goods, number of the pieces, or remarks, and by whom entered.

As each purchase is made an entry is made upon the sheet A, the detachable strip A', and the perforated sheet B' upon the columns and lines provided for the purpose, with the name, residence, article purchased, amounts, &c. After the entry of the purchase is fully entered on the respective sheets on the columns and lines provided for the purpose the duplicate sheet B' is detached by means of the

perforations *b* from the duplicate sheet B. The entry on the sheet B' is transferred onto its duplicate sheet B by means of a detached or bound carbon-sheet C, placed between the folded sheets B B'. One of the sheets, as B, is put with the goods to be sent to the transfer-bin and the other retained by the wrapper or inspector. The purchaser then, desiring to make other purchases, takes the whole sheet with him, minus the sheets detached, as described, and upon making another purchase or purchases has an entry made on the different respective sheets and strips, as hereinbefore described, which is repeated at the several counters until all his purchases are made in the various departments of the store. The purchaser, after settlement, to be secured in case of errors, is given the sheet A', detached from the main sheet A, having the registry-number and list of purchases and amounts of each entered thereon, and the balance of the sheet is retained by the store.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A purchasing sheet or book having a main sheet A, provided with columns and spaces for the entry of the several purchases and the amount of each, and leaves or sheets B B', provided with indentations or perforations across the same about midway in their length to allow of their being readily detached from each other, said sheets bound together to the sheet A, said sheet B' provided with columns and spaces for the entry of the articles purchased at a particular department and for the amounts of each article, together with spaces for other desirable memoranda provided thereon, and a sheet A', forming a part of sheet A, detachable therefrom longitudinally, said sheet A' having provided thereon columns and spaces for the entry of the several purchases and amounts thereof, each of said sheets A A' B B' provided with a like registry-number, substantially as described.

2. A purchasing sheet or book having a main sheet A, provided with columns and spaces for the entry thereon of each purchase and the amount of each purchase opposite to the same and columns and spaces for the number of the purchase and other spaces for memoranda opposite to each purchase named, sheets B B', bound at the top to the sheet A, said sheet B' detachable from the sheet B by means of perforations or indentations provided across said sheet about midway of its length, said sheet B' provided on one side with columns and spaces for the entry of each article purchased in any particular department, together with the amounts of each article, and spaces for the name and residence of the party to be charged and for other desirable memoranda, substantially as described, said sheet B being preferably marked "duplicate" and adapted to receive, by means of a carbon-sheet, an impression on its surface of the entries made on the sheet B', a sheet A',

provided with columns and spaces for the entry of each purchase, with the amounts of each corresponding to the entries on the sheet A, and lines and spaces provided on said sheet A' for other desirable memoranda, and a coupon or detachable strip A², detachably secured at the bottom of the sheet A', each of said sheets, coupons, or strips provided, respectively, with the same registry-number.

3. A purchasing sheet or book having a main sheet A, provided on its face with columns and spaces for the entry of each purchase, with spaces for the amounts opposite to each, and columns and spaces for the entry of other desirable memoranda, a series of sheets B B', connected to each other and detachable from each other, bound at the upper end to the top of the sheet A, a carbon-sheet C, sheet B', provided with spaces and columns for the entry thereon of the articles purchased and the amounts of each, name and residence of party to be charged, date, and other desirable memoranda, and sheet B, being principally blank, to receive through the medium of the carbon-sheet C entries made upon the sheet B', a sheet A', detachable from the sheet A by means of line of longitudinal indentations or perforations, said sheet A' provided with columns and spaces for the entry of each purchase, with the amounts opposite each corresponding to such entry on sheet A, and space for other desirable memoranda, detachable ticket A², provided with spaces for memoranda of amounts of purchases, number of registry-bin, &c., all of said sheets herein described provided with similar registry-number, sections, spaces, and columns provided on the back of said sheet A for the entry of the name of party to be charged and residence and name of the party purchasing, place of delivery of goods, and other desirable memoranda, substantially as described.

4. A purchasing sheet or book having a

main sheet A, provided on its face with columns and spaces for the entry of each purchase, with the amounts opposite to each, columns and spaces for the entry of other desirable memoranda, a series of sheets B B', detachably connected to each other, bound at the upper end to the top of the sheet A, a carbon-sheet C, sheet B', provided with spaces and columns for the entry thereon of the articles purchased and the amount of each, name and residence of party to be charged, date, and other desirable memoranda, a sheet B, being principally blank, to receive through the medium of the carbon-sheet C entries made upon the sheet B', a sheet A', detachable from the sheet A by means of line of longitudinal indentations or perforations, said sheet A' provided with columns and spaces for the entry of each purchase and the amount opposite each corresponding to such entry on sheet A, and space for other desirable memoranda, detachable ticket A², provided with spaces for memoranda of amounts of purchases, number of transfer-bin, &c., all of said sheets herein described provided with similar registry-number, columns, lines, and spaces provided on the back of said sheet A for the entry of the name of party to be charged, and residence and name of party purchasing, place of delivery of goods, and other desirable memoranda, and other separate sections or spaces provided with columns and spaces for the entry of the name and place of delivery of a portion of the goods, with columns and spaces for the entry of such articles to be delivered, prices of same, and other desirable memoranda, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of July, A. D. 1890.

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