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REGISTER SHEET.

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Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

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REGISTER-SHEET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIAS JACKSON RICHARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Selma, in the county of Dallas and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Register-Sheets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is a register-sheet arranged to be used by shippers of bottled goods such as soda and mineral waters, which are shipped in cases and the cases, with empty bottles, returned to the shipper to be again used.

In the drawings I have illustrated two register-sheets embodying my invention, differing somewhat from each other in the way they are ruled and the printing they contain and which are designated Figures 1 and 2.

The sheets may be of any suitable size and bound in books or kept separate, as best suits the convenience of the user.

The sheet shown in Fig. 1 is divided by vertical lines into seven columns, numbered on the drawings 1 to 7, respectively, and across the heads of which columns are printed, in the order named, the following words: "Date." "Amount." "Purchaser." "Shipping-point." "P. O. address." "How shipped." "No. case."

The page is ruled with parallel horizontal lines in the usual manner, and one of these lines is filled up, by way of illustration, as it should be in practice. In column 1 is written the date when the case was shipped, as "Oct. 11," and for convenience I subdivide this column by a vertical line, making separate spaces for the month and day of the month. In column 2 is written the price of the goods shipped, as "\$5.00," and for convenience this column is likewise subdivided, giving separate spaces for dollars and cents. The next column 3 contains the name of the purchaser or the person to whom the goods are shipped, as "J. L. Bishop," and in the next column 4 is written the name of the point to which they are shipped, as "Selma, Ala.," while in column 5 is written the post-office address of the consignee or purchaser, which in some cases will be different from the shipping-point. In column 6 is written the way the goods are shipped—for example, "Express Adams"—and in

the last column 7 is written the number or name of the case or box in which the goods are packed. Along the vertical line which separates the columns 6 and 7 is a row of perforations 8, while rows of perforations 9 follow the horizontal lines of the page from the row of perforations 8 to the edge of the sheet. The sheet is thus perforated in order to permit the tearing off of any section 10 of column 7 between any two horizontal lines without disturbing any other portions or section thereof, two sections being indicated as torn off at 0 0 on the drawings. A section 10 is torn off when the case, the number of which appears thereon, is returned by the purchaser or consignee to the shipper and indicates that the case referred to in the description written on the horizontal line, of which the torn-off section 10 was a part, has been properly returned, and hence need not be further traced up so far as that shipment is concerned.

The sheet shown in Fig. 2 differs from that described in the arrangement and the number of the columns. On this sheet there are eight columns, numbered 11 to 18, respectively, and having at the heads of the various columns the following words, beginning at the right: "Date." "Purchaser." "To whom shipped." "Shipping-point." "Amount." "No. of bottles lost or broken." "No. of case." "No. of case." So far as columns 11, 12, 14, 15, and 18 are concerned their use need not be described, as they correspond, respectively, with columns 1, 3, 4, 2, and 7 of the other sheet. Column 13 is used when the person to whom the goods are shipped is different from the purchaser. Column 16 is filled in when the case is returned, the number of bottles missing or broken being written therein. Column 17 is a duplicate of column 18, but is a permanent part of the sheet and shows what particular case was shipped even after the detachable section 10 of column 18 has been removed, for it will be understood that column 18 is surrounded by the lines of perforations 8 and 9, as is column 7 of Fig. 1.

The sheet shown in Fig. 2 is the one which I prefer for the use to which the invention is particularly adapted as hereinbefore set forth; but it will be seen that the invention, in so far as it consists in making one of the columns with detachable sections, one for each

entry, may be applied to record-sheets of many different kinds and for many purposes.

What I claim is—

5 1. A record-sheet divided into columns to facilitate making entries and having one of the columns divided into a number of detachable sections, substantially as shown and described.

10 2. A record-sheet divided into columns to facilitate the making of entries and having the column next the edge of the sheet divided into a number of detachable sections, one for each entry-space, substantially as shown and described.

15 3. A record-sheet for use by shippers of bottled goods in returnable cases, having a

series of vertical columns with the following words at the heads thereof, to wit: "Date," "Purchaser," "To whom shipped," "Shipping-point," "Amount," "No. of bottles lost or broken," "No. of case," and "No. of case," the last column next the edge of the leaf being divided into a number of separable sections, one for each entry-space, substantially as shown and described. 20 25

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

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