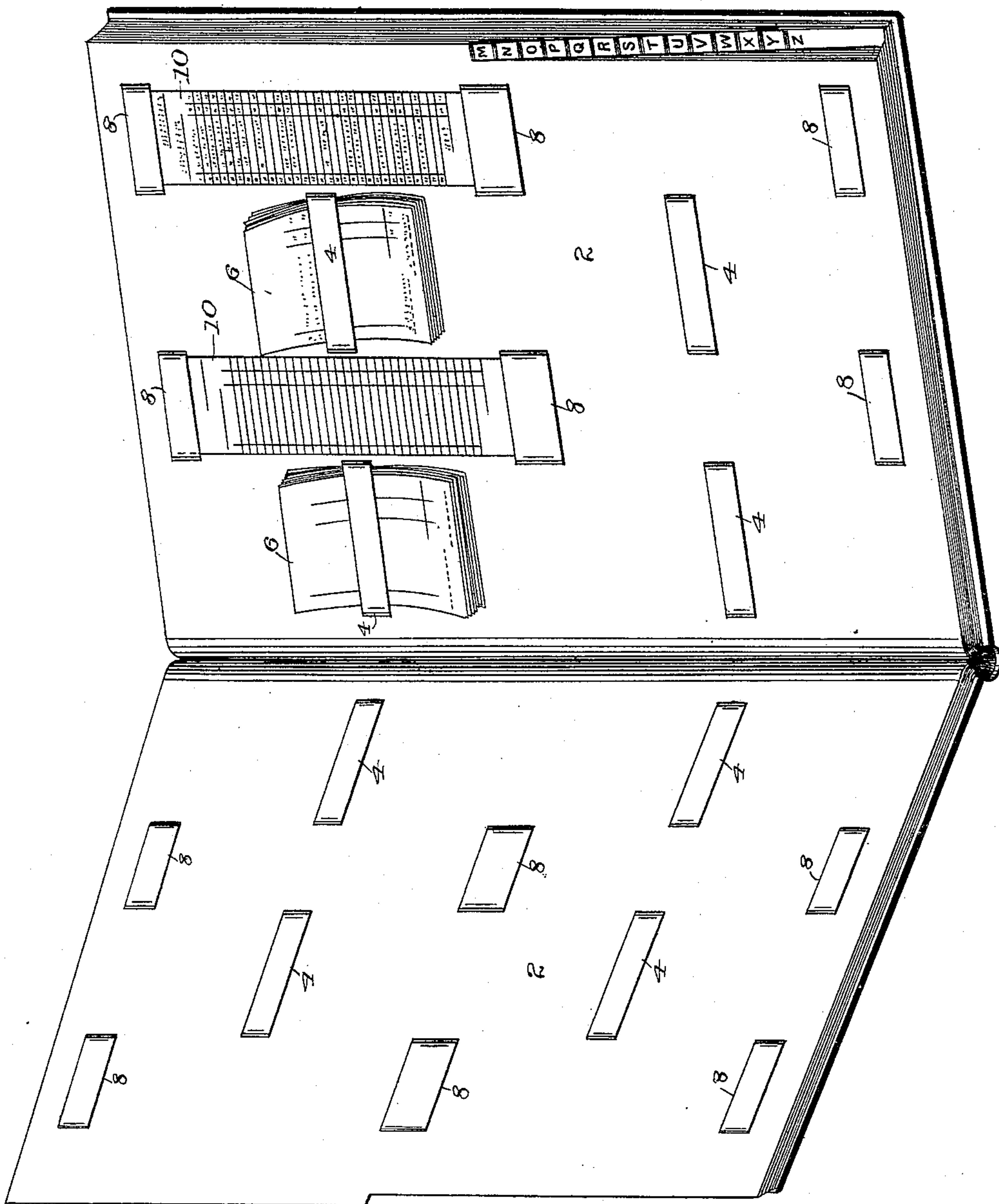


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## COMBINED FILE AND ACCOUNT-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN SEE, of St. Paul, Ramsey county, Minnesota, have invented a certain Improved Combined File and Account-Book, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in books designed especially for the use of retail merchants, adapted to receive and hold in suitable receptacles manifold or duplicate sale-slips, and provided with detachable ledger-account slips for each of said holders or receptacles, on which may be posted from day to day the amounts of the sales as determined by the sale-slips, whereby the necessity of ordinary account-books is entirely dispensed with, and the items and totals of each individual account accessible at any moment, and the correctness of any account can be instantly verified by means of the duplicate sale-slips.

To this end my invention consists in the construction and combination hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, the figure is a perspective view of my improved book, showing the arrangement of the holders and ledger-account slips upon the leaves of the book, which leaves are preferably alphabetically indexed.

In the drawings, 2 represents a leaf of the book, which is made, preferably, of thin, light but stiff material, such as card-board, as many as are necessary for the particular purpose being bound together in book form, and the outer edges of the leaves being indexed alphabetically, as shown. Upon each side of the leaf is provided one or more elastic loops or bands 4, of such size and so arranged as to receive and hold any desired number of duplicate sale-slips 6, which are commonly used in retail stores, they being the manifold copies of the original sale-slip given to the purchaser with the goods purchased. These slips are printed with a space to receive the name of the customer and date, together with

lines and columns for the entry of the articles purchased and the prices. These duplicate slips of the several customers are from day to day arranged within their respective holders, so that all of the account of each customer may be determined from the packages or bundles of slips. The book, with its holders, therefore serves the purpose of a journal for the original entry of the accounts. To serve the purpose also of a ledger to receive the classified or separate accounts, I detachably secure upon the leaves of the book adjacent to the several holders, as by means of the loops or elastic bands 8, ledger-account slips 10, which are ruled and printed to receive the name of the customer and the month, and are also provided with marginal numbers, as shown, for the several days of the month, and with lines and columns for the entry opposite each date of the sales of the day and the total amount. These slips consequently show at a glance the amount at any time of the account of the customer for the current month, from which statements may be readily made. In practical use these slips are made to receive the account of a single month only, and are detached from the book and replaced by new ones on the first of each month, the sale-slips being also removed from the holder and filed away for reference, and the sale-slips for the current month placed from time to time in the holder. It will thus be seen that for the record of the ordinary sales no account-books whatever are required.

My improved combined file and account-book, as described, serves efficiently all the purposes of ordinary account-books, being further a great convenience in the transaction of business and of advantage in the arranging and examination of accounts, thus dispensing with the work of book-keepers and greatly reducing the expenses of business.

I claim—

1. In a book, the combination, with the stiff leaves having an alphabetical index thereon, of a series of elastic bands on the face of said leaves adapted to hold sale-slips, and another series of elastic bands adjacent thereto adapt-



ed to hold ledger-account slips, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a book, the combination of the stiff leaves or boards 2, flexibly connected or  
5 hinged together at one edge, indexes upon the outer edge of the leaves, the elastic bands 4 upon the face of the leaves, the elastic bands 8 adjacent thereto, and the ledger-account

slips 10, removably secured in said bands 8, substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 10

. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of January, 1891.

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In presence of—

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