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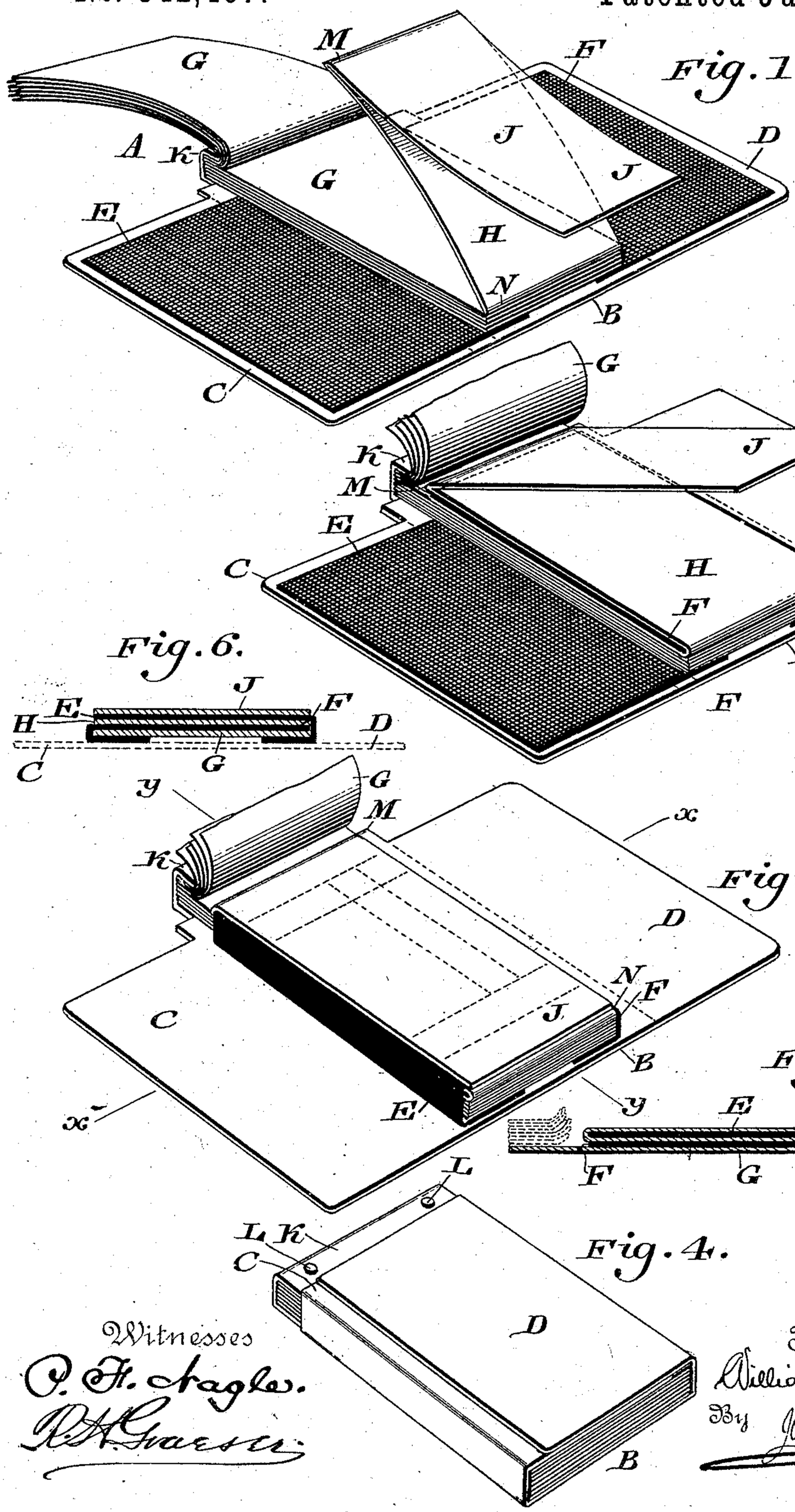

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 6.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 5.

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FRANK ENGLISH, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Manifolding Blank-Books, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a novel construction of manifolding blank-book for sales-blanks, bills, &c., so arranged that three copies may be simultaneously written, all but one of which can readily be removed, leaving but a single reproduction of the written matter in the book, the same to be retained therein as permanent memorandum.

It further consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a manifolding blank-book embodying my invention, the leaves and carbons thereof being shown in partially-open position. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the same, showing one of the carbons in folded position and a sheet folded thereupon. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view showing both the carbons and all the sheets in folded position ready for writing. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of the book closed. Figs. 5 and 6 represent sections on lines *y y* and *x x*, respectively, of Fig. 3, showing the relative position of the parts when only a single blank leaf is folded.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

A designates a blank-book having a back or body portion B, to which are suitably attached the covers C and D.

E and F designate carbon sheets, which are secured to said back B in such position that when it is desired to use the same they can be folded toward each other.

G designates the blank leaf, which is to be permanently retained in the book, after having the writing reproduced thereon, said leaf having attached thereto the blank leaf H and the latter having attached thereto a similar leaf J, it being noticed that said leaves when in their extended or unfolded position will assume the shape of a single elongated leaf, having creases therein at substantially the points M and N, said leaf being permanently attached at its rear end to the back portion of the book, a portion of the back B being carried up and folded over said leaf G, as at K, and suitable fastening devices L being employed to hold said leaves G permanently in position.

The operation is as follows: When it is desired to record a sale the carbon F is folded upon the leaf G and the leaf H is placed in contact with the top of said carbon F, the parts being now in the position seen in Fig. 2. The carbon E is then folded on the leaf H, and lastly the leaf J is brought down upon the top of said carbon E, the parts now assuming the position seen in Fig. 3, and the relative positions of the different leaves being apparent from the sectional views in Figs. 5 and 6.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that any writing on the topmost leaf J will be transmitted to the leaf H and also to the leaf G by means of the carbons therebetween, and the salesman now tearing off said leaves J and H can send one to the cashier and place the other in the parcel sold, while the leaf G will remain in the book permanently, and will thus form a permanent memorandum of the sale, thereby rendering the occurrence of mistakes less liable than heretofore, as ordinarily the salesman writes upon a stub the amount of the purchase, and in the event of failure to note the sale upon said stub the record thereof is lost, thus causing great inconvenience, as is apparent.

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

1. In a manifolding blank book, the back B having the covers C and D, the carbons E and F attached to said back, and adapted to be folded toward each other, the leaves G, H, and J adapted to be folded upon each other as described, the leaf G being permanently secured in the book, while the other leaves H and J are adapted to be detached therefrom, substantially as described.

2. In a manifolding blank book, the back B having the covers C and D, a continuous

elongated leaf formed by the leaves G, H, and J connected together, said leaf G being adapted to be permanently secured in the book by means of the extension K of the back, which is brought up over said leaf G and secured in position, and the carbons E and F secured to said cover on opposite sides of the leaf G, and adapted to be folded toward each other, substantially as described.

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