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ACCOUNT BOOK.

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FIG. 1a.

B		C		D		B	
18		Saturday		18		d	
Names.	Sal. Balance	Checks in Detail	Total Checks	Deposits	Sal. Balance	Remarks	

FIG. 2a.

B		D		d°		D'		B	
18		Monday		18		d°		D'	
Names.	Sal. Balance	Checks in Detail	Total Checks	Deposits	Sal. Balance	Remarks			

FIG. 3a.

B		C		d°		D		B	
18		Saturday		18		d°		D	
Names.	Sal. Balance	Checks in Detail	Total Checks	Deposits	Sal. Balance	Remarks			

FIG. 1b.

B		C		D		B	
18		Monday		18		d	
Names.	Sal. Balance	Checks in Detail	Total Checks	Deposits	Sal. Balance	Remarks	

FIG. 2b.

B		C		D		B	
18		Saturday		18		d	
Names.	Sal. Balance	Checks in Detail	Total Checks	Deposits	Sal. Balance	Remarks	

FIG. 3b.

B		C		D		B	
18		Monday		18		d	
Names.	Sal. Balance	Checks in Detail	Total Checks	Deposits	Sal. Balance	Remarks	

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ACCOUNT-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ARTHUR TAYLOR SELDEN and OSCAR TURNER SMITH, citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Account-Books; and we 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.

Our invention relates to account-books for use in banks, and particularly for keeping individual accounts in such a manner as to show the balance of each depositor from day to day.

With this object in view our invention consists of a book having leaves of different widths, the said book being constructed and ruled as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which like parts are designated by the same letters of reference throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper part of an account-book constructed in accordance with our invention, showing the same open in the position for opening the accounts and for carrying them through the first week. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the narrow leaf turned over upon the wide leaf in position for carrying the accounts through the second week. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the medium-width leaf turned over upon the narrow leaf and having its end folded under to expose the balance-column of the short leaf. Fig. 1^a is a detail view, on an enlarged scale, of the left-hand side of the upper part of the book as shown in Fig. 1, with the proper headings for the several columns. Fig. 1^b is a similar enlarged view of the right-hand side of the book as shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 2^a is a similar enlarged view of the left-hand side of the book as shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 2^b is a similar enlarged view of the right-hand side of the book as shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 3^a is a similar enlarged view of the left-hand side of the book as shown in Fig. 3 before the end of the medium-width leaf has been turned un-

der, and Fig. 3^b is a similar view of the same side of the book after the end of the medium-width leaf has been turned under.

A designates an account-book of the usual construction, but having leaves of three different widths, as a wide leaf B, followed by a narrow leaf C, which latter is in turn followed by a medium-width leaf D, after which any desirable number of narrow and medium-width leaves may follow alternately, the wide leaves B being arranged at suitable intervals throughout the book. The leaves B are so ruled that when turned to the left-hand side of the book, as shown in Figs. 1 and 1^a, there will be a wide column for the names of the depositors at the extreme left-hand side of the book, and the next column *b*, headed "Sat. — Balance," for the last balance of the previous week. The remaining portion of the leaf is ruled off in divisions to represent days, weeks, or months, as the case may be. In the present case we have shown the divisions to represent days of the week, there being three days on each page or a full week across the two pages. Blanks for the day of the month and the year are also provided. The space under each day is divided into one or more columns for the checks, a column for the deposits, and a column for the balances, as shown in Fig. 1^a, excepting that the last day, Saturday, on the right-hand side of the narrow leaves C is left without the balance-column, the balance for that day being entered in the column *d*, headed "Sat. — Balance," on the end of the medium-width leaf D, which shows beyond the side of the narrow leaf C, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 1^b.

When the narrow leaf C is turned over, as shown in Figs. 2, 2^a, and 2^b, the divisions read from the right toward the left, with the previous Saturday's balance in the column on the right-hand side, the entries for this week being filled out from right to left, the last balance being entered in the last column *c* to the left on the narrow leaf C. For the next week the medium-width leaf D is turned over, as shown in Figs. 3, 3^a, and 3^b, and after the checks for Monday are entered in the first columns *d'*, *d''*, and *d'''* to the left the leaf

D is turned under along the dotted line d^0 , as shown in Figs. 3 and 3^b, thus exposing to view the last Saturday's balance. The entries for the ensuing week are then made from left to right, the first three days being on the medium-width leaf D and the last three days being on the next narrow leaf C, the last balance for the week being entered in the balance-column d at the right-hand side of the next medium-width leaf D, and so on throughout the series of narrow and medium-width leaves.

The wide leaves B may have on the side exposed to view on the right-hand side of the book a column for "Remarks," as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, and on the other side the column for "Names," as hereinbefore described.

It will be obvious that the above-described book might be used for other purposes than that specified and the divisions and columns may have other headings than those herein shown, the essential features being the arrangement whereby the entries may be carried on from page to page, the last entries for each page being visible at the beginning of the next succeeding page.

It will be obvious that any number of pairs of short leaves C and D may be interposed between the long leaves B without departing from the oscillating principle followed in the manufacture and use of the book. In this way the oscillating feature of the book is still preserved.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, an account-book having a series of long leaves and pairs of interposed shorter leaves with headings reading alternately from left to right and from right to left, or vice versa, substantially as described.

2. As an article of manufacture, an account-book having a series of long leaves and pairs of interposed shorter leaves with headings reading alternately from left to right and from right to left, or vice versa, and the alternate one of each pair of the shorter leaves being arranged to turn under along its outer edge, substantially as described.

3. As an article of manufacture, an account-book provided with a series of long leaves with interposed pairs of shorter leaves of unequal length, the several leaves being provided with headings reading alternately from

left to right and from right to left, or vice versa, substantially as described.

4. As an article of manufacture, an account-book provided with a series of long leaves with interposed pairs of shorter leaves of unequal length, the several leaves being provided with headings reading alternately from left to right and from right to left, or vice versa, and the alternate one of each pair of the shorter leaves being arranged to turn under along its outer edge, substantially as described.

5. As an article of manufacture, an account-book provided with a series of long leaves with interposed pairs of shorter leaves of unequal length, the first leaf of each pair of short leaves being shorter than the following leaf, and the second leaf of each pair of short leaves being arranged to turn under along its outer edge, the several leaves being provided with headings reading alternately from left to right and from right to left, or vice versa, substantially as described.

6. As an article of manufacture, an account-book provided with a series of long leaves with interposed pairs of shorter leaves of unequal length, the first leaf of each pair of short leaves being shorter than the following leaf, and the second leaf of each pair of short leaves being arranged to turn under along its outer edge, the several leaves being provided with headings reading alternately from left to right and from right to left, or vice versa, and the alternate one of each pair of the shorter leaves being arranged to turn under along its outer edge, substantially as described.

7. As an article of manufacture, an account-book having headings on adjacent pairs of leaves arranged to read from left to right and from right to left alternately or vice versa, substantially as described.

8. As an article of manufacture, an account-book having pairs of leaves with headings reading from left to right and from right to left alternately, or vice versa, the end of one leaf being arranged to turn under to expose the adjacent heading of the leaf beneath, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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