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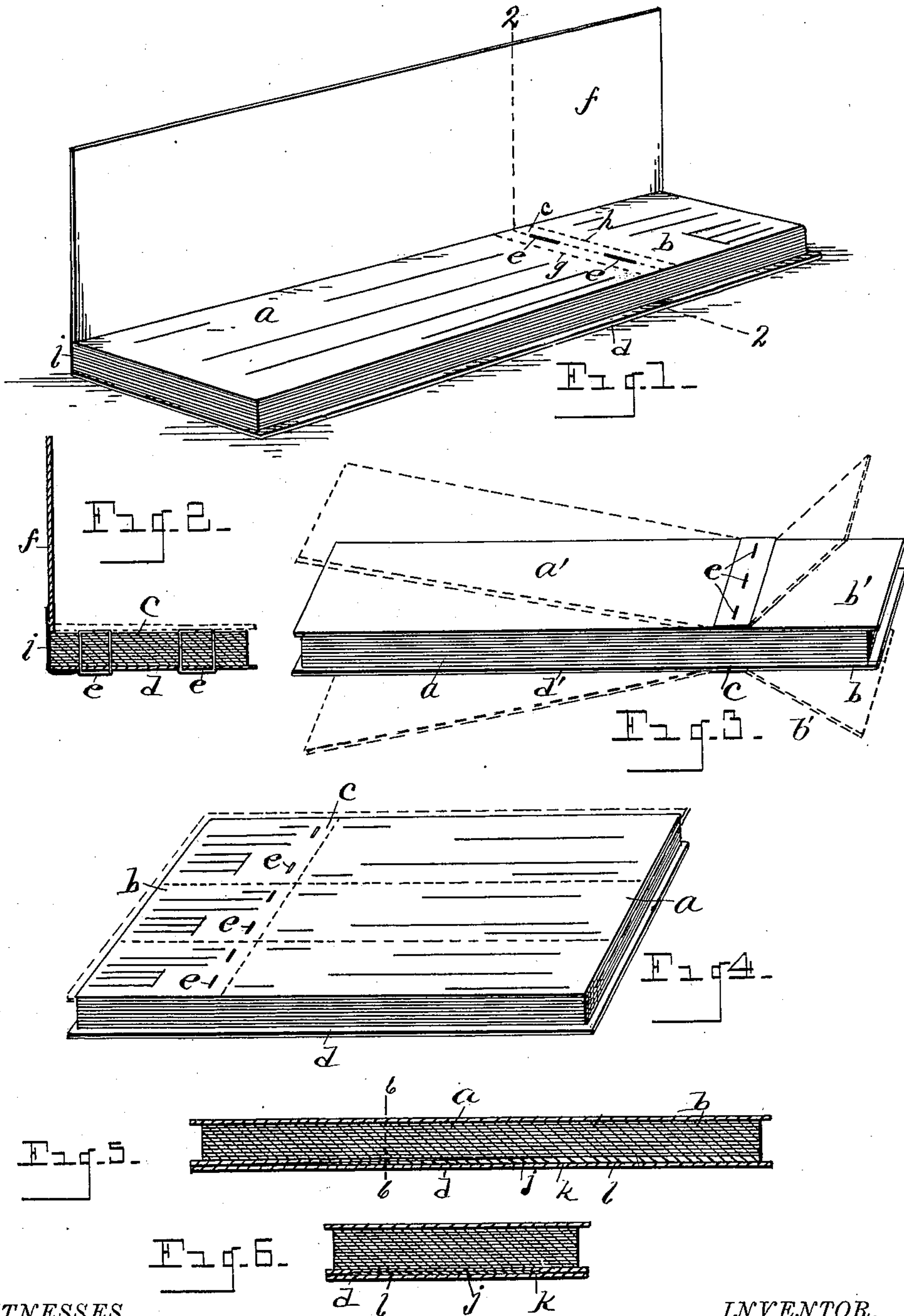
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. NORRINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Bay City, county of Bay, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Check and Draft Books and Analogous Structures; and I 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object certain improvements in check and draft books and analogous structures; and it consists of the structure, combination, and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same on the line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective showing a modification of the invention, the upper and lower covers being also shown in dotted lines in partially-open position. Fig. 4 is a view in perspective with one of the covers removed, but shown in dotted lines. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal vertical section of a check-book embodying features of my invention. Fig. 6 is a cross-section thereof on the line 6 6, Fig. 5.

My present invention is designed to provide check and draft books and analogous structures wherein the stub system is employed in connection with corresponding blanks, which blanks may be arranged as and for checks, drafts, receipts, and for analogous purposes, but in which the stub is differently attached to the cover, the stub being practically separated from the check or draft, although for convenience they may be printed upon the same sheet. The stubs and blanks, however, as embodied in my present invention are provided with an intermediate block or member, through which a portion of the cover is bound intermediate the stubs and blanks.

As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the blanks for checks or drafts (indicated at *a*) and the stubs (indicated at *b*) are separated by an intermediate member *c*, through which a portion *d* of the cover is fastened in any suitable man-

ner—as, for example, by means of staples *e*. The other member of the cover is shown at *f*.

The blanks for checks or drafts *a* are separable from the binding member *c*, as along a dotted line, (indicated at *g*.) My invention contemplates making the stubs either separable or not from the binding member, as may be preferred. For use in connection with drafts it may be desirable to make the stubs separable from the binding member—as, for example, along a perforated line, (indicated at *h*.) In this case a portion of the cover is made to fold back off from the face of both the check or draft and the stub, one portion of the cover, as the portion *f*, being flexibly attached longitudinally of the other portion of the cover *d*, as by a connecting fabric *i*.

As indicated in Figs. 3 to 6, the blanks *a* and the stubs *b* and intervening binding members *c* are provided with practically separate covers open at the ends, one end of the covers being open at one end of the checks or drafts, while corresponding portions of a cover are open at the ends of the stubs. In this case one of the covers, as the under cover *d*, may be attached to the binding member, as above explained, in any suitable manner, as by staples *e*. In this instance *a'* and *d'* indicate portions of the cover opening at the end of the blanks, while *b'* represents cover portions opening at the end of the stubs, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3. In Fig. 4 one portion of the cover for the blanks and the stubs is indicated merely in dotted lines, a check book or page being therein shown provided with three blanks for checks or drafts and corresponding stubs to the page. My invention, however, is not limited to any definite number of said blanks and stubs to the page. In Fig. 4, moreover, the stubs are not made detachable from the binding member, no detaching perforating line being indicated for separating the stubs.

In the form shown in Figs. 3 to 6 practically separate covers are provided for the stubs and blanks, inasmuch as either the portions *a'* or *b'* of the cover may be opened independently of the other. It is observable that the stubs in the illustrations given are practically not attached to the blanks in the usual manner, although the blanks and the binding member and the stub may for con-

venience be printed all on the same sheet of paper. The stubs are under practically a separate cover from the blanks, and the cover therefore has an open end opposite the open
 5 end of the blank portion, the covers being bound to the binding member intermediate the blanks and the stubs.

It is well known that when an ordinary check-book is opened the stubs of the preceding checks on a page having plural checks and
 10 stubs are exposed to view; but in the form of my invention embodied in Figs. 3 to 6 the stubs may be concealed entirely from the blanks for checks or drafts.

15 For draft purposes, as above stated, it is preferable to have the stubs perforated as well as the draft, so as to be detachable from the binding portion, so that a record of the draft may be made from detached stubs in-
 20 stead of employing a separate draft-register, as is common.

Whether the stub be at the left or at the right hand of the blank is immaterial, so far as the scope of my invention is concerned.
 25 A leading feature of my invention therefore includes the binding of the stubs independently of the blanks for checks or drafts by an intervening binding member. One advantage of this construction is evident from
 30 the fact that, the blanks being thus bound separate from the stubs, when a blank is removed it cannot tear into or mutilate the stub, as is often the case with ordinary check-books if the perforation is not good. An-
 35 other advantage is in having practically separate covers for the said blanks, so that in filling out a check the preceding stubs are not exposed to an onlooker, as in the present check-book. Where the covers are made
 40 with open ends, both the blanks and the stubs are easy of access. It is believed also that the cost of binding in this form is much lessened.

The cover shown in Figs. 3 to 6 is hinged
 45 or flexibly connected to the binding portion intermediate its ends and intermediate the stubs and the blanks, each portion of the cover being practically independent of the other. I do not limit myself solely to having
 50 the covers open at the two ends thereof and flexibly connected with the binding member intermediate the ends.

In the form shown in Figs. 5 and 6 more particularly I have shown the stubs and blanks
 55 constructed to be inserted in an adjustable or removable cover. In this modification of my device one portion of the cover, as the portion *d*, is provided with a member *j*, intervening between the face of the member *d*
 60 and the adjacent face of the blanks, forming a pocket (indicated at *k*) open at one end, as

toward the binding member *c*. In this form of construction the blank or stub portion may be bound to an attaching-arm (indicated at *l*) constructed and arranged to be inserted into
 65 the pocket *k*, above described, the insertion of the portion *l* being made into the open end of the pocket. By this means blank and stub portions may be readily attached to a cover and made detachable therefrom, so that the
 70 outer cover may be employed with a series of blank and stub portions.

It is evident that the blanks and stubs may be provided either with an upper or lower cover, or both, the lower cover constituting
 75 a base for the pad formed by the series of blanks and stubs united together. The base portion might be of any desired shape, the intervening binding member being attached thereto.
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What I claim as my invention is—

1. A book composed of separable blank checks or other blanks of similar character, with corresponding stubs, each provided with a permanent binding member adjacent to the
 85 blanks, and a cover portion jointedly secured intermediate its ends with the binding member over the face of the blanks and stubs, and opening independently on opposite ends over the blanks and corresponding stubs, sub-
 90 stantially as set forth.

2. A book composed of blank checks or other blanks of similar character, with corresponding stubs each provided with a binding member adjacent to the blanks, and a cover
 95 portion over the face of the blanks and stubs secured to the binding member, said cover jointedly connected intermediate its ends with the binding members and opening separately at the ends thereof, substantially as de-
 100 scribed.

3. A book composed of detachable blank checks or other blanks of similar character, with corresponding permanent stubs each provided with a binding member, and covers
 105 opening separately over the face of the blanks and stubs to prevent exposure of the stubs when the blanks are open, substantially as set forth.

4. A book composed of detachable blank
 110 checks or other blanks of similar character, with corresponding stubs, each provided with a binding member intermediate the blanks and the stubs, and a top cover attached to said binding members, substantially as set forth.
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In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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