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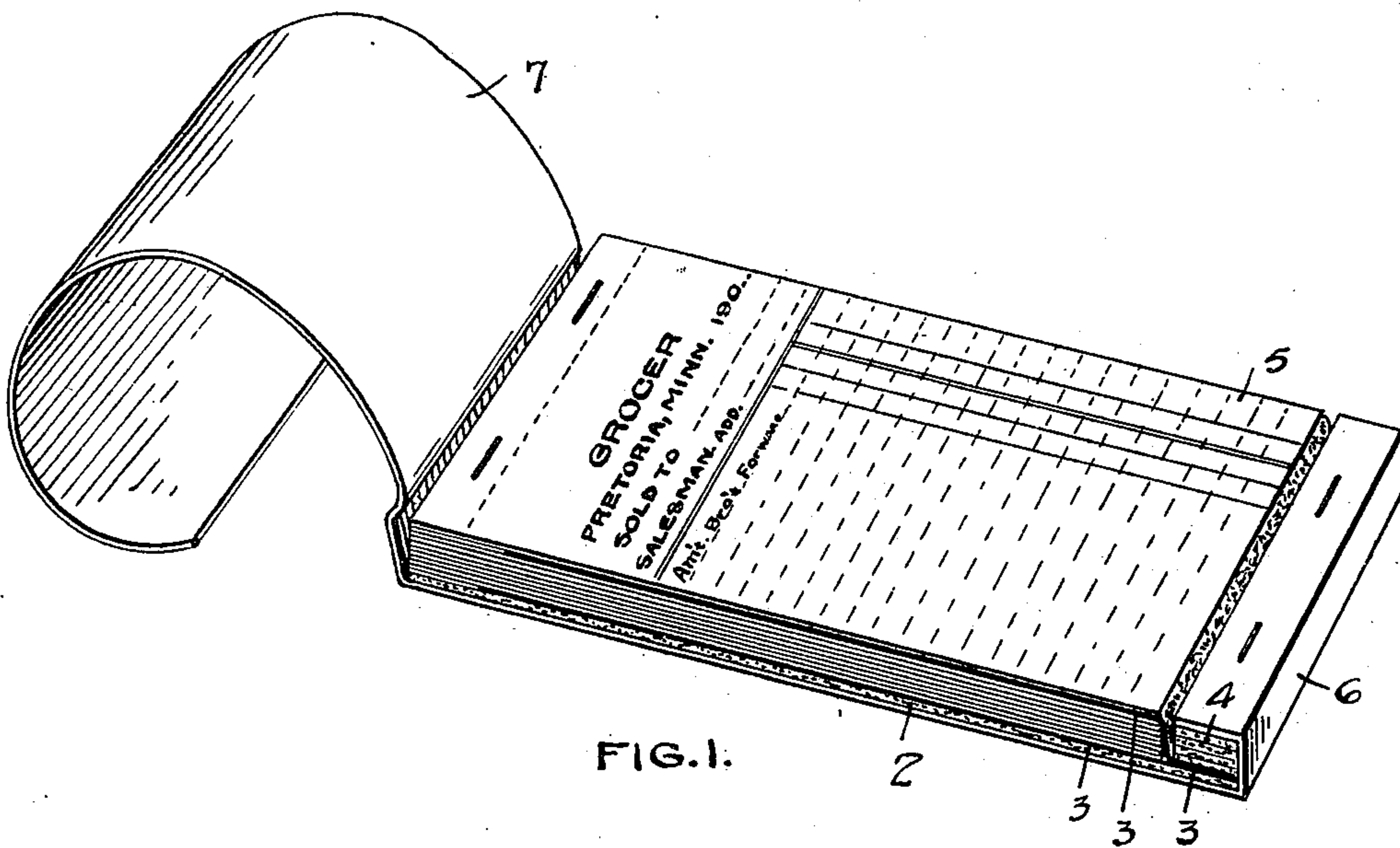


FIG. 1.

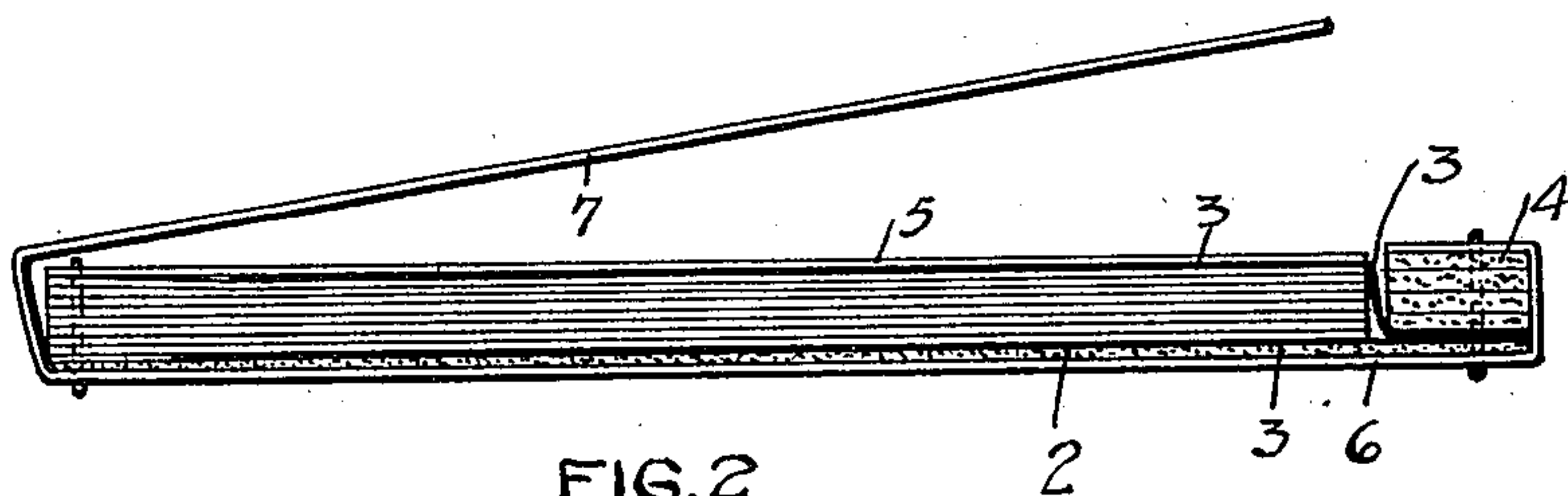


FIG. 2

WITNESSES.

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## MANIFOLDING SALES-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, CHARLES E. COSBY, of St. Paul, Ramsey county, and PHILIP W. WIRTH, of Minneapolis, Hennepin county, Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Manifolding Sales-Books, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to sales-books adapted for use in stores and in which an account of sales may be conveniently kept. Books of this kind are usually adapted to carry the balance forward, as well as to keep a record of goods sold, and one book is allotted to each customer, all orders of that customer being entered in the book and one sales-slip given to the customer, while the duplicate is retained in the book for record. In order that a duplicate record may be made, it is necessary to provide carbon-sheets, and in some instances these sheets have been arranged singly or in groups at intervals between the sales-slips. It has been found, however, that when so arranged the carbon-sheets were apt to be torn during the process of making the book; and one object, therefore, of our invention is to arrange the carbon-sheets with respect to the sales-slips so that the sheets will be protected and accidental mutilation of them prevented while the leaves of the book are being secured together, or while the book is being trimmed, or when the book is in use.

A further object is to provide means for protecting and supporting the bottom sales-slips and preventing the book from breaking or bending out of shape.

A further object is to provide improved means for concealing and protecting the front and back of the book.

The invention consists generally in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective of a sales-book embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same.

In the drawings, 2 represents a backing-sheet, preferably of cardboard and of sufficient thickness to prevent the book from curling or the corners of the same from turning

up or twisting out of shape. The backing also serves as a protecting-plate for the bottom leaves of the sales-slips and for the group of carbon-sheets. These carbon-sheets, which we designate by the reference-figure 3, are arranged, preferably as shown in Fig. 2, upon the backing and secured thereto by staples or stitches passing through a block provided at the end of said backing and composed, preferably, of a series of narrow strips of cardboard 4, arranged one upon the other. Arranged over the carbon-sheets upon the backing-sheet are a series of sales-slips 5, in duplicate or triplicate, as may be preferred, bound to the opposite end of the backing from the binding of the carbon-sheets and provided with the usual blank spaces and ruling and with suitable advertising matter.

In order that the backing may be strengthened and supported, we provide a flexible sheet 6, which, having one end secured to the pile of strips 4 by the stitching or staples thereof and bent down over the end of the book and passing under the backing, is bound with the ends of the sales-slips. From the binding edge of the book a flap 7, which is a continuation of the protecting sheet or cover 6, passes up around the bound edges of the sales-slips and over the top of the same and protects them from being torn or soiled.

With the construction heretofore described we are able to produce a sales-book that is more economical to manufacture, more convenient to use, and more durable than when made in the ordinary manner. The carbon-sheets being grouped together on a substantial backing will not be torn or damaged in making the book.

In making the sales-book our practice is to make up wide books or blanks, which comprise a plurality of sales-books. In making this blank the carbon-sheets are laid upon the bottom or back beneath all of the sales-strips. The blank is then cut to separate the sales-books, and the blank may be thus cut without danger of tearing the carbon-sheets, as the same rest solidly upon the heavy back. The auxiliary backing sheet or cover will protect the backing-plate and aid materially in preventing the same from being accidentally bent or broken.



In some instances the thick backing-plate 2 may be omitted, the cover itself being made sufficiently thick to take the place of the backing-plate.

5 Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A sales-book comprising a backing-plate, a series of sales-slips in duplicate bound together and to one end of said backing, a block provided at the opposite end of said backing, a series of carbon-sheets provided on said backing beneath said sales-slips and bound at one end to said backing beneath said block, 15 and an auxiliary backing sheet or cover secured to the top of said block and extending under said backing and secured thereto at the binding edge of said sales-slips, substantially as described.

20 2. A sales - book, comprising a backing-sheet, a series of sales-slips, in duplicate, bound thereon, a series of carbon-sheets secured to one end of said backing and adapted to be adjusted between said sales-slips, a ledge

or block provided at one end of said backing 25 over said carbon-sheets, a cover 6 secured at one end to the top of said block and extending down around one end of the book, and bound to the opposite end of the book with the sales-slips, and a flap 7 forming a continuation of the cover 6 and extending up 30 over the bound edge of the book and covering and protecting the top of the sales-slips, substantially as described.

3. In a sales-book, the combination of the 35 back with a number of sales-strips secured at one end thereof, the block secured at the opposite end of said back, and a plurality of carbon-sheets secured by said block between the same and said back, substantially as described. 40

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 24th day of March, 1900.

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