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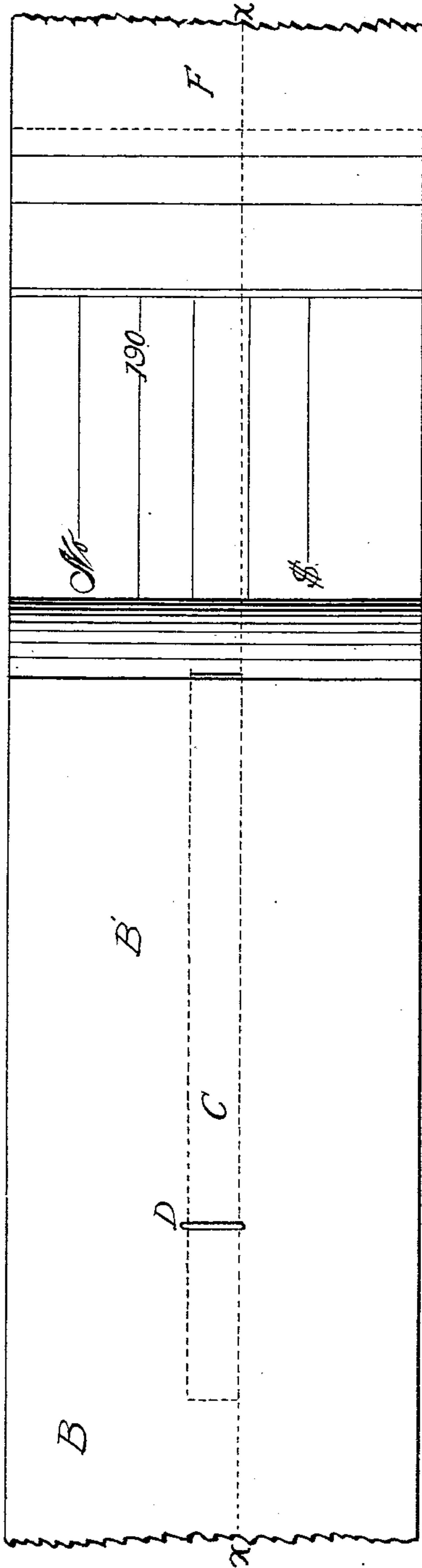
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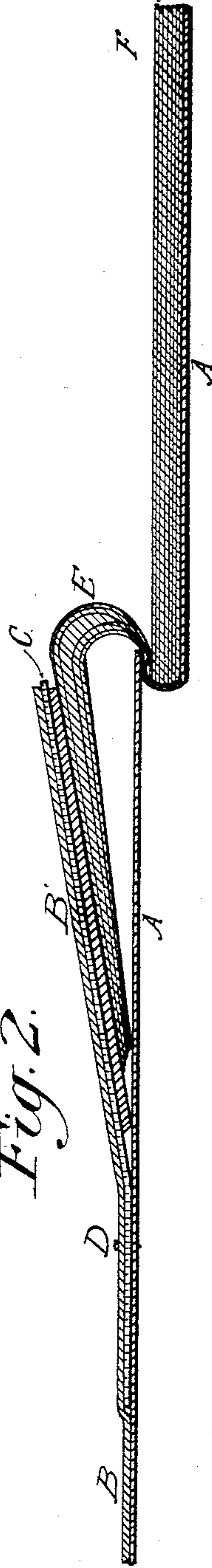
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.



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CHECK-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK VANDEVEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Check-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in check-books.

10 The invention consists in combining with the front cover of a check-book a blotter secured to the cover in such manner that the inner end of the blotter will cover the stubs and by means of a spring retain them be-
15 tween the inner end of the said blotter and the cover of the book.

The object of the invention is to provide a check-book with a blotter that is attached to the cover in such a manner that every check
20 can be freely blotted with its stub at the same time and also to furnish a receptacle for the stubs after the checks have been detached therefrom, substantially as hereinafter described. This object I accomplish by
25 means of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a plan view of an open book provided with my improved blotter attachment, the dotted lines showing the position of the spring which holds the free end
30 of the blotter in place. Fig. 2 shows a sectional view on line X X of Fig. 1.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout both views.

35 A A show the covers of the book.

B and B' show the blotter.

C shows my preferred form of spring. That part of the blotter indicated by B is secured to the cover A, preferably from the
40 outer end of the cover, by the spring attachment D.

D shows my preferred form of attaching the spring and the cover, being a staple passing over and around the spring and
45 through the cover and clenched in any suitable manner. Instead of using the spring D any other suitable means may be employed for securing the spring in place. If the part B of the blotter is secured to the cover by means
50 of glue, the staple D may be disposed of.

The free end of the spring extends from the point D to the inner end of the blotter. The spring on the under side of that portion of the blotter marked B' may be covered by paper or any other suitable material or, if preferred, need not be covered at all. 55

E represents the stubs of the checks from which the checks have been detached, the said stubs being turned back and held in a pocket or space between the cover A and the
60 part B' of the blotter, the spring acting to retain these stubs in position. The spring attached as above described, together with the free end of the blotter, forms a spring-hinge, as it were, and enables the user of the check-
65 book after the check and stub have been blotted by closing the book and the check has been removed to turn the stub of the check back into position beneath the blotter. F shows an undetached check. In the draw-
70 ings I have shown a small check-book in which but one spring C is used. In case of large check-books a plurality of springs may be used, if desired. After a check has been removed the stub is turned back beneath
75 said part B', as above described, and then the blotter is in position to blot the next stub and check by merely closing the book. This operation is repeated with each check that is
80 drawn and removed. If preferred, the blotter may be bent around the front end of the spring and back beneath the same, forming a covering for the spring. Any suitable form of spring may be used and any ordinary
85 blotter.

This invention is peculiarly adapted for use in connection with the ordinary check-book, in which the book is provided with stubs for the entry of a certain date and amount of the check, and therefore used to
90 keep memoranda of the checks which have been drawn.

The book constructed as above described has always its blotter ready for use, and if used as above described the stubs are always
95 out of the way whenever a new check is drawn.

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

A bank check-book provided with checks
and stubs combined with a blotter that is se-
curely attached to the cover of the said book
and provided with a free end and a spring
5 adapted to clamp the check-stubs between
the free end of the blotter and the cover of
the book, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
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