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BLANK BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HORACE BRAD HOOPER and JOHN IRWIN MYLES, citizens of the United States, residing at Colorado Springs, in the county of El Paso and State of Colorado, have invented new and useful Improvements in Blank Books, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in blank books; and it has for its general object to provide a blank book in which a record of the marks appropriated to the laundry of different parties may be conveniently kept in such manner as to remove the liability of the same mark being applied to the laundry of two or more parties and also in such manner that the name or the laundry-work of any party may be quickly and easily referred to.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a view illustrating our improved book as open and with some of the leaves partly broken away to show the arrangement of the entries on the several pages of a series.

Referring by letter to said drawing, A is the cover of the book, B B leaves bound or otherwise suitably secured in the cover, and C C marginal index-tabs applied to leaves at intervals throughout the thickness of the book and bearing the letters of the alphabet arranged in proper sequence. The tabs C are arranged with leaves between them, so that there will be a series of pages—*i. e.*, several pages—following each tab upon which to enter surnames, the initial letter of which is that borne by the tab. Also in the preferred embodiment of the invention more leaves are provided after some of the tabs than after others, this because some surnames are so much more common than others.

The leaves complementary to each tab C and constituting a series are provided, as indicated by D, with some or all of the vowels. The vowels are distributed among the leaves of a series and, as shown, the vowel "A" is placed on the left-hand side of the first leaf, the vowel "E" on the second leaf, the vowels "I" and "O" on the third leaf, and the vowels

"U" and "Y" on the fourth leaf. The vowels of each series are printed or otherwise placed directly on the leaves comprised in the series, as shown at the right of the drawing. When sufficient leaves are comprised in a series, a vowel may be arranged on each leaf or on every other leaf, as desired.

The right-hand side of each leaf B serves, in conjunction with the left-hand side of each preceding leaf, to form the pages E of the book. Each page is divided into vertical columns *a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q,* and *r,* which are provided with the headings "Name," "Initial," "Address," "Driver or Agency," "Name," or "1," "2," "3," "4," "5," "6," "7," "8," "9," "A to E," "F to J," "K to O," "P to T," and "U to Z," respectively. Each page is also provided at its extreme right with a column *s* for a purpose presently described.

In the practical use of the book the names of persons are entered alphabetically—that is, the names of persons whose surnames begin with "A" are entered on the pages of the series following the index-tab bearing the letter "A" and the names of persons whose surnames begin with "B" are entered on the pages of the series following the index-tab bearing the letter "B," and so on. Also the names of persons are entered on the pages of a series according to the first vowel occurring in their surnames. For instance, if the surname of a party is "Andrews" his name is entered on that page of the series following the index-tab "A" which bears the vowel "E."

The manner of arranging the names, addresses, marks, &c., on the pages is as follows: The surnames of parties are entered in column *a,* their initials in column *b,* their addresses in column *c,* and the numbers of the routes or agencies to which they belong in column *d.* The mark appropriated to the laundry of a party may consist of the first letter of his surname and one or more numerals, of his initials, or of the first letter of his surname and the first vowel in said surname. If the mark is "A 102," for instance, it is placed in column *e* opposite the party's name. If "A 2163," it is placed in column *f.* If "A 3162," it is placed in column *g.* If "A 412," it is placed in column *h.* If "A 537,"

it is placed in column *i*. If "A 63," it is placed in column *j*. If "A 70," it is placed in column *k*. If "A 88," it is placed in column *l*. If "A 972," it is placed in column *m*. If "E. T. A.," it is placed in column *n*. If "G. T. A.," it is placed in column *o*. If "L. E. A.," it is placed in column *p*. If "R D A.," it is placed in column *q*, and if "U. T. A." in column *r*. If the mark is made up of the first letter of the surname of the party and the first vowel in the surname, it is placed opposite the party's name in the column *s*.

When the entries are made on the pages of the book in the manner described, it will be observed that the liability of the same mark being appropriated to the laundry of different parties is reduced to a minimum; also that the name of any party and any laundry-mark in the book may be readily found.

We have entered into a detailed description of the book constituting the present and preferred embodiment of our invention in order to impart a full, clear, and exact understanding of the same. We desire it understood, however, that in practice such changes or

modifications may be made in the book as do not involve a departure from the scope of our invention as claimed.

Having described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a blank book, a plurality of leaves divided by index-tabs bearing the letters of the alphabet, arranged in proper sequence, into series of several leaves each; the leaves of each series having distributed among them and bearing directly on their left-hand sides some or all of the vowels, and the pages formed by the leaves, each having a column for the entry of names, a plurality of columns numbered in regular order, and a plurality of columns lettered in regular order.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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