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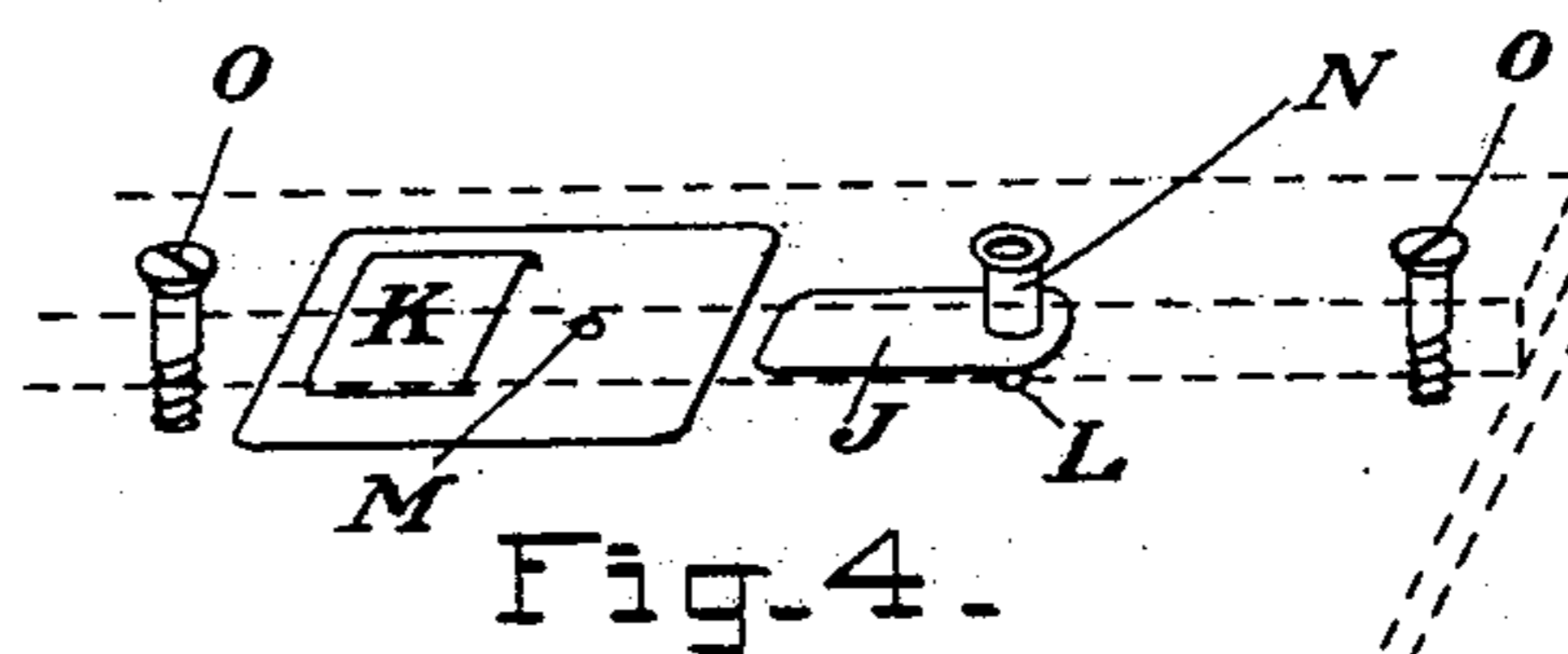
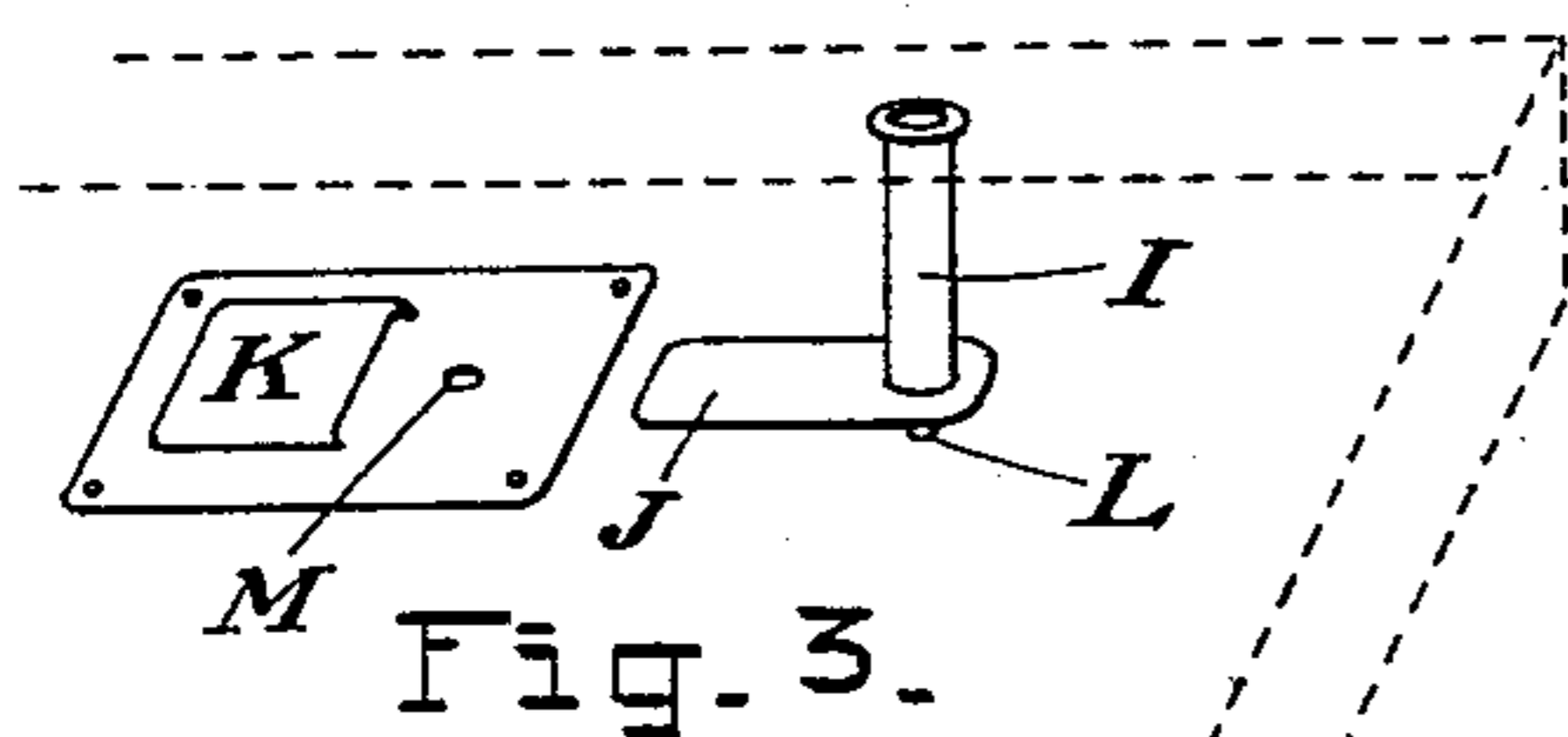
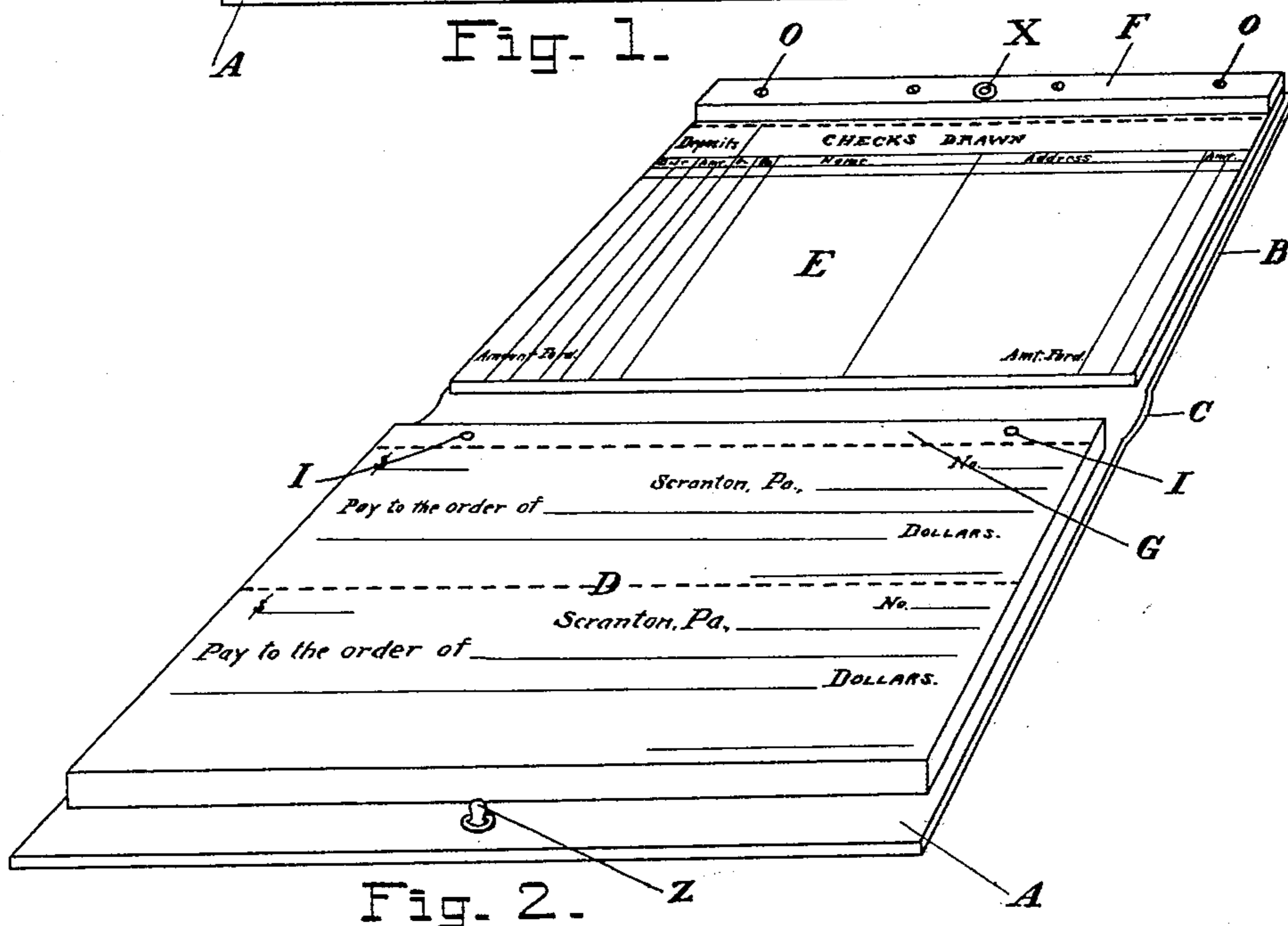
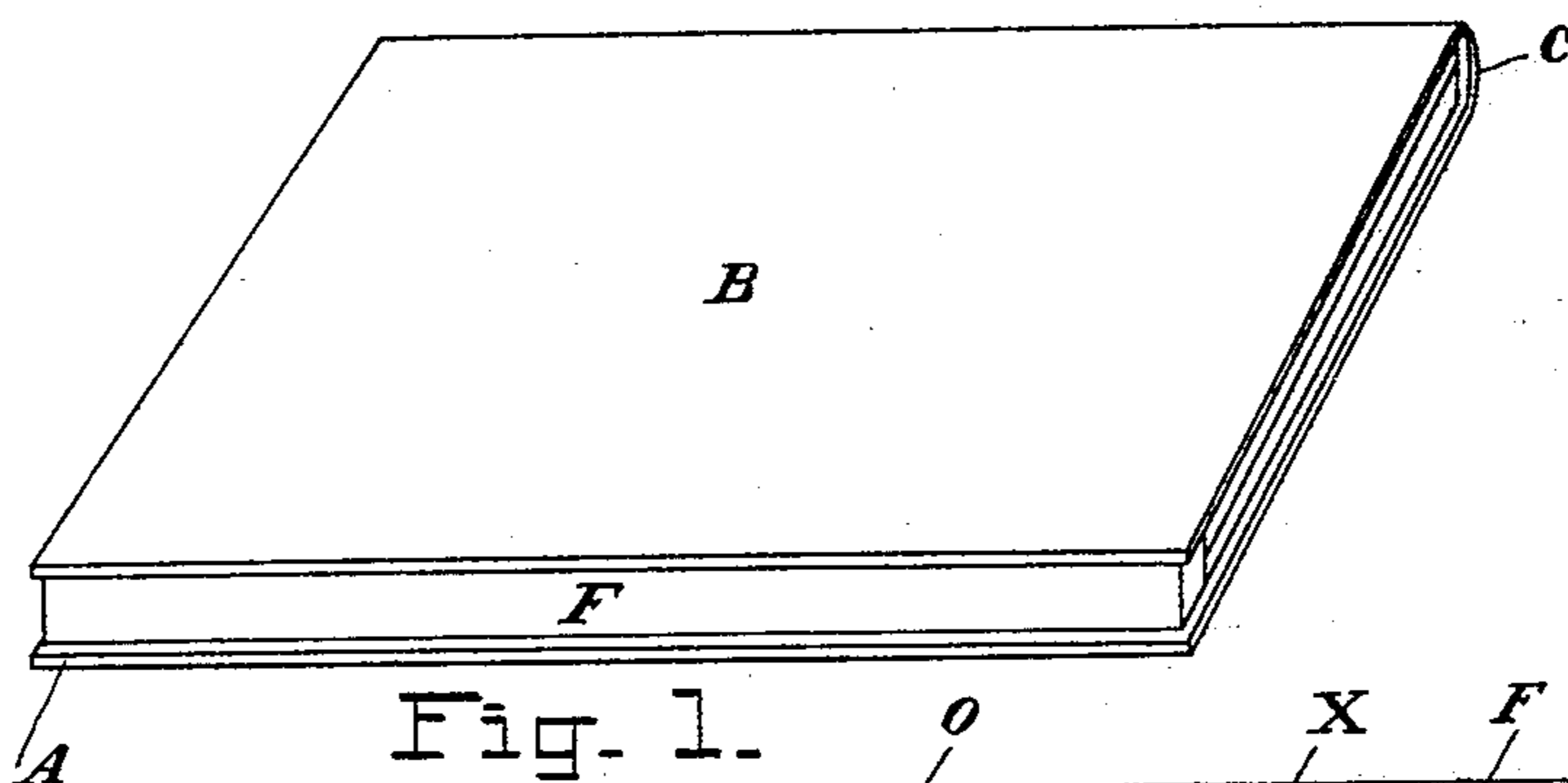
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DETACHABLE COVER FOR BANK-CHECKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD C. DEANS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Scranton, in the county of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Detachable Covers for Bank-Checks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in detachable binders or covers for pads of bank-checks and the like; and its special object is to provide a means whereby such a pad of bank-checks—for instance, accompanied by a pad of record-slips—may be kept in a substantial and convenient form and when exhausted may be replaced by fresh pads, thus establishing a permanent system.

I attain this object by means of the construction of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my device when closed as a book. Fig. 2 represents it opened out for the purpose of issuing a check. Fig. 3 represents the form of catch by which the pad of checks is removably attached to the inside of one cover of the binder; and Fig. 4 represents a modification of this catch used to attach the pad of record-slips to the other cover, the pads being represented by dotted lines in the last two figures.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts where they occur in more than one view.

Referring now to the drawings, A is one leaf, and B the other leaf, of my cover or binder, made of bookbinders' board covered with leather or other suitable material and adapted to hinge along the middle at C. To the inside of the leaf A is removably attached a pad or tablet of blank checks D. I show the cover made to accommodate a pad the size of two checks, one above the other; but the size and form may be varied, of course, to suit any arrangement or shape of checks. To the inside of the leaf B is removably attached a pad of record-slips E, suitably ruled and printed for entries of deposits, with date and amount and checks drawn with name and address of payee, amount, &c. The checks and record-slips are perforated, so that they can

be easily detached from the pad when filled out. The pad of checks D is attached at its top to the leaf A close to the middle or hinge portion C of the cover, the cover being made of such a size that the leaf A extends somewhat beyond the bottom edge of the pad D, as shown in Fig. 2.

The pad of record-slips E is attached at its top to the leaf B close to the upper edge thereof. Removably secured along this upper edge of the leaf B and holding the pad E in place is a flange F. The various elements are so disposed that when the cover is closed, as shown in Fig. 1, the device has the appearance of a substantial book. The pad E shuts over on the pad D. The flange F falls into place along the edge of the leaf A below the pad D, and this and the stub edge G of the pad D keep the two leaves of the cover always the same distance apart when shut up, thus allowing the cover to keep its shape no matter how many checks and record-slips may be used out.

The flange F is provided at X with a catch which engages with its counterpart Z on the leaf A when the cover is shut. I may of course use a lock in place of a catch when it is desired to keep the contents of the cover private.

In Fig. 3 I have shown the special catch which I prefer to use in attaching the pad D to the leaf A. This consists of a rivet portion I, which goes through the stub edge of the pad D and holds the pad together, a tongue portion J, projecting from the bottom end of the rivet portion below the bottom surface of the pad, and a socket portion K, riveted or otherwise permanently fixed to the cover-leaf A, said tongue I being adapted to enter and be held by the socket K, so as to keep the pad D firmly in place. Two or more of these catches are used on each pad, according to requirements. I find, however, in practice that the pad is liable to slip out of place unless some locking means is provided. I therefore strike up on the under surface of the tongue J underneath the rivet portion I a slight projection L, which springs into and is retained by a corresponding indentation M on the base of the socket member of the catch. The whole

forms a means of attachment which is locked against accidental disturbance.

In Fig. 4 I have shown the catch as adapted to attach the pad of record-slips E to the other 5 leaf, B, of the cover. In this case the rivet portion N is made shorter, since the pad of record-slips does not have to be as thick as the pad of checks. The flange F is removably 10 secured to the stub edge of the pad by means of several screws, as O. It will be understood that as a check is issued the data in regard to it is entered on the record-slip above, the deposits also being entered there. When 15 the checks are finally returned to the drawer and the record-slip can be torn off, wrapped round the checks it pertains to, and indorsed with dates, &c., as desired, and since the checks and record-slips can be easily replen- 20 ished when exhausted my cover arrangement furnishes a permanent system.

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

25 A two-leafed hinged cover; a perforated pad of bank-checks D removably attached to one leaf, A, thereof, near the hinging-line, by

means of rivets I passing through the stub edge G of the pad, tongues J projecting from the under end of said rivets underneath the 30 pad, sockets K permanently fixed to the leaf A and adapted to embrace the tongues J, projections L on the under side of said tongues J, and indentations M in the socket member, 35 adapted to receive and retain said projections L when the tongue is sprung into place; a perforated pad of record-slips E removably attached by similar means to the other leaf, B, of the cover along the outer edge thereof; 40 and a flange F removably attached along the stub edge of said pad E and adapted to abut against the other leaf A, below the check-pad D, when the cover is closed, said flange F and the stub edge G of the pad D serving to keep 45 the two leaves equidistant from each other when closed, irrespective of the number of checks and record-slips contained.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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