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BILL OR INVOICE.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

1 JOHN DOE
DEALER IN RUBBER GOODS 1

SOLD TO *Zxx MxxxxxxSxxxxx,*
Pxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Px.

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Fig. 2.

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Axxxxxx Cxxx, N.J.

1 Doz. 3" Cup Leathers 1.90
100 ft. 1 3/4" Black Hose @.10 10.00
\$11.90

2% 10 days W.J. & S.R.R.

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Fig. 3.

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Fig. 5.

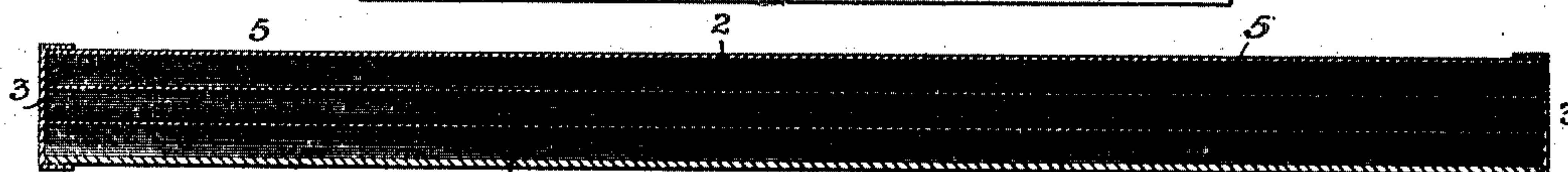
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BILL OR INVOICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN C. TILLINGHAST, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented
 5 Improvements in Bills or Invoices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in keeping and rendering book-accounts, the object of my invention being to simplify
 10 the work necessary in preparing and rendering bills to customers.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a pad or tablet of bill-heads made in accordance with my invention. Fig.
 15 2 shows the copy of a book-entry adapted to be placed upon the adhesive portion of a bill-head. Fig. 3 is a view of the bill-head with the book-entry copy attached thereto. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view of a pad of
 20 bill-heads, taken on the line *a a*, Fig. 1; and Figs. 5 and 6 are perspective views of a modified form of my invention.

The ordinary and usual method of preparing bills of goods sold has been to copy such
 25 bill from an original book-entry kept in either a daily journal or day-book, such book forming part of the ordinary bookkeeping system. This practice requires a great amount of manual labor, and it forms almost the larger part
 30 of ordinary bookkeeping-work. My invention renders unnecessary the second copying of the entry by hand; and it consists in making a "press-copy" or other transfer of the original book-entry and then placing such copy
 35 upon a specially-prepared bill-head, such bill-head having an adhesive surface to receive the copy.

My invention consists in taking a press-copy of each separate book-entry or of the
 40 entire sheet or page of entries at one operation and then cutting such sheet up into separate pieces to form the different bills and securing them to the prepared bill-heads. When a number of pages of the day-book or journal
 45 are to be copied, I may place the sheets of copying-paper between the leaves of the same and then place the book in a suitable copying-press. When only single bills are to be made, I prefer to have ready sheets of copying-paper, which may be placed directly over the

entry in the book and then subjected to pressure.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings herewith I have shown a pad or tablet of the bill-heads prepared in accordance with my invention, in
 55 which 1 represents the bill-head proper, and 2 a surface coated with some adhesive material. Inclosing these bill-heads on three sides is the binding 3, which protects the edges of the adhesive portions of the bill-heads and
 60 prevents penetration of moisture between the same, thereby reducing the risk of their sticking together.

Fig. 2 illustrates the press-copy taken from the book-entry forming the bill with the purchaser's name and address and a full memorandum of the goods bought, prices, discounts,
 65 and total net amount of bill. This is therefore an exact duplicate of the book-entry.

In Fig. 3 the completed bill is shown, the
 70 copy having been attached to the bill-head. It will be understood that the copy when taken will usually be sufficiently moist for immediate transfer to the adhesive portion of the bill-head. In some instances, however,
 75 it may be necessary to moisten the adhesive portion of the bill-head and then apply the copy.

In Fig. 4 a sectional view of a pad of the specially-prepared bill-heads is shown. Interposed at suitable intervals between series
 80 of the bills are sheets 5, of paraffin-paper or other waterproof material, for the purpose of preventing the bill-heads from sticking together. For instance, if the top layer of bills
 85 should be spoiled by dampness or accidental wetting such moisture will not penetrate further than the first waterproof sheet. Hence all of the bill-heads below the same will be
 90 protected.

Instead of having the bill-heads prepared with an adhesive surface on the same piece of paper I may provide a simple piece of adhesive paper adapted to receive the usual
 95 printed heading of the bill, as well as the copy taken from the book-entry, and in some instances I may use plain-surfaced bill-heads and apply adhesive material to the back of the copy in order to attach it to the bill-head.

A further modification of my invention 100

(illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6) consists in providing a sheet of paper with a printed heading at the bottom and a back entirely coated with adhesive material. After the copy is
5 applied to the adhesive side of each sheet the end of the sheet having the printed heading may be folded over upon itself, bringing such heading in proper position above the copy.

It is not essential that the copy shall be one
10 made by the usual method of placing copying-paper over an inked surface. For instance, the copy made by the ordinary carbon transfer-paper when making out sales' slips or checks may be used and secured to the bill-
15 head having the adhesive surface. I prefer, however, to use a copy made from a sheet of copying-paper applied directly to the entry in the book.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bill or invoice comprising a sheet of paper having

a business and address heading displayed thereon, an attached sheet comprising a press-copy of an original entry, and an interposed
25 layer of adhesive material between said sheets.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a bill or invoice comprising a sheet of paper having the usual business and address heading displayed thereon, an attached sheet comprising
30 a press-copy of certain memoranda taken from an original book-entry, and an interposed layer of adhesive material between said sheets, said adhesive material being limited to the size of the attached sheet, and the bill or
35 invoice presenting the appearance of one prepared in the usual and well-known manner.

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

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