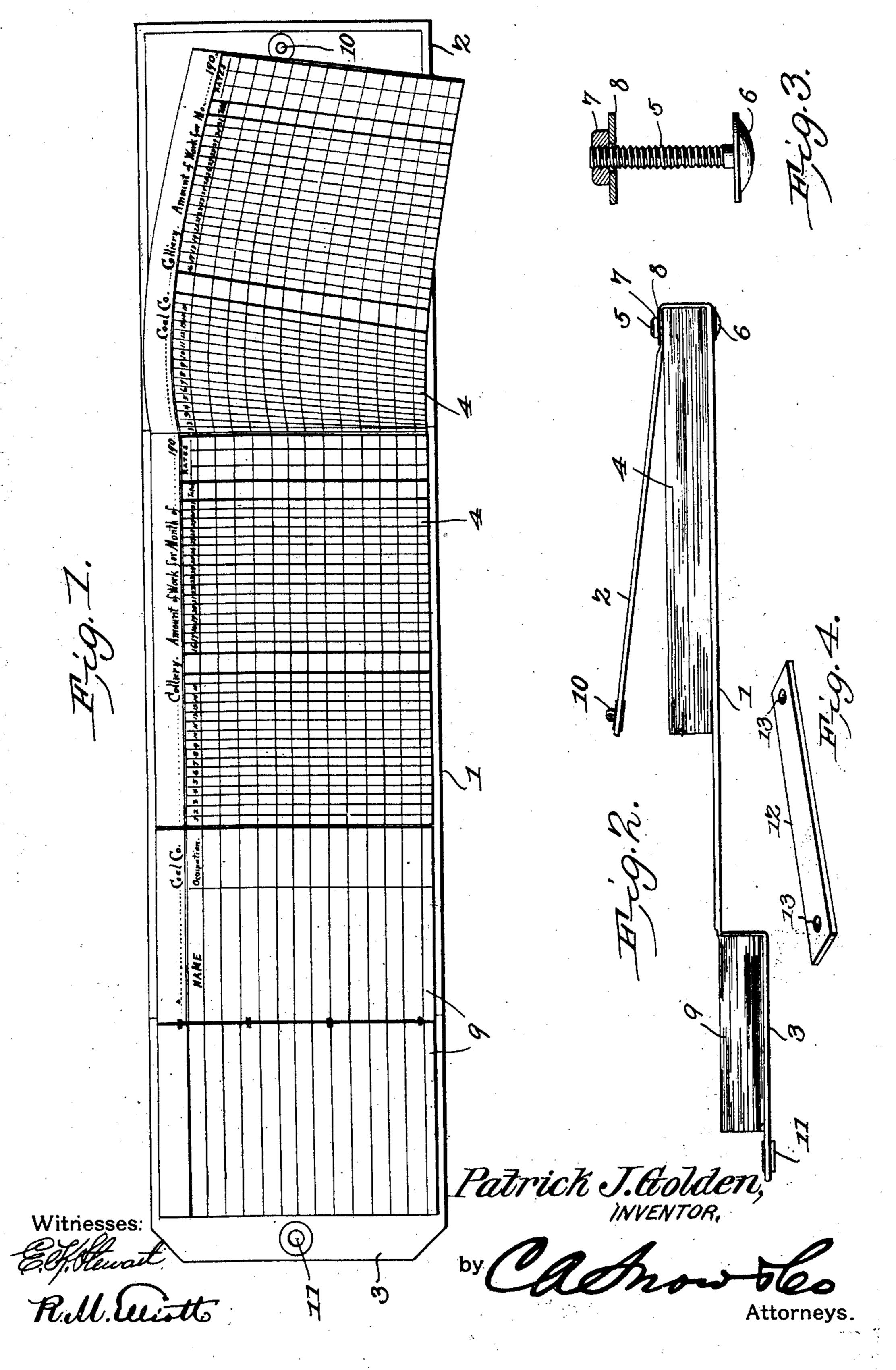
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Patrick J. Golden, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilkes-Barre, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Blank-Book, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to blank-books, and more particularly to one adapted for use in collieries in keeping an account of the amount of work done by the employees for any desired period of the

for any desired period of time.

The object of the invention is in a ready and practical manner to obviate the necessity of rewriting the names of the employees each time that a new sheet is started, whereby the labor incident to such procedure is obviated and liability of making mistakes is reduced to a minimum.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a blank-book, as will be hereinafter fully

25 described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in plan of a book constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view thereof. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail view of a form of fastening device for holding the leaves combined with the book. Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view of one element of a fastening device that may be employed in lieu of that shown in Fig. 3.

Generally stated, the book of the present invention comprises a back 1, a cover or flap 40 2, and a stub-carrier 3, having a hinged connection with the back. Combined with the back is a plurality of leaves 4, which, as shown in Fig. 1, are ruled on both sides into vertical columns and horizontal lines, the 45 vertical columns representing the number of days in a month and the horizontal lines being designed to receive the names of the workmen and also the amount of work done each day. As herein shown, the leaves are 5° adapted to receive the data relatively to work done at a mine; but, as will be obvious, by varying the headings or the rulings the book may be adapted for various other uses, such as by collectors of insurance and the like, 55 and as this will be readily understood detailed 1

illustration thereof is omitted. The leaves 4 are held detachably combined with the back and cover or flap by threaded bolts 5, each of which carries at one end a head 6 to bear against the back and at its other end a nut 7 60 and washer 8, by which the cover or flap will be firmly clamped against the leaves. These leaves are adapted to be removed when filled out and supplied by others, so that so long as the back and cover remain intact the book 65 may be used. The stubs 9 are permanently combined with the stub-carrier and are disconnected from the leaves, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, and bear upon their face data that will connect them with the leaves. Thus, as 70 shown in Fig. 1, the leaves are provided with twelve horizontal lines and the stub with a like number of horizontal lines, and on the lines of the stub will be entered the names and occupations of the workmen, while in the 75 spaces on the leaves 4 beneath the numbered columns will be entered opposite the workmen's names the amount of work done each day in a month. As soon as a leaf has been filled on both sides it is removed and the next 80 leaf similarly treated, the stub, however, remaining the same, so that when the names of the workmen are once entered upon the stub so long as they remain in the employ of the company there will be no necessity of chang- 85 ing them from time to time or reëntering them every week or month, as the case may be. As indicated in the drawings, the names to be entered in the book are placed on the stubs 9 only in the column designated by 90 the word "Name." It will also be noted that when the leaves 4 are opened outward, as shown in Fig. 1, a record may be kept for two months without changing the leaves. Moreover, a very large number of names can be en- 95 tered in this book, as one may be placed upon each line under the word "Name" on each stub, and as the pages 4 are equal in number to the stubs 9, as clearly indicated in Fig. 2, one page 4 can be turned each time a 100 stub 9 is turned. As a result of the particular construction of this book a very large number of accounts may be kept in a very small space, and at the expiration of the two months' time a new book may be prepared, 105 provided the entries upon the stubs are sufficient to fill up all of said stubs.

In order to hold the stub-carrier combined

book readily to be carried without opening, 110

with the cover or flap, thus to permit the

the cover or flap is provided with a stud member 10 of a glove-fastener and the stub-carrier with the socket member 11 thereof.

Instead of employing the nuts and washers 7 and 8, as described, a plate 12 may be substituted therefor having threaded openings 13 to be engaged by bolts 5, and under some conditions this will be preferable to the bolts and washers, inasmuch as it will exert pressure entirely across the flap, and thus prevent any warping or yielding of the flap and leaves.

Particular importance is attached to the construction of cover, whereby the stubs and leaves may be held firmly bound by securing the projecting portion of the carrier 3 to a flap or cover 2. This construction permits the device to be conveniently carried in the pocket without danger of the leaves getting

20 loose and becoming torn.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that while the improvements herein defined are simple in character they will be thoroughly efficient for the purposes designed and will in a ready manner materially reduce the labor incident to keeping account of the amount of work and time of a large number of employees.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A book comprising a one-piece back having a plurality of leaves connected thereto, and of less length than said back, a flap of the same length as the leaves, a stub-carrier hinged to the back and adapted to fold over 35 the flap, stubs equal in number to the leaves and permanently connected to the carrier, said stubs adapted to rest upon that portion of the book which projects beyond the leaves and to lie close to the leaves, said stubs and 40 leaves having registering lines thereon, the lines of the facing pages constituting continuations of the lines of the stubs, each stub having upon one face a suitably-designated column for the reception of names and the 45 names upon each one of the stubs being adapted for use solely in connection with the facing pages corresponding with said stub.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 50

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