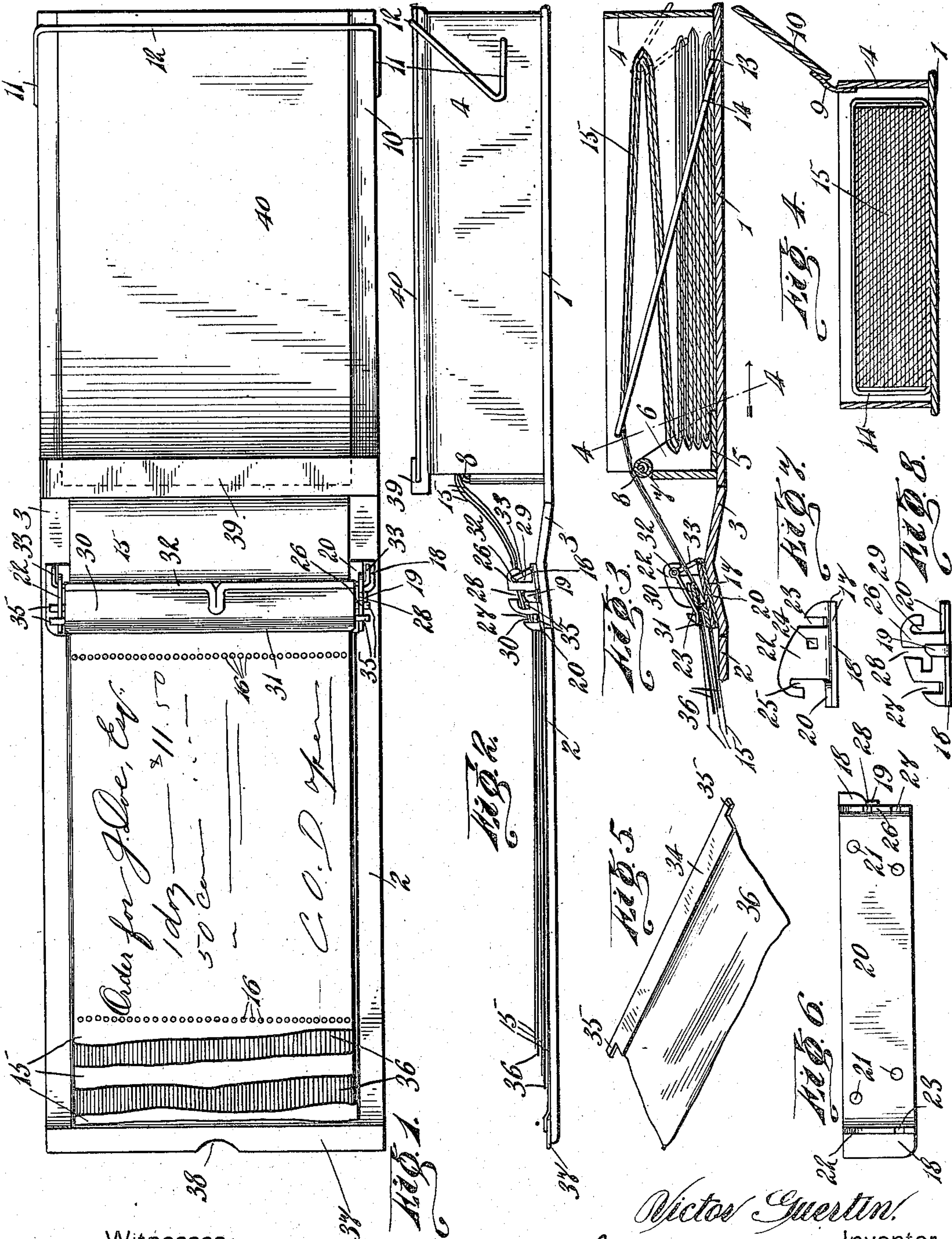


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VICTOR GUERTIN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at the city and district of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Manifold Counter-Sales Check-Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to manifold, counter sales check books; the object of my invention is to provide a book in which a plurality of folded perforated sheets may be carried, and to provide means for permitting the sheets to be torn off without unfolding the supply of sheets; a further object is to provide means for holding immovable a plurality of superposed carbon sheets, and for exerting a slight tension on the folded sheets of paper as they are drawn from the source of supply; a further object is to provide a source of supply for the sheets with a hinged cover, and means for keeping the cover closed and for keeping a sales card on the cover, and to provide means for keeping the folded sheets pressed flat and for maintaining a tension thereon; and, my invention consists of the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as herein illustrated, described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this application, I have illustrated one form of embodiment of my invention, in which drawings similar reference characters designate corresponding parts, and in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view, showing a triplicate book in open position; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the book in open position; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section through one cover, the paper receptacle and connected parts, the limp binding, the carbon and paper tensioning means, and a portion of the other cover; Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3, a section of the paper receptacle cover being shown in open position; Fig. 5 is a perspective of a carbon retaining member; Fig. 6 is a plan view of a holding plate for the carbon retaining member; Fig. 7 is an elevation of one end of the plate; and Fig. 8 is an elevation of the opposite end of the plate.

Referring to the drawings, 1 and 2 designate the covers of the book, connected by an intermediate limp binding 3. A paper holding receptacle 4 is carried by the cover 1, and comprises four walls, one of which is shorter than the others. Adjacent one end of the receptacle, there is provided on the cover 1 a plate 5, having upturned ears 6 adapted to brace the side walls of the receptacle 4. Carried by the ears 6, and extending transversely of the receptacle, is a rod 7, adapted to further brace the side walls of the receptacle, and also to support a rotatable friction sleeve 8 disposed thereon. A flexible strip 9 has one edge secured to one of the side walls of the receptacle 4, and has its opposite edge se-

cured to the cover 10 of the receptacle, so as to form a hinge for the cover.

For the purpose of maintaining the cover in closed position, a wire clip has its bent ends 11 pivotally engaged with the side walls of the receptacle 4, and has a resilient central portion 12 adapted to bear on top of the cover 4.

A plate 13 is carried by the cover 1 within the receptacle 4, adjacent one end thereof. A wire clip 14 of slightly resilient material has its ends disposed beneath the plate 13, and has its body formed into a yoke, which lies on top of the supply of triplicate folded sheets 15, contained within the receptacle 4, which sheets are provided with lines of perforations 16, transversely thereof.

A plate 17 is disposed transversely of the limp binding 3, and is provided with resilient ends 18, and at one end is provided with an upturned lug 19. A plate 20 is disposed on the plate 17, and is secured thereto as by means of the rivets 21. One end of the plate 20 is provided with an upturned flange 22, which flange has therein a vertical slot 23, a squared opening 24, and a recessed slot 25. The opposite end of the plate 20 is provided with an upturned flange 26, provided with a vertical slot 27 adjacent one side, a recessed slot 28 in its center, and a recessed slot 29 at its side opposite the vertical slot 27. The plate 20 is shorter than the plate 17, so that the resilient ends 18 of the latter plate project beyond each end of the plate 20.

A locking plate 30 is disposed on the plate 20, and is provided with an upturned edge 31. A wire 32 is provided with bent ends 33, adapted to bear on the resilient ends 18 of the plate 17, when the wires are disposed in the recessed slots 25 and 29, the walls of which slots form a support for rockably maintaining the plate 30 in position.

The resilient pressure produced by the ends 18 of the plate 17 is exerted through the bent ends 33 of the wire 32, and maintains the locking plate 30 against the folded metallic strips 34, 34, which are provided with shoulders 35. One strip engages the vertical slots 23 and 27, and the other engages the recessed slot 28 and the opening 24 in the flanges 22 and 26 respectively of the plate 20. The strip which is placed with its shoulders in the recesses 23 and 27, is in a lower plane than the other strip. The other strip has the shoulder at one end disposed in the opening 24, and the other shoulder disposed in the recess 28, so that the lug 19 prevents its accidental removal when the locking plate 30 is swung up on its pivot support to permit the desired removal of the carbon carrying members. Each of the carbon carrying members 34 carries a sheet of manifold paper 36.

By the construction described, a tension is produced on each of the carbon carrying members 34 and the paper 15, one sheet of which is disposed beneath the lowermost sheet 36 of carbon, one sheet of which is interposed

between the carbon sheets 36, and one sheet of which is disposed on top of the upper sheet of carbon 36, but beneath the locking member 30. This construction avoids withdrawing the paper from the receptacle 4 faster than it is desired to use the same. A cutting plate 37 is secured to the free end of the cover 2, and is provided with a thumb recess 38, so that it is not necessary to raise the sheets of paper 15 from the cover 2 in order to tear the same from the book.

Disposed transversely across one end of the cover 10 of the paper receptacle 4, is a strip 39, arranged so as to form a pocket to receive one end of a sales card 40, the opposite end of which is maintained in position by means of the resilient portion 12 of the clip which is pivoted to the side walls of the receptacle 4, and which is also adapted to maintain the cover 10 in closed position. The clip 14 also serves to maintain a slight tension on the supply of paper within the receptacle 4, so that it may not be withdrawn too rapidly in the course of use.

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

1. In a manifold counter-sales-check-book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper-supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plurality of carbon-retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon-retaining members.

2. In a manifold counter-sales-check-book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper-supply receptacle carried by one cover, a cover hinged to the paper supply receptacle, means for maintaining the cover in closed position, a plurality of carbon-retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon-retaining members.

3. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a cover hinged to the paper supply receptacle, resilient means for maintaining the cover in closed position, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

4. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a cover hinged to the paper supply receptacle, a resilient clip adapted to maintain the latter cover in closed position, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

5. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a cover hinged to the paper supply receptacle, a wire clip having bent ends in engagement with the walls of the receptacle, and having a resilient body, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

6. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a cover hinged to the paper supply receptacle, a card pocket formed on the cover of the paper supply receptacle, means for retaining a card in the pocket and for maintaining the cover of the receptacle in closed position, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

7. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connect-

ing the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate disposed on one cover within the receptacle, a wire clip having its ends disposed under the plate and having its body extending to a point adjacent the end of the receptacle, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

8. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate disposed in the receptacle and provided with upturned ears adapted to brace the side walls of the receptacle, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

9. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a rod disposed across one end of the receptacle, friction reducing means on the rod, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

10. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate disposed on one cover within the receptacle and provided with upturned ears, a rod secured to the ears, a sleeve on the rod, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members.

11. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a supply of continuous folded sheets disposed in the receptacle, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, and means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members and the sheets when they are pulled from the receptacle.

12. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plurality of removable carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, a locking member disposed on the carbon retaining members, and means for applying a resilient pressure on the locking member.

13. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plurality of removable carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, a locking plate disposed on the carbon retaining members and provided with an upturned edge, and means for applying a resilient pressure on the locking plate.

14. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plurality of removable carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, a locking plate disposed on the carbon retaining members, a wire carried by the locking plate and provided with bent ends, and means for applying a resilient pressure on the bent ends of the wire.

15. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate secured on the limp binding and provided with resilient ends, a second plate secured to said plate and provided with upturned flanges at its end, carbon retaining members removably carried by the flanges, a locking plate carried by the flanges and adapted to bear on the carbon-retaining members, and a wire secured on the plate, pivotally connected with the flanges and provided with bent ends disposed in contact with the resilient ends of the first-mentioned plate.

16. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plurality of superposed removable carbon-retaining members carried on the limp binding, a locking member disposed on the carbon retaining members, and means for applying a resilient pressure on the locking member.

17. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate carried on the limp binding and provided with flanges having recesses, folded metallic carbon-carrying strips provided with shoulders disposed in the recesses, a locking plate carried by the flanges and adapted to bear on the carbon-carrying strips, and means for applying a resilient pressure to the locking plate.
18. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate carried on the limp binding and provided with flanges having recesses, folded metallic carbon-carrying strips provided with shoulders disposed in the recesses, a locking plate carried by the flanges and adapted to bear on the carbon carrying strips, means for applying a resilient pressure to the locking plate, and means for temporarily retaining one of the shoulders in one of the recesses.
19. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate carried on the limp binding and provided with flanges having recesses, folded metallic carbon carrying strips provided with shoulders disposed in the recesses, a locking plate carried by the flanges and adapted to bear on the carbon carrying strips, means for applying a resilient pressure to the locking plate, and a plate disposed between the limp binding and said plate, and provided with a lug projecting adjacent one of the recesses and adapted to partly close the same to temporarily retain one of the carbon-carrying strips in position.
20. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plate secured on the limp binding and provided with resilient ends, a second plate secured to said plate and provided with upturned flanges at either end, one of said flanges being provided with a vertical slot, a recessed slot, and an opening, and the other of said flanges being

provided with two recessed slots and a vertical slot, carbon retaining members provided with shoulders disposed in some of the recessed slots and in the opening, and means pivotally retained in the other slots for applying a pressure on the carbon retaining members.

21. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plurality of carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, means for applying pressure on the carbon retaining members, and a cutting plate carried by one of the covers and provided with a thumb recess.

22. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a paper supply receptacle carried by one cover, a plurality of superposed removable carbon retaining members carried on the limp binding, a locking member disposed on the carbon retaining members, means for applying a resilient pressure on the locking member, and a plurality of continuous sheets of perforated folded paper disposed beneath the carbon retaining members and one sheet superposed on the uppermost carbon retaining member and beneath the locking member.

23. In a manifold counter sales check book, the combination comprising a pair of covers, a limp binding connecting the covers, a receptacle carried by one of the covers, a supply of continuous perforated folded sheets arranged in the receptacle, means for applying a pressure on the folded sheets, a plurality of carbon retaining members, each carrying a carbon sheet carried by the limp binding, means for applying a resilient pressure on the carbon retaining members, a hinged cover for the paper receptacle, and means for maintaining the cover closed, said continuous sheets being withdrawn from the receptacle and passed beneath the carbon retaining members pressing means.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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