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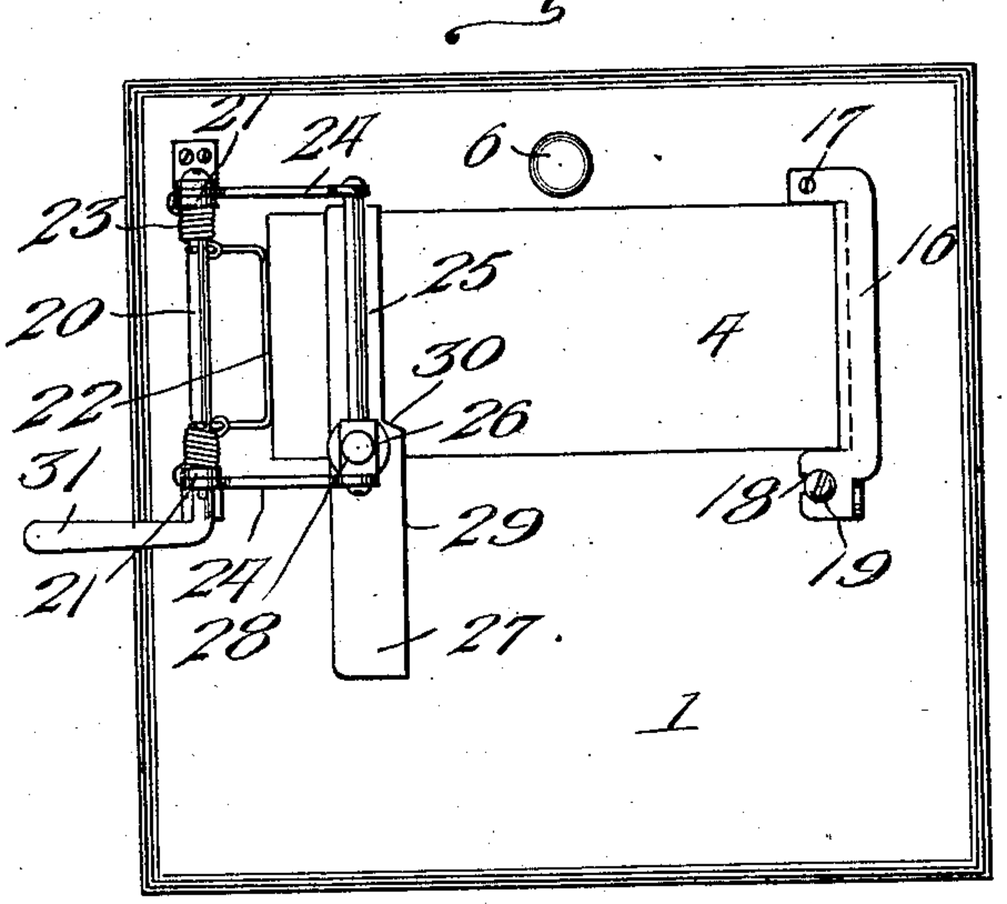
Fig. 1.



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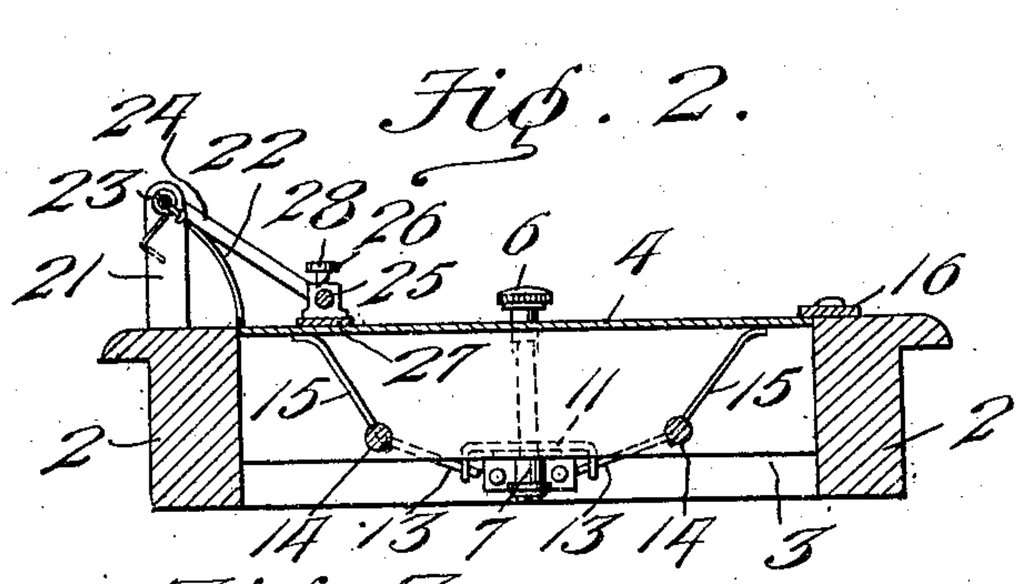

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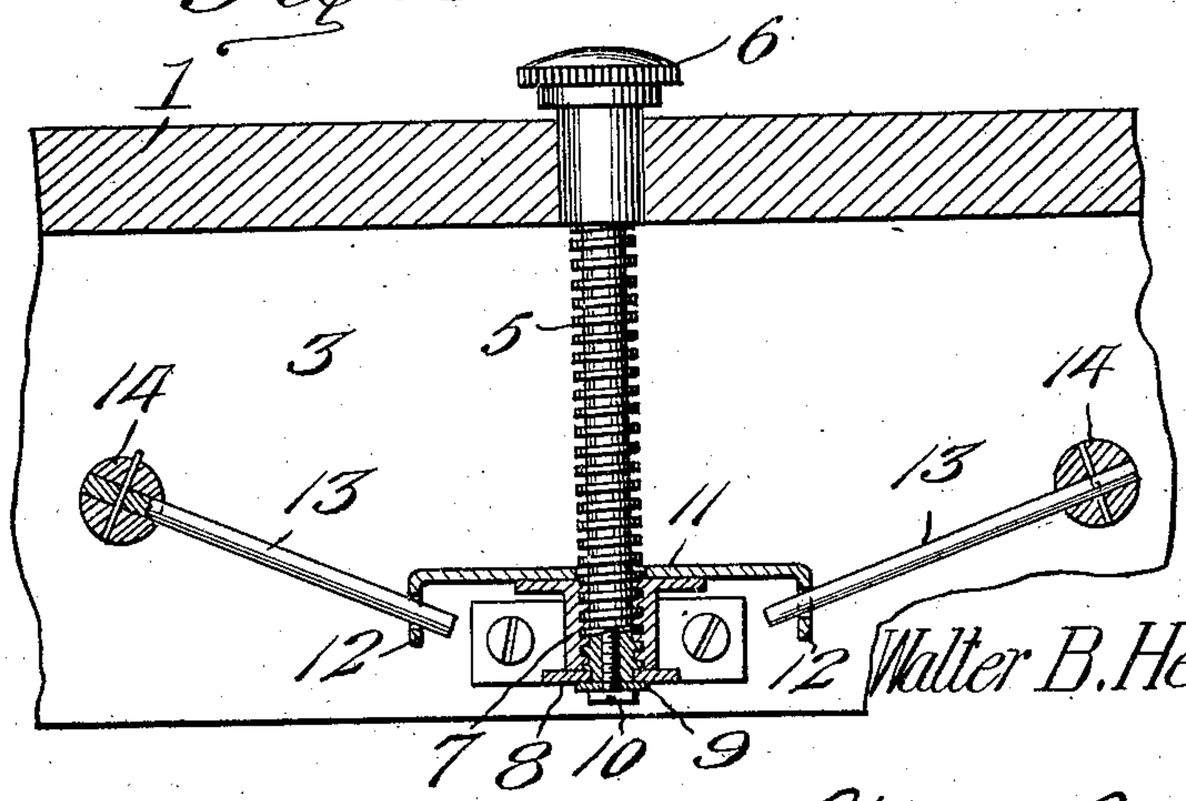

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER B. HENDERSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Decatur, in the county of Morgan and State of Alabama, have invented new and useful Improvements in Money-Order Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to money order cabinets, and the object of the invention is to provide a simple and convenient cabinet or desk adapted to contain and securely hold a quantity of order blanks in position to be filled in successively and torn off one by one in such manner as to indicate in the usual way the amount which each order represents. The order blanks may be either in the form of a pile of detached or separate sheets, or in book form, the device being so constructed and the parts thereof being so arranged that the cover of the book may be folded back and held clamped in open position. The cabinet also involves mechanism whereby the order blanks are elevated as rapidly as they are used with the top or uppermost order located substantially flush with or in a plane of the writing surface of the desk or cabinet.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts as hereinafter fully described, illustrated and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a cabinet embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the same taken lengthwise of the cavity in which the follower moves. Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section taken in line with the adjusting screw, showing the greater part of the mechanism by means of which the follower is moved upward and downward.

The cabinet contemplated in this invention comprises a writing bed or desk top 1 of any suitable size supported by means of sides 2 at any suitable elevation. The cabinet frame thus constructed is provided with an oblong, rectangular cavity or space 3 of the approximate size of the order blanks and within said cavity is mounted a follower 4 in the form of a flat plate, the same being movable up and down within the cavity, and controlled as to its position, by means hereinafter described.

The means for actuating the follower comprises an adjusting feed screw 5 provided at its upper end with a suitable operating knob 6 adapting the screw to be turned by hand, the said knob being arranged above the top of the desk or cabinet for convenience. The screw 5 carries a runner 7 in the form of a nut which, as the screw is turned, travels up and down thereon according to the direction in which the screw is turned. At its lower end the screw 5 is journaled in a bearing 8 and held thereto by a washer 9 and retainer screw 10 or equivalent means. The runner 7 carries a yoke 11 consisting of a plate or strip having the opposite ends thereof bent at an angle and perforated to form eyes 12 which receive crank arms 13 projecting inward from a pair of rock shafts 14 extending parallel with each other and located in the cavity 3 beneath the follower plate 4. The shafts 14 are provided with other crank arms 15, the upper ends of which work in sliding contact with the lower surface of the follower 4 and it will now be seen that by turning the knob 6 and revolving the screw 5, the yoke 10 and runner are carried up and down, and by means of the crank arms, the rock shafts 14 are turned which has the effect of pushing the follower upward or allowing the same to gravitate.

Extending across one end of the cavity 3 is a clamp or keeper 16 which is pivotally connected at one end 17 to the desk or cabinet top 1, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, the opposite end of the clamp being slotted at 18 so as to embrace the shank of a binding screw 19 which holds the clamp fast. The edges of the order blanks rest beneath the clamp 16 and are pressed in contact therewith by the follower plate 4. At the opposite end of the cavity 3 there is arranged a clasp embodying a shaft 20 mounted to turn in brackets 21 secured to and extending upward from the top of the cabinet. Extending inward and downward from the shaft 20 is a bail shaped jaw 22 adapted to engage the stubs of the order blanks and also the cover of the order blank book if the blanks are in book form, and the shaft 20 is provided with one or more coiled springs 23 encircling the same, the tension of said spring or springs being exerted to press the jaw 22 down so as to hold the stubs of the order blanks.

The mechanism for severing or cutting off the order blanks embodies a swing frame consisting of oppositely arranged arms 24 pivotally mounted at one end on the shaft 20 and connected at their free ends by a guide rod 25 upon which is mounted a slide 26 which carries a paper cutter 27 adapted to extend transversely across the cavity 3. The slide 26 may be provided with a binding screw 28 impinging against the guide rod 25 and adapted to hold the slide and the paper cutter at any point to which the cutter may be adjusted. The working edge 29 of the cutter is off set to form a transverse cutting portion 30 so that in tearing off the orders, an irregular or zig-zag cut is effected which cut, as is well known, is for the purpose of indicating the amount of money also designated at another place by writing on the order. It is for this purpose that the cutter 27 is made slidable to bring the offset 30 in register with any desired amount printed on the order blank. After the order blanks are torn off, the cutter 28 is raised with the swinging frame whereupon the portions of the blanks held beneath the cutter may be removed and pushed backward and caught and held beneath the clasp 22, the operation of said clasp being facilitated by providing one end of the rock shaft 20

with a lever arm or extension 31. A new book or pile of order blanks may be inserted in proper position by raising the cutter 27 and clamp or clasp 22 and swinging the clamp or keeper 16 on its pivot 17, after which the said parts are returned to the positions shown in Fig. 1.

I claim:

1. A cabinet for the purpose described embodying a blank holding cavity, a follower working in said cavity and forming a support for the blanks, a feed screw for moving said follower to feed the blanks toward the writing surface of the cabinet, a swing frame comprising parallel arms, a guide extending across said cavity and connected to said arms, and a paper cutter adjustably mounted on said guide.

2. A cabinet for the purpose described embodying a blank holding cavity, a follower movable up and down in said cavity and forming a support for the blanks, and means for advancing the follower embodying a plurality of follower actuating elements geared together for simultaneous operation by and from a single actuating device.

3. A cabinet for the purpose described embodying a blank holding cavity, a follower movable within said cavity and forming a support for the blanks, a plurality of shafts having means engaging the follower to advance the same, a yoke connected with said shaft for simultaneously operating them, and a hand operated device for moving said yoke.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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