

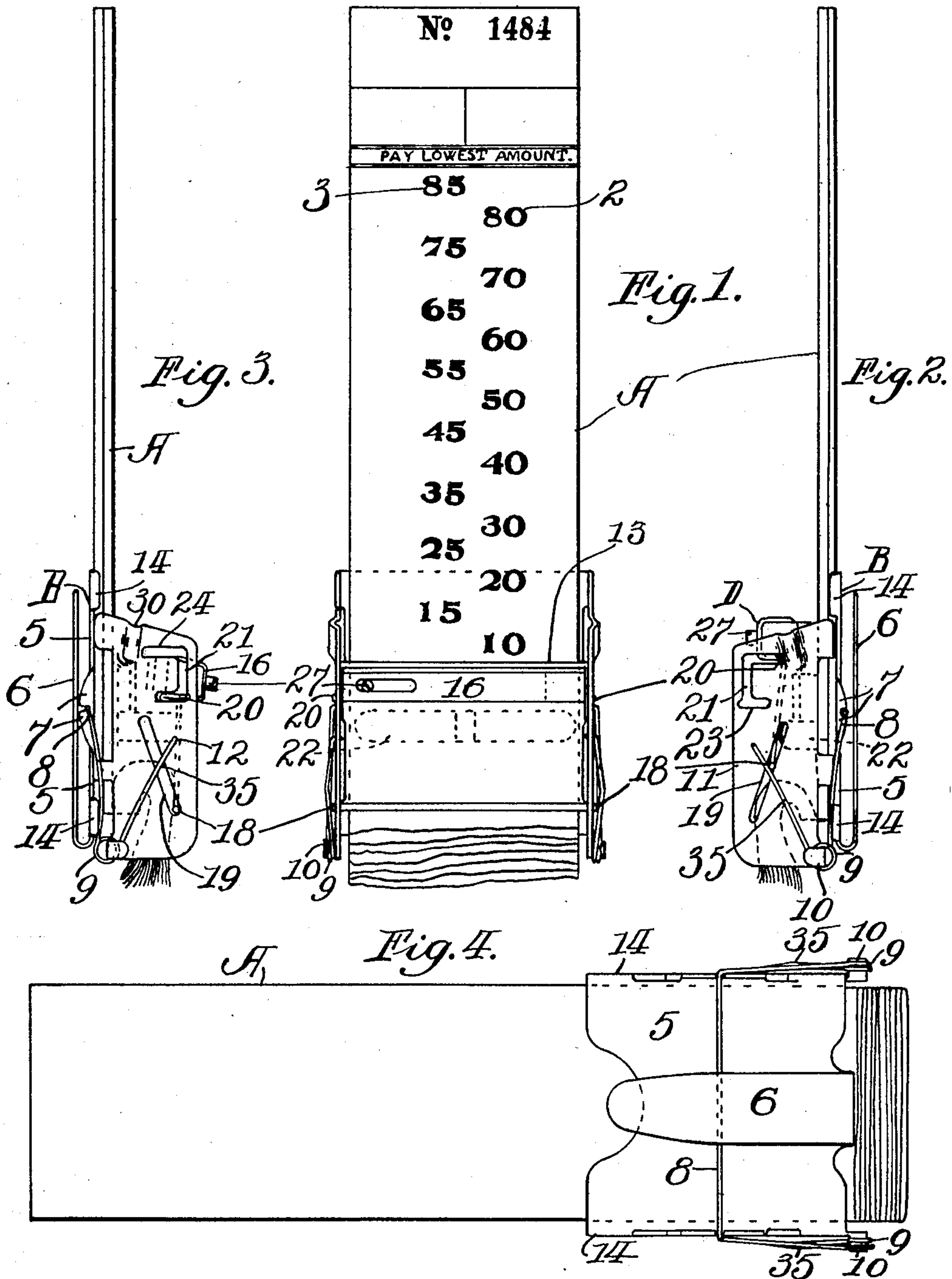
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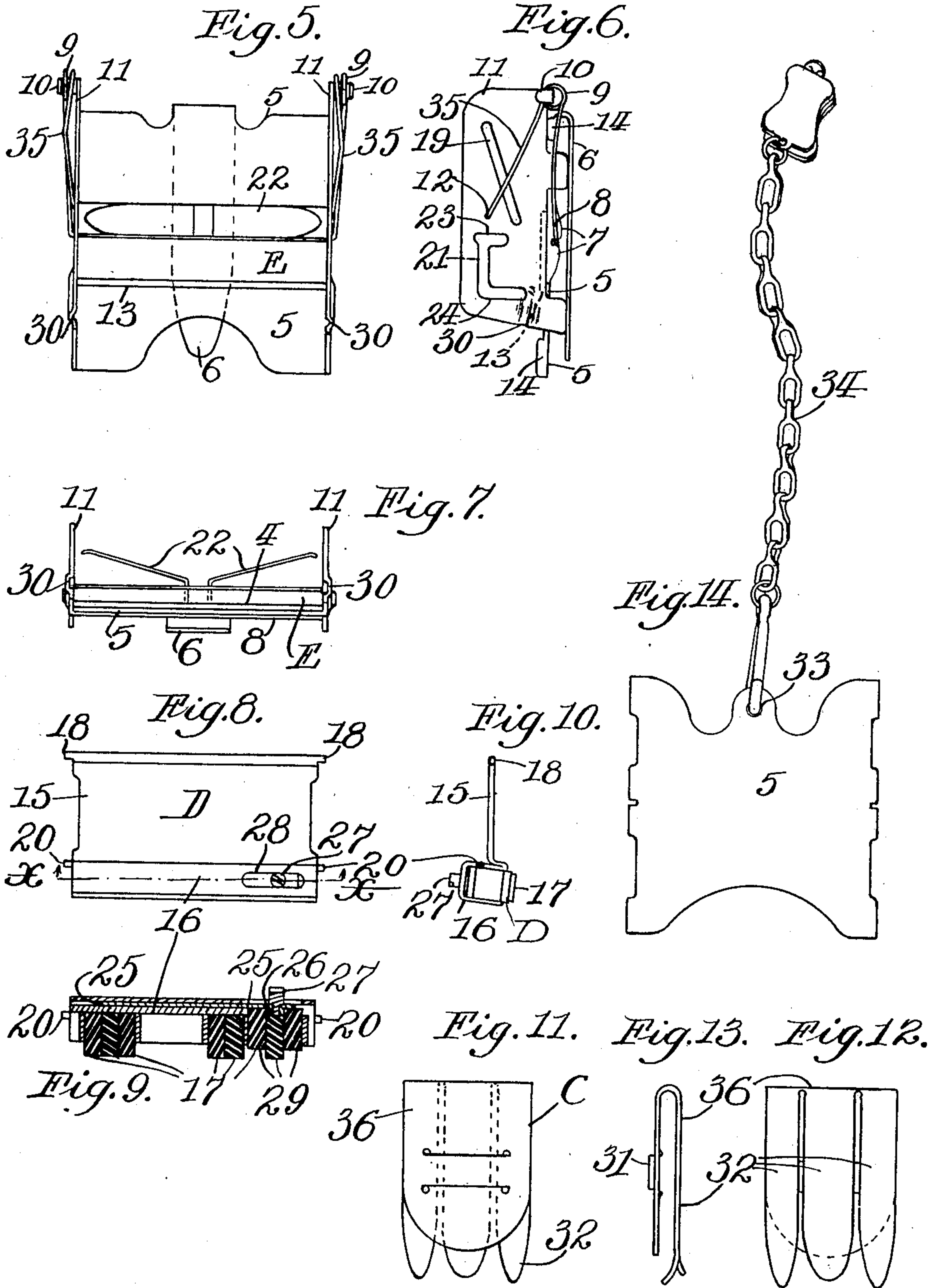
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JONAS E. TORNQUIST, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stamping-Clips, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in stamping clips for issuing bill checks.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a device of its kind which can be used in connection with a pad of checks and which is adapted to stamp each check to indicate the cost, character of expense involved, and the date on which the debt is contracted. A device of this nature is particularly adapted for use in restaurants for issuing bill checks or in other places where checks, coupons or railway transfers are used.

Heretofore it has been customary to use checks with a debit item thereon or to punch or otherwise mark a check having a series of cost marks thereon to indicate the amount of the bill. With this device the issuing of checks is greatly facilitated and the time consumed in issuing such checks is reduced to a minimum. Further, the opportunity to change the amount indicated on a check after it is stamped is reduced and the time consumed in issuing a check is minimized. The construction of my invention is simplified over prior art devices and the expense of production is less.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of a pad of debit checks showing my improved stamp clip in place thereon; Fig. 2 is a view of one side of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a view of the opposite side of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a back view of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a front view of the stamping clip with the stamp removed; Fig. 6 is a side view of Fig. 5; Fig. 7 is a front view of Fig. 5; Fig. 8 is a plan view of the stamp removed from the stamp clip; Fig. 9 is a longitudinal section of Fig. 8, taken on the line X—X; Fig. 10 is a side view of Fig. 8; Fig. 11 is a front view of a socket plate with which the stamp clip is adapted to be connected; Fig. 12 is a back view of Fig. 11; Fig. 13 is an end view of Fig. 11, and Fig. 14 is a back view of an alternate construction of slip clip which is provided with a chain by which it may be carried.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, A represents a pad

of debit checks such as used in a restaurant for indicating the cost of a meal and with which my improved stamping clip is adapted to be used. The checks in said pad are marked with consecutive amounts in columns 2 and 3 which are adapted to indicate the debit amount contracted by the payer.

My invention provides a slip clip B which comprises a rigid plate 4 and a pressure plate 5, the latter being provided with a tongue 6 by which the device and the pad A which it holds can be fastened to a socket element C. The pressure plate 5 is provided with notched lips 7 in which a loop 8 of the spring 9 engages the plate 5 and presses it in toward the back 4 so as to engage the pad A between the two main parts. The spring 9 is formed with arms 35 which are looped below hooks 10 on the sides 11 of the back 4 and are anchored in said sides at their ends 12. The forward end of the back 4 is provided with a cutting edge 13 and the pressure plate 5 with said back permit the pad of checks to be moved backward and forward by hand in the stamping clip so that the checks of said pad may be adjusted below said cutting edge and torn off to indicate the amount of a bill. The sides 11 are bent up from the back 4 and are of similar construction. The sides of the back and side edges of the pressure plate 5 are provided with flanges 14 which serve to guide the pad of checks in the slip clip.

In the front of the frame formed by the sides and back described, is a movable stamp D which consists of a transverse web 15 formed with a transverse receptacle 16 which is adapted to hold the type 17 made of rubber or other suitable material for printing upon the checks of said pad. The rear end of the web 15 is provided with a pair of pins 18 which work in the slots 19 in the sides 11 so that the stamp can be pushed forward in the frame by hand. The sides on the front end of the stamp are also provided with a pair of pins 20 which work in the angular slots 21 in said sides. Below the web 15 of the stamp in the frame is a spring 22 which presses the stamp up when in receded position. Immediately below the type receptacle in the stamp when in receded position is an inking pad E which is secured to the back 4 of the frame. The ends 23 of the slots 21 extend inwardly toward the back so that when the stamp is in receded position the type can be inked by depressing the

stamp and its type into contact with the inking pad. The forward ends 24, of the slots 21 also extend inward so that when the stamp is pressed forward as shown in Fig. 2, it can be depressed by hand against the pad for the purpose of printing upon its face the date and abbreviation or word indicating dinner, supper, breakfast or any other printing matter that may be desired, at the sides of the figures showing the amount of the bill upon the upper check of the pad.

As shown the stamp is provided with means by which the type 29 having the abbreviation of dinner, supper, or breakfast can be quickly changed. This means consists of a sliding bar 25 in the receptacle 16 which is formed with a lug 26 on its inner face and a knob 27 which extends through a transverse slot 28 in the outside of the receptacle so that the bar 25 can be moved and the lug 26 placed below any one of the three type 29, to project one of said type beyond the remaining ones into a position in which it will print. At the lower ends of the inner portions 24 of the slots 21 is a pair of forwardly directed slots 30 which permits the pins 20 on the stamp to be disengaged from the sides and said stamp to be removed from the frame for the purpose of resetting any of the type or adjusting and cleaning any of the parts.

In use, the stamp clip is applied to the pad of checks as shown in Fig. 1. The stamp normally remains in receded position over the ink pad. It is pressed down upon the ink pad to ink the type and after being released, pushed forward and pressed down upon the face of the pad of checks, the type printing opposite the amount in figures upon one of the checks the date and the abbreviation of the name of the meal. The stamp is then released (the spring 22 raising it) and returned to receded position and the check torn off by means of the cutting edge, and handed to the payer.

The stamp clip can be carried in the socket element 36 by inserting the tongue 6 on the pressure plate 5 through the strap 31 which is formed thereon. This socket element is provided with a sectional spring hook 32 which can be attached to a belt or the edge of a pocket of the garment on the person who is using the invention. In the alternate construction, the pressure plate is provided with an eyelet 33 instead of a tongue as shown in the preferred construction. By this means the invention can be connected with and carried by a chain 34 which in turn is fastened to the garment of the person who is using the device.

In accordance with the patent statutes, I have described the principle of operation of my invention, together with the apparatus which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof, but I desire to have it understood that the apparatus shown is only

illustrative and that the invention can be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those which I have set forth.

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

1. A device of the class set forth, comprising in combination, a slip clip for use with checks having a frame, a stamp movably carried by said clip in said frame, and means for permitting said stamp to be moved forward and backward and up and down in said frame, for the purposes specified.

2. A device of the class set forth, comprising a slip clip for use with a check having a frame, a stamp movably carried by said clip in said frame, means for guiding said stamp forward and backward and up and down in said frame, and means also carried by said frame for applying ink on said stamp.

3. A device of the class set forth, comprising a slip clip for use with a check pad having a frame, a stamp movably carried by said clip in said frame, means for guiding said stamp forward and backward and up and down in said frame, means also carried by said frame for applying ink to the type carried by said stamp, and a knife by which the checks on said pad may be cut, for the purposes specified.

4. A device of the class set forth, comprising in combination a stamping clip for use with a check pad having a frame, means carried by said frame for holding said pad, a stamp movably carried in said frame, means for guiding said stamp forward and backward and up and down, and means carried by said frame for cutting the checks of said pad, for the purposes specified.

5. A device of the class set forth, comprising in combination a slip clip having a suitable frame, a pressure element co-acting therewith for adjustably holding a check, a cutting edge on one of said parts for severing said check, a stamp movably carried in said frame, means for guiding said stamp forward and backward and up and down in said frame, means for inking said stamp when in receded position, and means for raising said stamp above said check when in forward position.

6. A device of the class set forth, comprising in combination a suitable frame provided with parallel sides, a pressure plate co-acting with said frame to adjustably hold a check, a stamp movably carried by the sides of said frame and provided with slots permitting said stamp to be moved forward and backward and up and down, means for inking the type of said stamp when in receded position, and means for raising said stamp away from said check when in forward position.

7. A device of the class set forth, comprising, in combination a frame provided with slotted sides, a pressure plate co-acting with

said frame to hold a check, said frame and plate being provided with guides for said check permitting the latter to slide forward and backward, a spring carried by said frame for pressing said plate against the check, a stamp carried between said sides and in the slots therein, an inking pad in said frame and below the type when said stamp is in receded position, and a spring for holding said stamp in superior position when in forward or backward position.

8. A device of the class set forth, comprising a hand stamping clip for use with a check pad having a suitable frame, a stamp movably carried by said frame, means for permitting said stamp to be moved forward and backward and up and down, a spring pressure plate on said frame for holding a check pad, and means for carrying said clip, for the purposes specified.

9. A device of the class set forth, comprising in combination a slip clip for use with a check pad having a frame, a stamp movably carried by said frame, means for permitting said stamp to be moved forward and backward and up and down in said frame, a spring holding said stamp in raised position, means for applying ink on said stamp, and means for carrying said clip.

10. A device of the class set forth, comprising in combination a slip clip for use with a

check pad having a frame, a stamp movably carried by said frame, means for permitting said stamp to be moved forward and backward and up and down in said frame, a spring holding said stamp in raised position, means for applying ink to the type carried by said stamp, a knife by which the checks on said pad may be cut, and means for carrying said clip.

11. A device of the class set forth, comprising, in combination, a suitable frame provided with slotted sides, a stamp between said sides and having connections therewith in the slots thereof, means for holding said stamp in superior position and permitting it to be depressed and moved forward and backward in said slots, and a slip clip co-acting with said frame to hold the check and permitting the latter to be moved forward and backward, said sides being provided with grooves at their forward ends connecting with said slots to permit said stamp to be disengaged from said frame, for the purposes specified.

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

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