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DUPLICATE INVOICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK W. BUFFUM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisiana, Pike county, Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Duplicate Invoices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved duplicate invoice, and also an original invoice and a copy or triplicate of same; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a portion of the duplicate invoice of slightly different form from that shown in Fig. 1.

This invention relates to invoices.

When a merchant or manufacturer sends an invoice to a purchaser he generally sends a duplicate invoice which the purchaser uses in checking up the goods or articles referred to on the original invoice. The original invoice contains a list of the articles the purchaser has bought and also the price of said articles. Very often a purchaser does not want his clerks who check up the articles to know the cost of same, and therefore the manufacturer or merchant who sells the goods is obliged to make out a duplicate invoice for the purchaser with the price of the articles omitted. These special duplicate invoices entail additional time and expense on the part of the manufacturer or merchant who sells the goods, and the object of my invention is to provide a duplicate invoice sheet which is provided with a detachable part for receiving the carbon impression of the cost price of the articles or goods specified in the invoice so that the purchaser can detach said part and then give the duplicate invoice to the clerks in the receiving room who check up the goods.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawing which illustrates one form of my invention, 1 designates an original invoice and 2 a duplicate invoice, both of which are sent to the purchaser of the goods referred to in the invoice.

The merchant or manufacturer sometimes sends a copy of the invoice to the salesman or traveling man who sold the goods to the purchaser, and when such a copy is desired he arranges a triplicate invoice 3 between

the original and the duplicate when he makes out the invoice.

The original 1 and also the copy or triplicate 3 are provided with suitable columns in which the number, name and price of the articles are placed, and the duplicate invoice 2 is provided with columns for the number and name of the articles and also a detachable slip 4 arranged in such a position on the duplicate that it will receive the carbon impression of the numerals which designate the price the purchaser paid for the goods, it being understood of course that sheets of carbon paper are placed between the original and triplicate and between the triplicate and duplicate when the invoice is being made out. The detachable slip 4 is provided with a gummed edge 5 that secures said slip to the duplicate invoice 2, and a vertical row of perforations 6 is formed in said slip adjacent its gummed edge so that the slip can be torn off or detached from the duplicate 2.

A duplicate invoice of the character above described overcomes the necessity of making out a special duplicate invoice when the purchaser does not desire to have the price of the goods appear on the duplicate, for the purchaser can tear off the slip 4 before he hands the duplicate to the clerk who checks up the items on the invoice.

Any desired kind of paper can be used for the slip, but I prefer to use very thin, tough paper such, for example, as onion skin paper. The particular manner in which the slip 4 is secured to the duplicate 2 is also immaterial so far as my broad idea is concerned, for said slip could be attached to the duplicate in numerous other ways without departing from the spirit of my invention.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a duplicate invoice 2^a of slightly different form from that shown in Fig. 1, the detachable part of said invoice consisting of an extension 4^a that is adapted to be folded over the duplicate when the invoice is being made out, so that the carbon impression of the cost price of the goods will appear on the portion 4^a which can be torn off before the duplicate is given to the checking clerk.

While I have herein stated that my invention consists in a duplicate invoice sheet provided with a detachable part for receiving the carbon impression of some word, character or figure on the original invoice, I do not

wish it to be understood that my broad idea is limited to a duplicate invoice sheet for this same idea could be embodied in a duplicate order blank, or in fact any other kind of duplicate sheet which it is desired should not contain the carbon impression of some information that the original contains.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

An invoice blank comprising a plurality of superimposed sheets, each of which is provided with a number of columns, means for transferring the writing on the top sheet to

the under sheets, and a detachable slip on the bottom sheet that covers one of the columns thereof but not the entire sheet so that some of the characters on the top sheet will be transferred to said slip instead of to the column that it covers.

In testimony whereof I herewith affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this 28th day of August 1908.

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