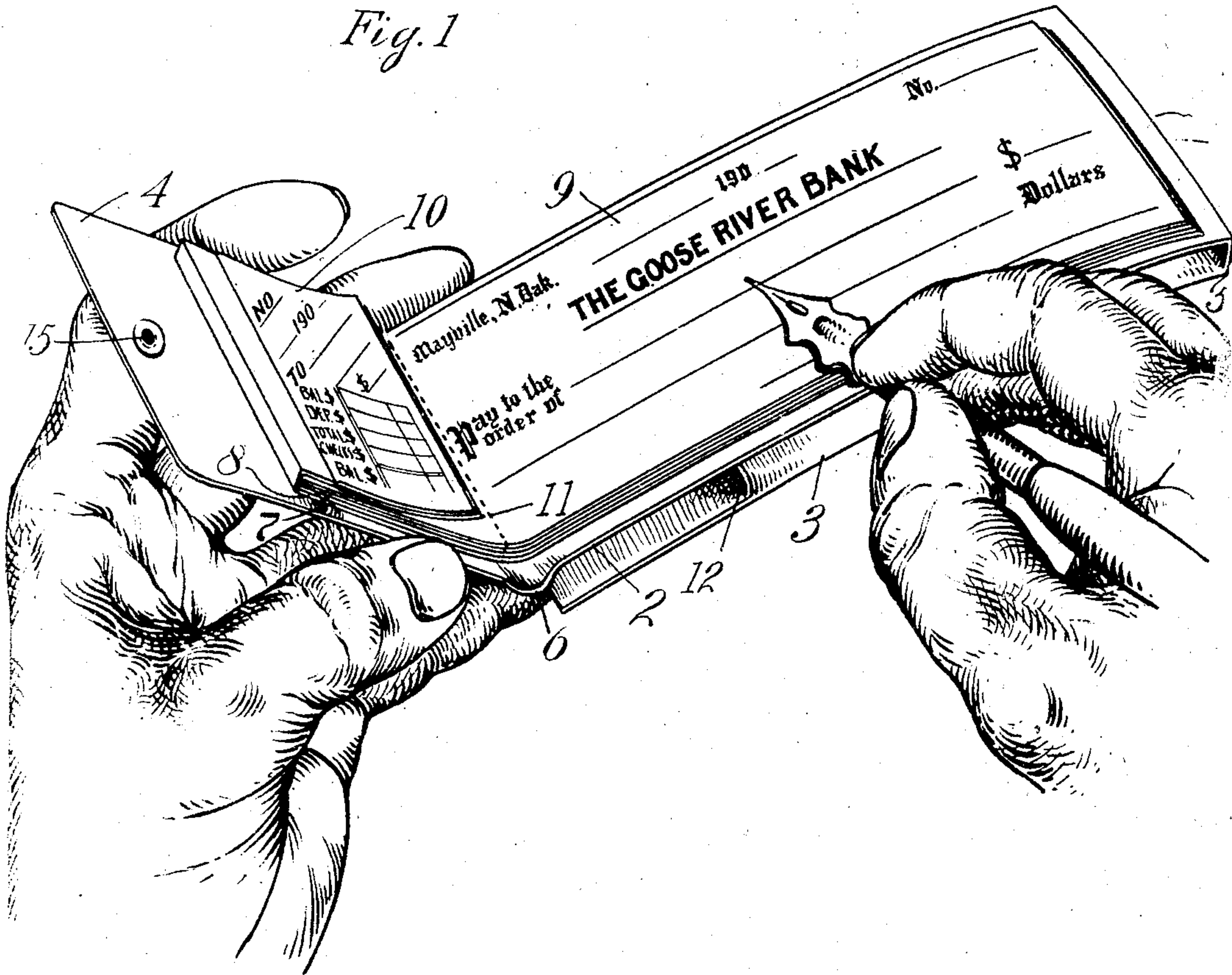


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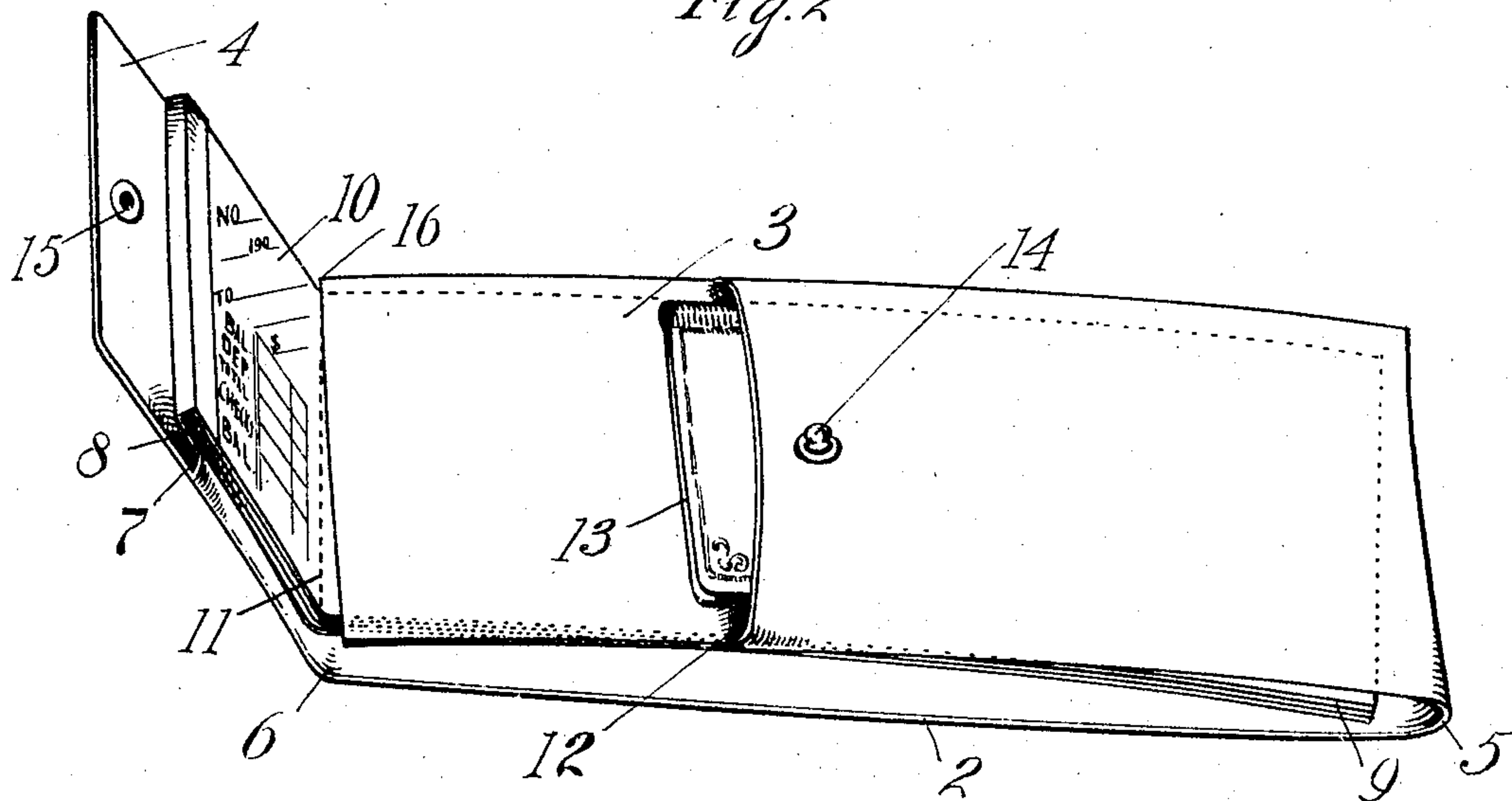
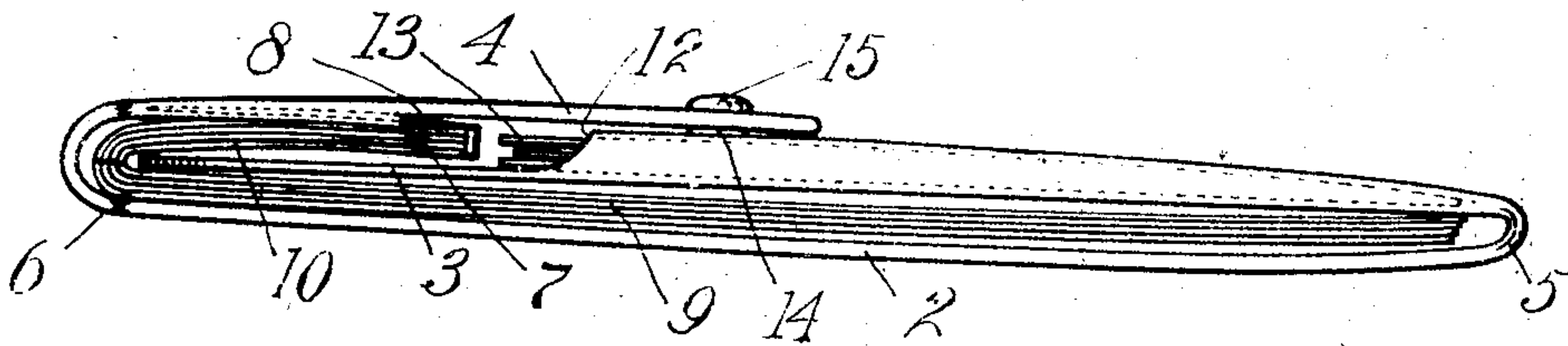


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLIFTON S. SULTZER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Check-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in folding check books of the class wherein a pad of check blanks is removably secured to a folding holder or cover.

Among the objects of the invention are to provide a book of this character which may be folded into small compass so as to fit conveniently in pocket or bag; wherein each check shall have a stub extension at the side; wherein, when the book is opened, the check portions of the leaves will lie flat against a supporting back without fold or crease, and, when the book is closed, the checks shall be so held that they will not sag down below the cover, and wherein the cover shall be so supported that it will not easily break or crack.

To this end the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification; Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved check book opened for use; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same partly folded, and Fig. 3 is a top view of the book when folded and closed.

In the drawings is shown a holder of leather, cloth, or other foldable material having a stiffened back portion or under-board 2, to which is hinged at the right end a stiffened top portion or upper-board 3 and at the left end a stiffened flap 4. The hinges 5 and 6 by which the end portions are hinged to the back consist preferably of the unstiffened, flexible fabric of the holder. The top portion 3 is of approximately the same length as the back portion; and the flap, which folds down over the top portion, is enough longer than the check stubs to be attached to it, as hereinafter described, to allow it to be buttoned down upon the top member 3, as shown in Fig. 3.

The flap 4 is formed with a pocket 7 to receive the backing strip 8 of a pad of check-leaves. Each check-leaf has a check portion 9 at the right and a stub portion 10 at the

left and is perforated or weakened along the line 11 between them. At their left or stub ends the check-leaves are bound together upon a short backing strip 8 of stiffer material, which is adapted to be inserted into the pocket, as shown in the drawings. The pocket is arranged at such distance from the hinge 6 that, when the backing strip is inserted into the pocket, the check leaves will lie upon the holder with their stubs upon the flap 4 on one side of the hinge, and their check portions on the back 2 on the other side of the hinge, with the line of perforations 11 between them coincident with the hinge.

The upper board 3 of the holder is formed upon the outside with a pocket 12 adapted to receive a small deposit book 13. The mouth of the pocket is so positioned that, when the flap is folded down as shown in Fig. 3, the deposit book will lie in line with, and close to, the bound stub portions of the check pad, and the outer end of the flap, which is fastened down upon the outside of the pocket by means of the cooperating fastening devices 14 and 15, will be supported by the book so that it will not become cracked by being pressed down over the stub end of the check pad. It will be seen from the drawings that the mouth of the pocket 12 lies toward the free end of the top portion 3, so that, when the flap is folded down and fastened, the deposit book cannot drop or be removed from the pocket.

In use the pad of check leaves is removably secured upon the flap by inserting the backing strip 8 into the pocket 7. The stub portions will then lie upon the flap and the check portions upon the back 2 of the holder, with the weakened line 11 coincident with the hinge 6. Thus when the cover is folded, as shown in Fig. 3, the check leaves will be folded along the line 11, and the check portions 9 and stub portions 10 will remain uncreased and unfolded. And, when the book is opened for use, the check portions will lie smooth and flat against the supporting back 2 and may be written on as readily as if the pad had never been folded. When entries are to be made with the book held in the hand, further support for the checks may be had by folding the leaf 3 back under the back portion 2 of the cover.

In closing the book the top portion 3 is first folded over upon the face of the check

portions 9, as shown in Fig. 2, and the flap carrying the stubs 10 is then folded over upon the top portion 3 and fastened down by means of the fastening devices 14 and 15, as shown in Fig. 3. It will be observed that the top portion 3 extends almost or quite to the hinge 6 and the weakened line 11, so that, when the flap is folded over it, the outer edge of the top portion will extend into the bight close against the check leaves along the line 11, and form a stop to prevent the check portions from sagging down between the cover portions 2 and 3 when the book is held with one of its side edges down, as shown in Fig. 2. As there illustrated the check leaves, when folded, will impinge against the free edge of the top portion at its upper end 16 and be held thereby from sagging further.

I claim as my invention:

1. A folding check book comprising a holder having a back, a top portion foldably secured to the back at one end thereof, and a flap foldably secured to the back at the other end thereof, and a pad of check leaves having stub portions at one end and check portions at the other end, said pad being removably secured to the flap in such position that the stub portions will lie upon the flap and the check portions upon the back with the line between them coincident with the line of fold between the back and flap, the top portion of the holder folding over upon the check leaves between the check portions and the stub portions thereof, and extending to the line of fold between them so as to form a stop to prevent the check leaves from sagging.

2. In a folding check book the combina-

tion, with a holder having a back, a top- 40
portion foldably secured to the back at one
end thereof, and a flap foldably secured to
the back at the other end thereof, of a pad
of check-leaves having stub portions at one
end and check portions at the other end, the 45
stub end of said pad being removably se-
cured to the flap in such position that the
stub portions shall lie entirely upon the
flap and the check portions entirely upon
the back, the top portion of the holder be- 50
ing formed on its outside with a pocket
adapted to hold a deposit book, and the flap
being adapted to be folded over upon the
outer side of the pocket with the stub end of
the pad opposite the mouth of the pocket. 55

3. A folding check book comprising a
flexible holder having a stiffened top por-
tion at one end, a stiffened flap at the other
end and an intermediate back, and a pad of
check-leaves having stub portions at one end 60
and check portions at the other end, said
pad being removably secured to the flap in
such position that the stub portions will lie
upon the flap and the check portions upon
the back, with the line between them coinci- 65
dent with the flexible portion of the holder
between the back and flap, the top portion of
the holder being of such length that, when
folded over upon the check leaves, it will
extend to said flexible portion and form a 70
stop to prevent the check leaves from sag-
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In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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