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Fig. 2

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Fig. 1

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Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLARD MORRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dansville, in the county of Livingston and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Posting-Rulers; and I do hereby declare the following to be 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.

This invention provides a device which has thereon names of persons or concerns whose accounts are carried in a ledger or other account-book and in the same spaced relation as entered in the book, the device having a flange or other projection which engages the edge of the page upon which entries are being made, and the same being movable over the page to bring the names of accounts in proximity to the places of entry and in alinement with the lines which at the side or other edge of the page bear corresponding names in the same order. In using the device it is unnecessary to refer to the edge of the page for a name and then follow the corresponding line over the page to the place of entry, as the name of an account may be found on the device in proximity to the place of entry and over and designating the line upon which the entry is to be made. The time consumed in following a line across a page is not only saved, but the liability of mistake in changing from the desired line to another and making an entry in a wrong place is obviated.

When read in connection with the description herein, the details of the device contemplated by this invention will be apparent from the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, wherein an embodiment of the invention is disclosed, for purposes of illustration.

Like reference-characters refer to corresponding parts in the views of the drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is a plan view; Fig. 2 is an edge view; and Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view of a page of an account-book over which the device may be used.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 4 designates a ruler of a length equal to or a little greater than the dimension of the page on which it is to be used in a direction transverse to the direction of movement over the page. The ruler is flat and

relatively thin, is made of any suitable material, and is sufficiently wide to bear the names of persons whose accounts are entered on the page or pages upon which it is intended to be used. At an end of the ruler, a flange or other projection 5 extends from each flat surface, and each projection lies in a line at right angles to the longitudinal line of the ruler.

Arranged on the flat surfaces of the ruler are transverse guide-lines 6 spaced uniformly to correspond with the lines on the account-page on which the ruler is to be employed, these lines being designated by any desired characters, such as 1, 2, 3, etc., corresponding in the same order to like designations borne by the lines of the page. At the side of the page, or at the top, as the case may be, depending on the ruling or other formation of the account-page, are placed on the lines the names of persons whose account-entries are to be made on the respective lines, and on the correspondingly designated and disposed lines of the ruler are placed the same names, the lines, designations, and names on the ruler being so disposed with relation to the flange 5 as to be brought directly over the corresponding lines on the page when the ruler is placed thereon with the flange against a proper edge. The lines, designations, and names may be inscribed directly on the ruler, or they may be inscribed on a strip of paper and attached by pasting or otherwise on the ruler in proper position. It will be seen that both flat sides of the ruler may be used, one set of names for a page being borne on one side and another set for another page on the other side.

In use, the ruler is placed on the page with the side up which bears names corresponding to those of the accounts borne on that page and with a transverse flange against an edge of the page. For instance, on an account-page ruled as shown in Fig. 3, the flange would engage the top edge and the ruler would extend from top to bottom of the page, the names on the ruler coming directly over the lines bearing, respectively, the same names. If it is desired, for instance, to make an entry toward the right hand side of the page in the first account, the name of which is entered on the left hand side, as are those of the other accounts, the ruler is moved toward the right hand side in proximity to the place of entry, and

the name of the first account on the ruler will come directly over and designate the line on the page which bears that name at the left, it being unnecessary for the eye of
5 the accountant to follow that line from the name across the page to the place of entry.

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

10 A ruler formed of a flat relatively-thin single piece of material having on each side thereof spaces for account-names arranged in the same order and in the same relative positions apart, respectively, as correspond-

ing names on account-pages on which the ruler is to be used, and a flange secured to and projecting from each side of the ruler and arranged to engage with an edge of the page whereby the names on the ruler are brought in line with those on the page, the
20 ruler being adapted to be placed on said page to designate at one place the lines thereof which bear at another place names corresponding to those of the ruler.

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