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*Fig. 1.*

The diagram shows a check form with the following fields and callouts:

- 1.** Points to the top line of the form.
- 2.** Points to the "DATE" field.
- 3.** Points to the "PAYEE" field.
- 4.** Points to the "BAL." field.
- 5.** Points to the "AMT." field.
- 6.** Points to the "DOLLARS AND CENTS" field.

The form includes a header section with "DATE", "PAYEE", and "BAL." fields. Below this is a section for "AMT." (Amount) with a grid for writing the amount. The main body of the form is divided into sections for "19-", "BERKELEY-CAL #", "BANK", "PAY TO ORDER OF", and "DOLLARS AND CENTS". The form is numbered 1 through 6 on the right side, corresponding to the callouts.

*Fig. 2.*

1.

DATE	PAYEE.	AMT.	BAL.
4. 19-		\$	
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4. 19-		\$	
5. 19-		\$	
19 - BERKELEY-CAL.		\$	
2. PAY TO ORDER OF		BANK.	
3. DOLLARS AND		CENTS	
6.			
3.			
3.			
3.			
3.			

*Fig. 5*

*Fig. 3.*

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## STUB-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES BUCKNER SPEED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Berkeley, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stub-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the class of stub-books, and is applicable to all kinds of books which contain what may be generically termed commercial instruments, whether bank checks, bills, account, tickets, coupons, or any other like evidences of rights or property, or instruments of mercantile or commercial transactions.

My invention has for its object the provision of a book in which each leaf is composed of a plurality of commercial instruments so arranged relatively to each other that the separation of the body portion of a fully exposed instrument from its stub portion will result in the exposure of the succeeding entire instrument including its stub, thereby effecting the desirable result of leaving all previous stubs in visual array, and, finally, when the last body portion is separated, presenting the leaf as a series of exposed stubs, for the various purposes of reference comparison, calculation, posting, or other use to which the information of said stubs may be put.

To this end, my invention consists in the novel stub-book leaf, which I shall now fully describe, by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of a leaf of my stub-book before any of the body portions of the instruments have been torn out. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing some of the body portions separated, leaving the previous stubs exposed. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing all the body portions removed, leaving the leaf a simple array of stubs. Fig. 4 is an edge view of the leaf of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is an edge view showing each stub portion provided with a special securing or pasting strip.

In the present specification and claims, I wish to be understood by the term "commercial instruments," as including all kinds of documents, papers and coupons which may be conveniently arranged in books, and which are attached to reference stubs from which they are to be separated

in any manner, as, for example, by a weakened line, such as perforations. For the sake of simple illustration, I have selected bank-checks as an example and shall proceed to describe my invention in terms of such checks.

1 is a leaf which is to be part of a suitable aggregation of similar leaves, which are to form a book.

2 are bank-checks, each check being composed of a body portion 3 and a stub 4, the two portions being separable along the perforated line 5—5.

In the form of checks shown in Figs. 1 to 4, each combined check and stub is co-extensive with the paper on which it is printed and the arrangement is as follows:—

6 is a backing, say, a sheet of some suitable material. The lowermost check is pasted or otherwise secured by its stub-portion to the backing sheet 6 near its lower portion, in such position that the lower edge of the check is at or near the line of the lower edge of sheet 6. The next check is secured by its stub to sheet 6, in such wise that the perforated line is about coincident with the upper edge of the stub of the lower check. In like manner the third check is secured relative to the second, and so on up the backing sheet, until the uppermost check is placed, and this check, as seen in Fig. 1 is the only one which is in full view. When this check is about to be issued, and its stub filled out, it is torn off leaving the pasted stub. This separation of the first check exposes the whole second check both stub and body. When this second check is issued there will be left two pasted stubs, both in sight, to wit:—the first stub and the second stub; and this removal of the second check will leave exposed the third check and its stub; and so on, until the appearance of the leaf, shown in Fig. 2, is reached; and finally, that shown in Fig. 3 is attained, when all the body portions are removed and all the stubs remain in visual array, to be posted, computed, compared, or otherwise dealt with as required.

In Fig. 5 I show the sheets on which the instruments are printed, as having, above the stub-portion 4, a continuing portion, designated by 9, which serves as and may be termed a pasting or securing strip. This provides for pasting the sheets directly onto one another, even without a backing sheet,



though, for the sake of clearness, the pasting material which is supposed to secure the portions 9 to the back of the overlying stub, is omitted in this Fig. 5.

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

1. In a stub book, a leaf composed of a series of superposed commercial instruments  
10 the body of each of said instruments being separable from its corresponding stub, said instruments being secured in the series in successively rising lines from the bottom of the series to the top, in such position that the  
15 line of separation of the body of an overlying instrument is coincident with the upper edge of the stub of the adjacent underlying instrument.

2. In a stub-book, a leaf composed of a  
20 series of superposed commercial instruments each comprising a stub portion and a body portion separable from the stub portion, said instruments being secured in the series by their stub portions in successively rising  
25 lines from the bottom of the series to the

top, in such position that the line of separation of the two portions of an overlying instrument is coincident with the upper edge of the stub portion of the adjacent underlying instrument.

3. In a stub-book, a leaf composed of a backing sheet, and a series of superposed commercial instruments each comprising a stub portion and a body portion separable  
35 from the stub portion, said instruments being secured by their stub portions to the backing sheet, in successively rising lines of said sheet from the bottom to the top, in such position that the line of separation of the two portions of an overlying instrument  
40 is coincident with the upper edge of the stub portion of the adjacent underlying instrument.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence  
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