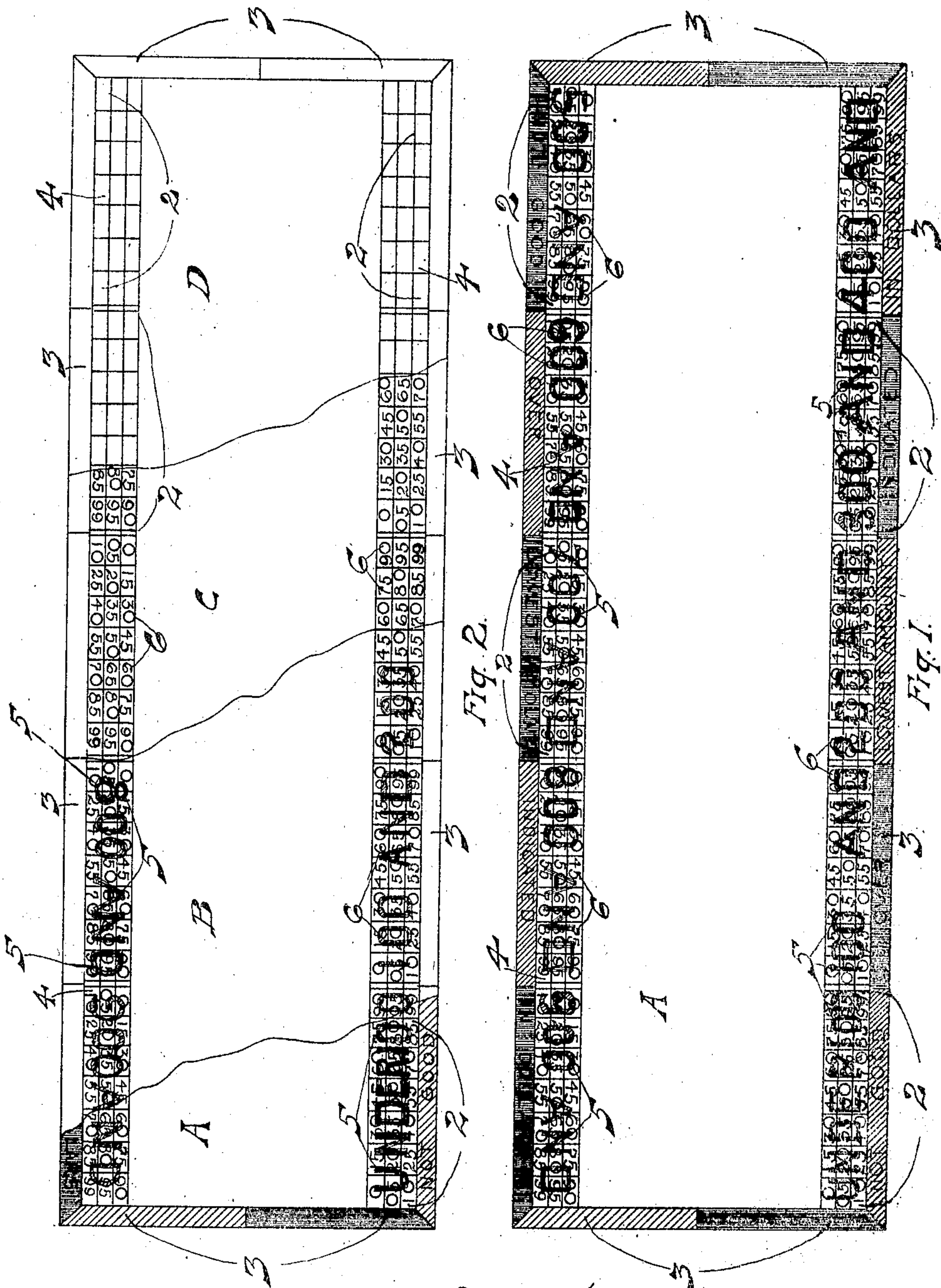


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES B. WALKLEY, of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake county, State of Utah, have invented a new and useful Means of Preventing the Raising of Bank-Checks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a bank check which has a border thereon, made up of ten sections of figures, five sections on the top and five sections on the bottom, each of said ten sections being subdivided into twenty-one rectangular spaces in which are contained the figures hereinafter referred to, and which are arranged in such a way and are of such denominations, as to enable the drawer by punching the proper figure to indicate the amount for which the check is drawn under \$1000.00, and thus prevent or guard against the raising of the check, reference being had to the drawing herewith filed.

Figure (1) is a view of the check in blank. Fig. (2) is a view of a portion D, ruled into spaces; in the portion C the spaces are filled with value designating characters less than 100, a portion B showing the value designating characters over 100, and the part A, a portion of the completed check.

The leading features of my check consist in, and a full, clear and exact description of the same are, the border extending across the bottom formed in five sections marked 2; each section being subdivided into twenty-one rectangular spaces 4, arranged in three rows of seven spaces each; said rows running parallel with the bottom and top edges of the check proper; the first row of spaces in each of said five sections containing the value designating figures 0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75 and 90 marked 6; the second row 5, 20, 35, 50, 65, 80, and 95; the third 10, 25, 40, 55, 85 and 99. Said figures 6 are of uniform size, and the lines marking the 21 rectangular spaces of each section are printed in a uniform color of ink. In each of said sections 2, respectively, beginning with the lower left hand corner and reading to the right in consecutive order, there is printed, in addition to the figures stated, the following words and figures; "Under 100", "100 and", "200 and", "300 and", and "400 and", marked 5, the latter words and figures 5 being of such a size as to practically cover the entire space occupied by the said three rows

of figures 6 in each of the said five sections, and being distinguished by a different colored ink from that in which the said rows of figures are printed. Immediately below and contiguous to each of the said five sections 2 is provided a marginal space 3 subdivided by color into divisions equal in length to the length of each of the respective five sections; each division of said margin being made in a color different to that of the words of the adjoining section. In the said marginal space 3 is printed the words "Not good over lowest amount indicated in dollars." This same marginal space 3 is made also at both ends and at the top of the check, forming a periphery around the check. The component parts of the border extending across the top of the check, are exactly the same in every detail,—figures, words, sections, rectangular spaces, subdivisions, margins, colors, lines and phrases, and in all other particulars, as the border extending across the bottom, except in the following particulars, the words and figures are inverted. And in the section 2 at the upper right hand corner in addition to the 21 rectangular spaces and the figures therein made are printed, the word and figures "500 and." In the next section 2 to the left are printed the word and figures "600 and"; in the next section are printed the word and figures "700 and"; in the next section are printed the word and figures "800 and"; in the next section are printed the word and figures "900 and", but in all other details the top border and the bottom border are identical.

The object and manner of use in which said border for bank checks is to be put is as follows:—To any of the ordinary forms of bank checks now in use, which forms ordinarily contain and embrace the following data: first, a date line, and a line for the number of the check; second, a line on which is printed the name of the bank on which the check is drawn; third, a line on which is printed the words "Pay to \_\_\_\_\_, or order \$\_\_\_\_\_"; fourth, a line on which is to be written the amount for which the check is drawn; and fifth, a line for the signature of the drawer, may be added my border. Such a check supplied with my border, can be marked with a small punch, or other sharp instrument in the proper place, so as to indicate the face value thereof. For example; it will be observed that the figures in each



of said rectangular spaces 4 increase consecutively by five units, except the last figure, which is an increase of but four units; and that the large figures and words "100 and" in each consecutive section increase by 100 units; so that if the drawer wishes to draw a check for \$325.00 he would punch the figure 25 in the section containing the figures and word "300 and", which would plainly indicate the proper face value of the check. A higher figure could not be punched without detection, because the mark already made would remain; and there is the instruction on the marginal spaces 3 "Not good over lowest amount indicated in dollars", giving notice at once to the bank of the fraudulent raising of the check. Again, if the check was drawn for \$627.00 the drawer would punch the figure 30 in the section containing the figures and word "600 and", which would plainly indicate that the check was drawn for sum not over \$630.00.

Having thus described my invention I desire to secure by Letters Patent and claim;

A new article of manufacture consisting of, a blank having a space thereon adapted to have a check written therein, rows of smaller rectangular spaces above and below

said blank, figures denoting dollars less than one hundred, printed in said spaces and reading from left to right in sections of seven spaces each, below said blank, and in like sections but reading from right to left above said blank; the words "Under 100" being printed with larger type in the said section at the lower left hand corner; the words "100 and" printed with similar type in the next succeeding section to the right, and consecutively with similar type the words "200 and", "300 and", "400 and", in the sections of rectangular spaces below said blank space; and consecutively with similar type the words inverted, "500 and", "600 and", "700 and", "800 and", "900 and", and reading from right to left in the sections of rectangular spaces above said blank; and a marginal space inclosing said rectangular spaces with the words "Not good over lowest amount indicated in dollars" printed therein, and adapted to instruct the banker in cashing said check.

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Signed in the presence of—

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