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CHECK BOOK.

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<i>A</i> <u>Fig. 1.</u>	DATE.....189	AMOUNT.	<i>B</i>
	TO THE ORDER OF.....		
	.....		
	FOR.....		
	No.....		
<i>A</i> <u>Fig. 2.</u>	DATE.....189	AMOUNT.	<i>C</i> STATEMENT. MEMORANDA.
	TO THE ORDER OF.....		
	.....		
	FOR.....		
	No.....		
		TOTAL	
<i>C</i> <u>Fig. 3.</u>	BANK DR.		
	TO BALANCE		
	DEPOSITS FROM.....TO.....		
	BY CHECKS No. CR. To No.		
	BALANCE		
		TOTAL	
<i>A</i> <u>Fig. 4.</u>		<i>B</i>	
	<i>A</i>		
	<i>A</i>		
	<i>A</i>		
	<i>A</i>		

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## CHECK-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN A. THAYER, of Bloomington, in the county of McLean and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Books; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in the arrangement of pocket check-books.

Heretofore check-books have been so arranged that it is necessary to turn the stubs before being able to ascertain the amount previously drawn and the balance on hand, or else it has been necessary to have two leaves folding in opposite directions, in all of which cases only the last-drawn check appears.

The object of my invention is to provide a check-book so arranged as to present the several amounts of a series of checks at a glance, the said amounts appearing in a single row or column, which also enables convenient addition without turning or in any manner disturbing the said stubs.

A further object is to provide means whereby the above objects may be accomplished in a simple and economical manner.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the check-book, showing stub and check before the detachment of the latter. Fig. 2 is a view showing the condition of the book after six checks have been drawn. Fig. 3 is a view of the statement-sheet, and Fig. 4 is a modification of Figs. 1 and 2.

A represents the stub, and B the check. The stubs and checks are interleaved with the stub uppermost and run in a series of six, more or less, as preferred. When the check is filled out, the amount thereof is entered on the stub immediately preceding the check drawn. The stubs are of even length, but run from one line to six or more, thereby forming

a continuous column, so that the amount of the last-drawn check will always be presented to the eyes in addition to the former ones without disturbing the stubs.

The check-book may consist of any number of checks and stubs found convenient and desirable. This is accomplished by providing a statement-sheet C immediately following the stub marked *b*, which is the last of the first series, the sheet C being so arranged that the "total-column" will be immediately under said last stub and be in full view. The total amount drawn is then estimated and placed in said statement-sheet C, together with the balance. A new series may then follow, the balance being carried forward, and may continue indefinitely.

In the modification the stubs are shown contiguous to each other, with the checks adjoining each other, whereby the same result may be reached; but, if preferred, they may be interleaved with each other, as in Figs. 1 and 2.

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

A check-book having a series of interleaved independent stubs and checks, the stubs being all of the same length, but having ends of different widths, whereby as each check is removed the end of the stub below said check will be exposed with its amount-column registering with the amount-column of the preceding stub, and a statement-sheet immediately following the last stub of the series, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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