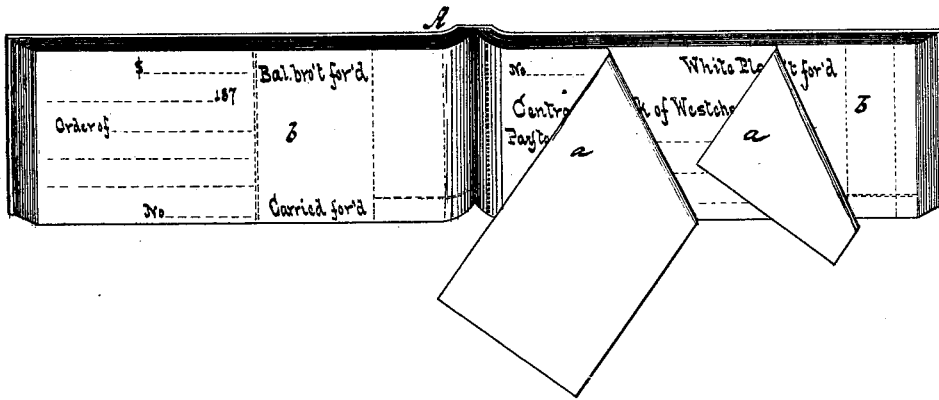


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BANK-CHECK BOOKS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MILTON C. JOHNSON, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bank-Check Books, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the drawing, which is a perspective view of my check-book.

This invention consists in a bank-check book composed of two distinct sets of leaves, one set being marked or imprinted to form blanks for bank-checks, and the other to form stubs for keeping a record of said bank-checks, one or two check-leaves being interposed between each succeeding pair of stub-leaves, so that the size of the book can be reduced and complete check-books can be produced, which can be conveniently carried in the pocket.

In bank-check books it is a common practice to connect to one end of each blank check a stub, both the stub and the check being printed on one and the same sheet of paper. This arrangement is sufficiently convenient for large check-books, which are used only in the office or at home, but it cannot be readily applied to check-books which have to be carried in the pocket. If, in such a book, the stub is formed at one end of the blank check the book becomes too long, and if the stub is formed at one side, either top or bottom of the blank check, the book becomes too wide, and in either case it cannot be carried conveniently in the pocket.

These disadvantages are overcome by my invention.

In the example shown in the drawing, the letter A designates my check-book, which is composed of a series of leaves, *a*, each of which is marked or imprinted on one side to form a blank bank-check, and a second series of leaves, *b*, each of which is marked or imprinted on both sides to form stubs, on which a record is kept of the checks. Between each pair of stub-leaves *b* are situated two check-leaves, *a*, and if the check of the first of these leaves is filled out the transaction is recorded on the preceding stub-leaf, while the check of

the second check-leaf is recorded on the succeeding stub-leaf. This arrangement I have found to be the most advantageous, since, by utilizing the stub-leaves on both sides, the number of these leaves is reduced one-half, and the cost, weight, and bulk of the book are diminished. If desired, however, a separate stub-leaf may be provided for each check-leaf, and in this case the stub-leaves would alternate with the check-leaves in regular order.

My invention may also be applied with advantage to office check-books where two or more blank checks are printed on each leaf. By printing the stubs on separate leaves the width and bulk of the book can be reduced.

The peculiar advantages of my invention over other systems will be apparent, as, by securing a stub-sheet printed on both sides alternately between the check-sheets throughout the book, it will be perceived that the back of one check will adjoin the front of the stub-sheet, and the face of the succeeding check will face the back of the stub-sheet which succeeds it, and so on throughout. By this means the checks, as well as the stub-sheets, are always in such position in the book as to be conveniently written upon, as no unfolding of the check-sheets, which would throw the same out of the book, is required, as heretofore. The checks all lie, when the book is open for use, in order upon the right-hand side of the book, and after the first check is filled out it is turned over to the left or removed, leaving the front of the stub-sheet to be filled out to correspond.

When the next check is required to be filled the stub-sheet is turned to the left and the check filled out, the back of the stub-sheet at the left being filled out to correspond, and this is continued until the book has been exhausted of checks, leaving the stubs filled out to correspond with the checks that have been removed, and with the bank account of the depositor, thus forming a stub-book and bank-book in the most limited space and in the most convenient shape for reference.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A check-book provided with stub-sheets having stub-blanks on both sides thereof, secured between alternate pairs of two separate check-sheets, the whole being bound together at their ends and adapted to be used substantially as herein described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I

have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of March, 1877.

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