To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EARL T. HAZELETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Phoenix, in the county of Maricopa and 5 State of Arizona, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases for Check and Memorandum Pads, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an improved case for check and memorandum pads and has for its primary object to provide a very simply constructed device whereby a large number of checks and stub blanks may be conveniently carried in the pocket.

It is a more particular object of the invention to provide in a device for the above purpose, a case which may be conveniently constructed of cloth, imitation leather, genuine leather, or other suitable flexible material, said case having a body wall adapted to be centrally folded, and pockets on the inner face of the wall at each side of its center, said pockets being adapted to receive the relatively stiff backing of a check pad and memorandum pad respectively.

It is another important object of the invention to provide a folding case having spaced pockets, in combination with the check pad and memorandum pad each having a stiff backing for detachable engagement in one of the pockets, the memorandum pad being also provided with a stiff cover not opposed to the check pad and having a flexible connection, adjacent one of its edges, to the memorandum pad, the cover and back sheets of the memorandum pad being stitched together and the outer wall of the case overlying the stitching and protecting the same.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved case open;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the case closed;

and

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 designates the body wall of the case which consists of a single, rectangular piece of flexible material, such as imitation leather, cloth, morocco leather, or some analogous material. One end of this body wall 5 is turned over upon itself, as at 6, and stitched along its ends to the longitudinal edges of said body wall, whereby the pocket 7 is produced. The free longitudinal edge of this returned end portion 6 is disposed in spaced relation to the center of said body wall.

The other end of the body wall 5 is also provided with a narrow, returned portion 8 which is adhesively secured upon the inner face of said wall.

A separate piece of flexible material 9 is arranged upon the inner face of the wall 5 and stitched at its ends thereto, and at one of its longitudinal edges by the row of stitching indicated at 10, which is approximately on the center line of the body wall. This wall 9, in conjunction with the body wall 5, provides a second pocket 11.

12 designates a pad of checks which are detachably connected along one of their longitudinal edges by a strip of gummed cloth, in the usual manner, which is also secured to a relatively stiff backing sheet 13, preferably of cardboard. This backing sheet is adapted for removable engagement in the pocket 7 of the case, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. 14 designates a stub or memorandum pad which may consist of any desired number of sheets stitched together along one of their longitudinal edges and to the stiff check wall 15, and a stiff cover sheet 16. The stitching connecting the several parts of the memorandum pad is indicated at 18, and adjacent to this line of stitching the cover sheet 16 is scored or weakened, as at 19, to provide a hinge line whereby the cover sheet may be readily raised to expose the memorandum card. The several sheets constituting this pad may be suitably lined to provide columns in which indicative memoranda relating to the individual checks, is to be written. In this manner, an accurate record or account of the check payments may be preserved separate and distinct from the check pad, and when the stub or memorandum pad has been filled, it may be readily removed from the case and kept in a suitable record cabinet.

It is to be particularly noted, from reference to Fig. 2 of the drawing, that the end edge of the body wall 5 of the case, at the open side of the pocket 11, extends over and
covers the line of stitching 18. Thus, when the case is folded and placed in the pocket, the stitching will not be rubbed and worn whereby liability of the front and back cover 5 sheets of the memorandum pad becoming separated is practically obviated. When the case is folded, the wall 5 bends or flexes along the line of stitching 16, and the cover sheet 16 of the memorandum pad lies against the face of the check pad. By the provision of such a holder or container for the separate check and memoranda pads, a large number of checks may be carried upon the person very conveniently and without liability of their loss. As there is a double thickness of material at the open side of the pocket 11 by folding the end edge of the wall 5 inwardly upon itself, the open side of said pocket is strengthened and reinf- 20 forced so that it will not be liable to be easily torn. It is also to be observed that, by the provision of a separate stub or memorandum pad, ample space is given for the entry of complete and accurate data relating to the check payments. The case itself consists of only two pieces of material, and it is, therefore, manifest that the same can be very inexpensively produced. The books or pads can also be very easily and quickly arranged in the pockets of the case and as their relatively rigid back walls entirely fill said pockets, casual detachment of the pads from the case is not likely.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction, manner of use and several advantages of my invention will be clearly and fully understood. While the device is exceedingly simple, I have found the same to be of great convenience and serviceability in practical use. By means of my invention, instead of the usual check book having the stubs and checks detachably connected, a relatively large number of separate checks and stubs or record sheets may be carried by the depositor. It is, of course, apparent that the case may be manufactured in various sizes, in accordance with the different sizes of checks, and can also be ornamented or embellished in any desired manner.

While I have shown and described the preferred construction and arrangement of the several features, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of considerable modification therein and I, therefore, re- 55 serve the privilege of adopting all such legitimate changes as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

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

1. A case having a body wall consisting of a single piece of flexible material folded adjacent one of its ends upon itself and stitched at the ends of said folded portion to the edges of the body wall to provide a pocket on one face of said wall, the open side of which is spaced from the central line of the case, a second piece of material stitched at its opposite ends to the edges of the body wall and also stitched along one of its longitudinal edges to said wall at the approximate center of the case, said piece of material, in conjunction with the body wall, constituting a separate pocket.

2. A case consisting of a body wall formed from a single piece of material folded adjacent one of its ends upon itself, said folded portion being stitched at its ends to the edges of the body wall to form a pocket, a second sheet of material secured along one of its longitudinal edges and its end edges to the body wall to provide a second pocket in conjunction with said body wall, the other end of said body wall being folded upon itself in spaced relation to the open side of the latter pocket to reinforce the edge of the pocket.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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