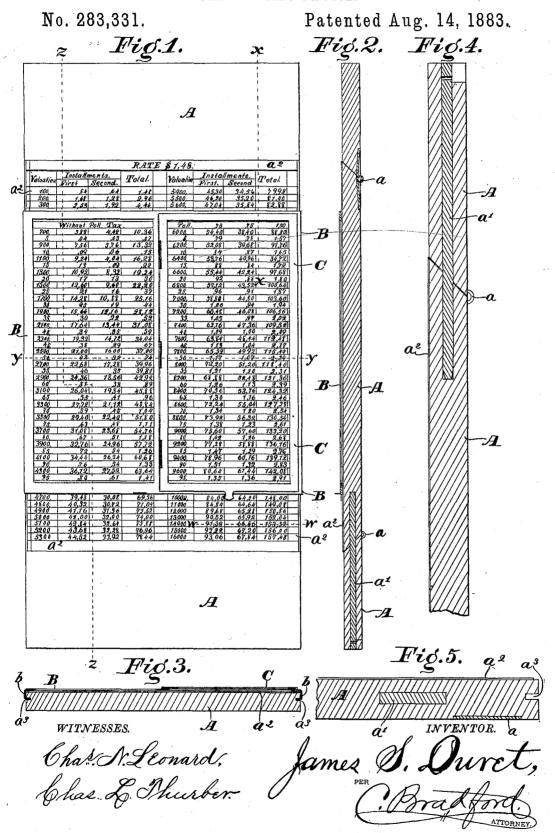
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, James S. Duret, of the city of Peru, county of Miami, and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Calculating Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention is an improvement upon that for which Letters Patent of the United States, No. 233,840, were granted me under date of November 2, 1880, as will be hereinaf-

ter fully described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, and on which similar letters of reference indicate similar 15 parts, Figure 1 is a face view of my complete device; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the same on the dotted line zz; Fig. 3, a transverse section on the dotted line yy; Fig. 4, a detail longitudinal section, on an enlarged 20 scale, on the dotted line x x; and Fig. 5, a detail cross-section on the dotted line w w, also on an enlarged scale.

In said drawings the portions marked A represent the base of the device; B, the slid-

25 ing frame, and C the swinging-frame.

The base A is composed of a central or main portion and two end portions, which are secured thereto by hinges a, and which, when in use, are secured in line with the central por-30 tion by pins or bars a', which are inserted in holes formed to receive them, which holes extend through said ends, past the hinges, into the central or main portion of the base. Upon this base is mounted a sheet of paper, a^2 , up-35 on which are printed the tables of figures showing the rate of taxation, valuation, installments, total taxation, &c., as described in my patent before referred to. This sheet is secured in position in the following manner: 40 The pins \vec{a}' being withdrawn, and the ends of the base folded down, the ends of the sheet are bent over the ends of the central portion of the base. The ends are then brought up in line, thus clamping and holding the paper tightly, 45 and the pins are replaced, securing said ends in position. When it is desired to remove said sheet and replace it with another, it can be easily done, as will be readily understood. This construction of the base, while fully ac-50 complishing this purpose, does not interfere

with the movement of the sliding frame, which can be manipulated as well as if the base were constructed in only one piece. The base is provided with grooves a^3 on the sides, which receive guides on the frame B and serve as 55 slides therefor.

The frames Band Care similar to those shown and described in my aforementioned Letters The frame B has portions b upon its sides, which are bent over around a portion of 6c the base A into the grooves a3, and which serve as guides for said frame to keep it in position upon said base. This I regard as a superior arrangement to that shown in said

Letters Patent, in which the base had side 65 pieces to hold the sliding frame in position, which is a more clumsy arrangement and would be impracticable with a sectional hinged base, such as I have now adopted.

Having thus fully described my said inven- 70 tion, what I claim as new, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is-

1. In a device for computing taxes, &c., the combination of a base composed of parts hinged together, the end portions of which, 75 when unfolded, are in line with and extend beyond the center or main portion, and a sliding frame which is adapted to move over said base, substantially as described, and for the purposes specified.

2. The combination, in a base for a calculating device, of a main portion, end portions hinged thereto, and pins or bars a', said base being adapted to receive said pins or bars and be thereby held rigidly in line with the main 85

portion, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the sectional hinged base A, the paper a^2 , having tables of figures thereon, and secured to said base by being inserted in the joints between the sections, and 90 the sliding frame B, which is adapted to be moved over said paper, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 95

5th day of April, A. D. 1883.

JAMES S. DURET. [L. s.]

In presence of-

C. Bradford, C. F. SAYLES.