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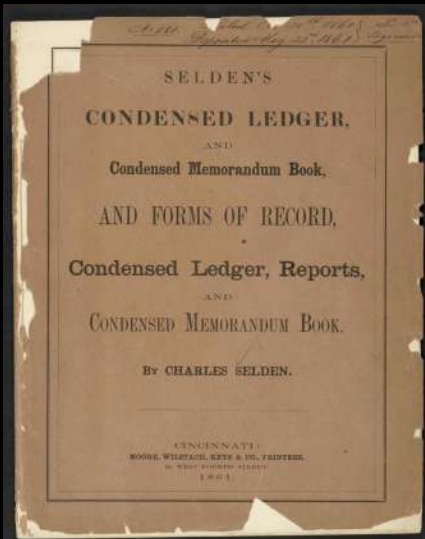
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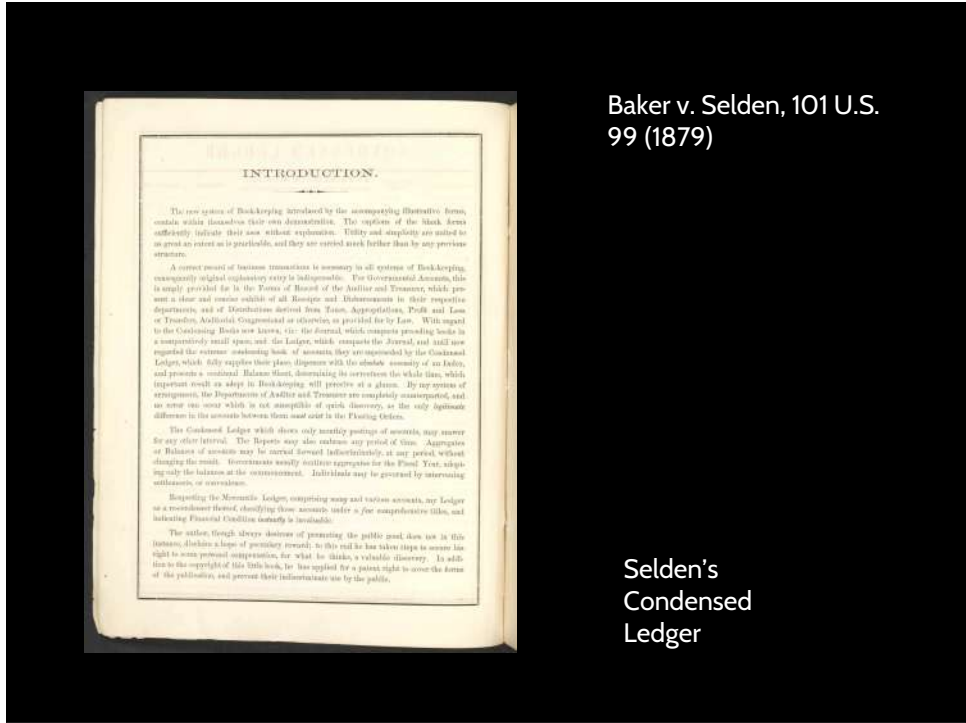


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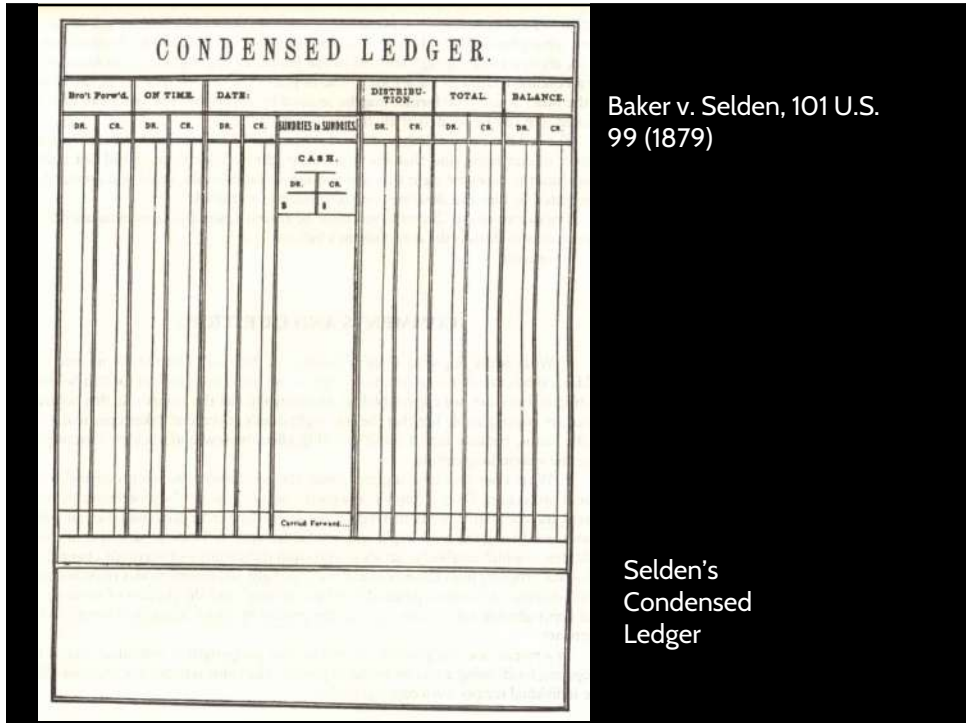
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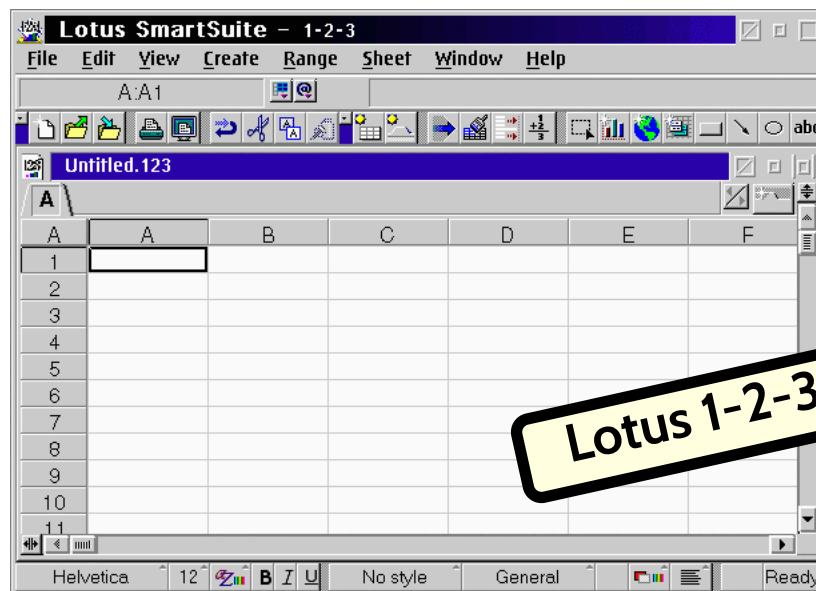
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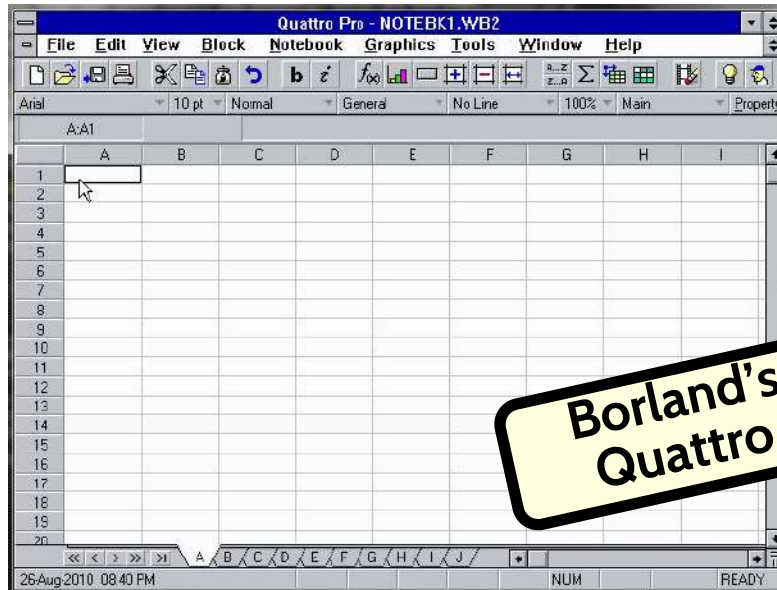
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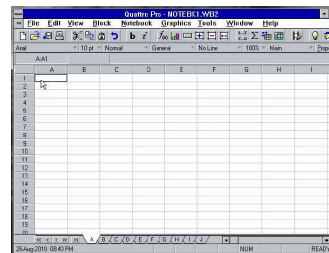


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Borland copied Lotus's menu command hierarchy "so that spreadsheet users who were already familiar with Lotus 1-2-3 would be able to switch to the Borland programs without having to learn new commands or rewrite their macros." **Did Borland infringe Lotus's copyright?**



**No. Held that what was copied was an uncopyrightable method of operation.**

Atari Inc. v. North Am. Phillips (7th Cir. 1982)



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Held: Pac-Man's arrangements of colors and rectangles considered sufficiently creative for copyrightability, leading to preliminary injunction against defendant's KC Munchkin.