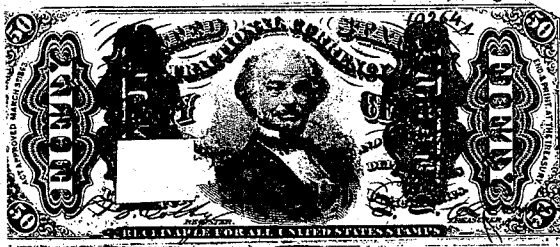


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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JAMES MYERS, Jr., of Brooklyn, E. D., in the county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Means for Preventing the Illegitimate Sale and consequently the Stealing or Purloning of Government Bonds; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification.

Persons, especially bankers and dealers generally in government bonds, have suffered heavily by losses from robbery, as the bonds can be circulated and sold or converted into cash by any person holding them without any trouble or difficulty whatever, there being no check to prevent theft.

The object of the present invention is to obviate this difficulty by preventing any one but the real owner of a bond effecting a sale thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, a fifty-cent fractional currency note or stamp is used to represent a government bond.

The number of this bond is 10,264, which number may be printed on the bond in the usual or any desired place, as indicated at A.

Besides this number, thus printed, I have a corresponding duplicate number printed on the bond at some other place, where it is pretty well covered by a vignette, printing, or script, as shown at B, and this duplicate number is, after the bond is printed, or before it is issued by the government or allowed to circulate, cut all around by a suitable stamp or cutter, so that a small portion is left by which the cut portion is attached to the bond. This uncut portion is designated by *a*.

When the government issues the bonds, therefore, they will all have a duplicate number attached by a small uncut portion, *a*, and by this means the duplicate numbers cannot be lost or separated from their respective bonds, a contingency which might occur if they are detached when the bonds are issued.

The purchaser of a bond, or the first one who receives it after issue, tears off the duplicate number at the uncut portion *a*, and this number may be locked up in any suitable place and the bond locked up in another place.

Now, in order to effect a sale of the bond, the duplicate number must be presented with it, and the test of a legitimate transaction is the perfect matching of the cut or detached duplicate number with the hole in the bond from which it was taken.

It will be seen, of course, that it would be impossible to imitate the cut-out portion containing the duplicate number, as the engraving on the latter must match all around with that on the edges of the hole in the bond.

Thus, by this simple means the stealing of government bonds will be effectually prevented, as they would be of no use to any one but the holders of the duplicate numbers.

I am aware that it is not new to cancel postage-stamps by tearing off a small portion which has been partially separated from the body of the stamp by an incision, but as this forms no part of my invention, I do not claim it.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The preventing of the illegitimate sale, and consequently the stealing of government bonds, by printing duplicate numbers thereon at any desirable place, and having said numbers cut at a suitable distance all around, in such a manner that they may be readily detached by the original purchaser, and the matching of the cut and uncut portions of the bond serve as a test of legitimacy for effecting a sale of the same, substantially as set forth.

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