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Fig. 1.

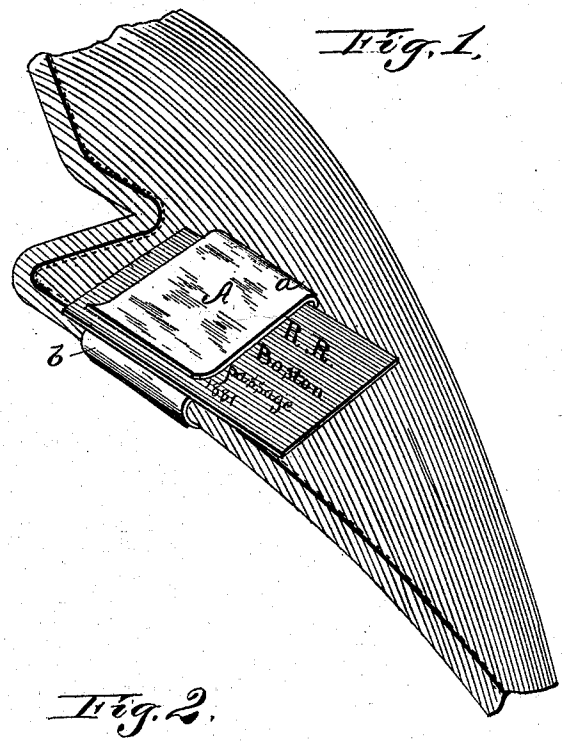
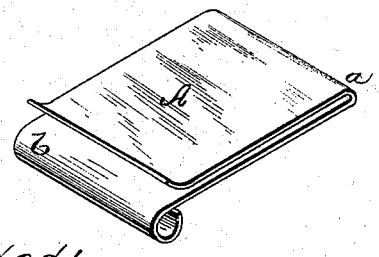


Fig. 2.



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TICKET-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. TAIT, of Stockton, in the county of San Joaquin and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the device attached to the lapel of a coat, and Fig. 2 a detail of the device itself.

The object of this invention is to obviate the inconvenience experienced and supply the necessity felt by the traveling public of some simple, cheap, and effective device for holding and keeping in sight of the conductor on a railroad-train the ticket of the passenger; and to this end it consists of a strip of suitable metal formed at one end with a cylindrical curve adapted to slip upon and grasp the lapel of a coat or vest, and with its opposite end bent upward, between which end and the body of the holder the ticket is firmly held, thus exposing it to view, and not only avoiding the annoyance of being compelled to show it to the conductor as he passes through the car, but also furnishes a perfectly safe place for keeping it.

To enable others skilled in the art to which my invention pertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe it.

A indicates my ticket or check holder, which is formed of a thin strip of such metal as possesses the requisite spring or elasticity. This strip will be about two and a half inches in length and one inch in width, more or less, as may be desired. One end of the strip is curved or bent, as shown at *b*, to form almost a cylinder—that is to say, its upper part is curved until the edge approaches to within a short distance of the body of the strip. The tube or cylinder thus formed should be of sufficient diameter to enable the edge of the lapel of a coat or vest being slipped therein, and when properly adjusted to so firmly grasp the lapel that the holder cannot be readily disengaged therefrom. A little below the center the strip, as seen at *a*, is bent upward, on a line parallel with its body and in juxtaposition thereto, almost to the top of the tube or cylinder, and its upper edge is slightly curved outward to enable a check or ticket to be easily guided between the bend and body, as seen in Fig. 1.

In adjusting my device I would observe that it is not intended it should be sprung on sidewise; but the tube portion is placed directly over the top seam of the lapel and drawn downward or upward at pleasure, and by carefully guarding the top of the seam it will pass through the tube without difficulty; but when once on it will so tightly grasp the lapel as to render it almost impossible to accidentally disengage it, though it may be quickly slipped off in the same manner in which it was put on.

The advantages of my device are apparent. It may be easily adapted to any thickness of fabric, and, having neither pin nor buckle, will not injure the garment to which it is attached. Of course it may be gotten up either plainly or in any manner suggested by an esthetic taste.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the within-described ticket-holder, consisting of a piece of sheet metal formed tubular at one end, and having its opposite end bent backward or doubled upon the main body of the holder and adapted to receive and clasp a ticket, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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