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 PLACARD GUARD FOR RAILWAY CARS.
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Fig. 1

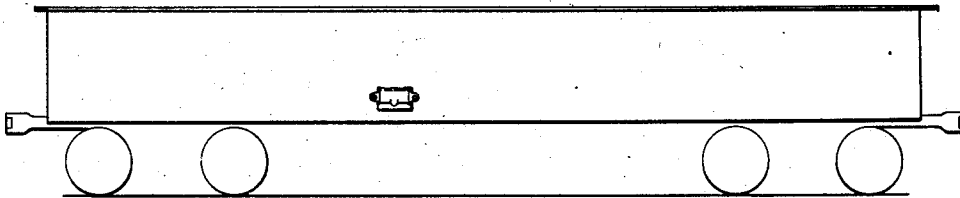


FIG. 2

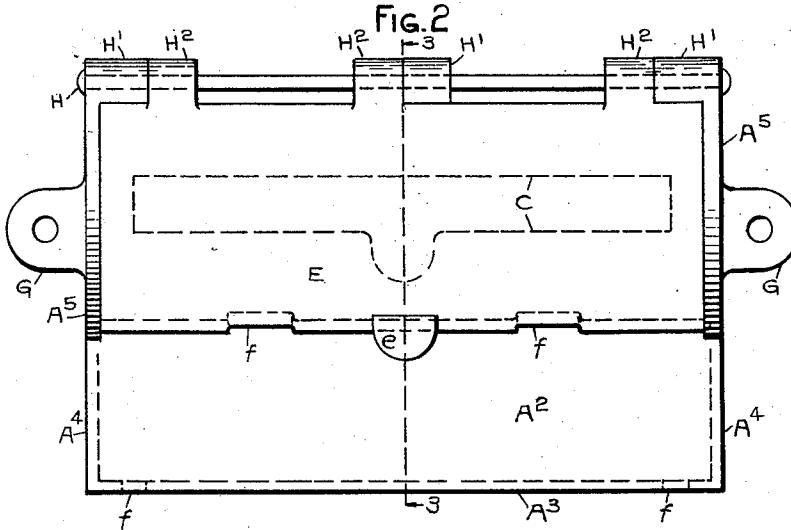
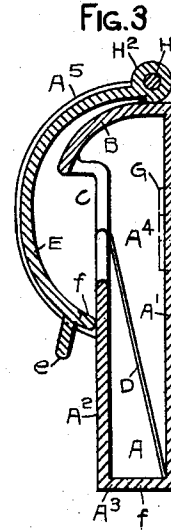


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. HUNT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Placard-Guards for Railway-Cars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a placard guard for railway cars for containing placards of any kind, such as cards denoting defects in the car, or repairs required, and which cards must accompany the car in service.

The invention consists in a form of metallic box adapted to be secured to the frame or side of the car having a pocket to receive the card, a hinged cover adapted to close said pocket and guard the same from the weather, and a special guard member to provide against the accidental escape of the card from the pocket, while at the same time the construction is such that the card may be intentionally removed, if desired. And the invention also consists in the novel parts, devices and combinations of parts and devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side view of an ordinary gondola car with one of my improved placard guards applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a front view of the placard guard and Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

In said drawing, A represents the pocket comprising the back wall A¹, the shorter front wall A², the bottom A³ and the ends A⁴, the latter having the enlarged extensions A⁵. Above the pocket A is the shield piece B between the lower edge of which and the front wall A² is the opening C for access to the pocket. This shield piece should extend far enough down so that the card D when inserted in the pocket cannot fall out even though the car shall be turned upside down, as sometimes happens where the load is to be discharged by a derrick, especially in what is known in lake service. Hinged to the walls A¹ A⁴ is the extended cover E which fits between the rounded extensions A⁵. This extended cover rests by its own weight in a closed position upon the front wall A² of the pocket, but may be readily raised by the finger hold *e* on its hinges and for the purposes of inserting or removing a defect card or other placard D. Water drainage openings *f* in the lower lip

of the cover and in the bottom of the pocket are provided to let out any water that may accidentally find its way either into the pocket or into the space between the front wall A² and the lower lip of the cover. The hinge between the cover and box is any ordinary form, consisting of a riveted pintle H, perforated lugs H¹ on the box and perforated lugs H² on the cover.

Both the cover and the pocket or box to which it is applied may be readily made of malleable iron at small expense and should be provided with the perforated lugs G so as to be easily screwed, bolted or riveted onto the framework of the car. And the assemblage of the parts implies nothing more than the insertion and riveting in place of the loose pintle.

I claim:—

1. A placard holder for cards, consisting of a box-like pocket, the front wall of which is lower than the back wall, combined with a cover hinged at its upper portion to the stationary parts, and closing on the front wall, the back wall being provided with a depending shield, the front edge of which extends beyond the vertical line of the front wall, the distance between the lower edge of the depending shield and the upper edge of the front wall being such that ready access may be had to the interior of the holder for inserting or withdrawing cards or other articles, substantially as specified.

2. A placard holder for cards, consisting of a box-like pocket, the front wall of which is lower than the back wall, combined with a cover hinged at its upper portion to the stationary parts, and closing on the front wall, the back wall being provided with a depending shield, the front edge of which extends beyond the vertical line of the front wall and thereby leaving an opening in the front of the holder, and the back wall being provided with perforated lugs for securing the device to the frame of the car, substantially as specified.

3. A placard holder for cards, consisting of a box-like pocket, the front wall of which is lower than the back wall, combined with a cover hinged at its upper portion to the stationary parts, and closing on the front wall, the back wall being provided with a depending shield, the front edge of which extends beyond the vertical line of the front wall, and the back wall being provided with perforated lugs for securing the device to

the frame of the car, the lower edge of the hinged cover and the bottom of the pocket being perforated for drainage, substantially as specified.

5 4. A placard holder for cards adapted to be used on railway cars comprising, in combination: a box-like member having front and rear walls, the latter being extended higher than the former and the back wall
10 being provided near the top thereof with a depending shield, the front edge of which

extends beyond the vertical line of the front wall; and a cover hinged to the box-like member at a point above the shield and closing over the space between the edge of the shield and the top edge of the front wall, substantially as specified. 15

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