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Fig. 1.

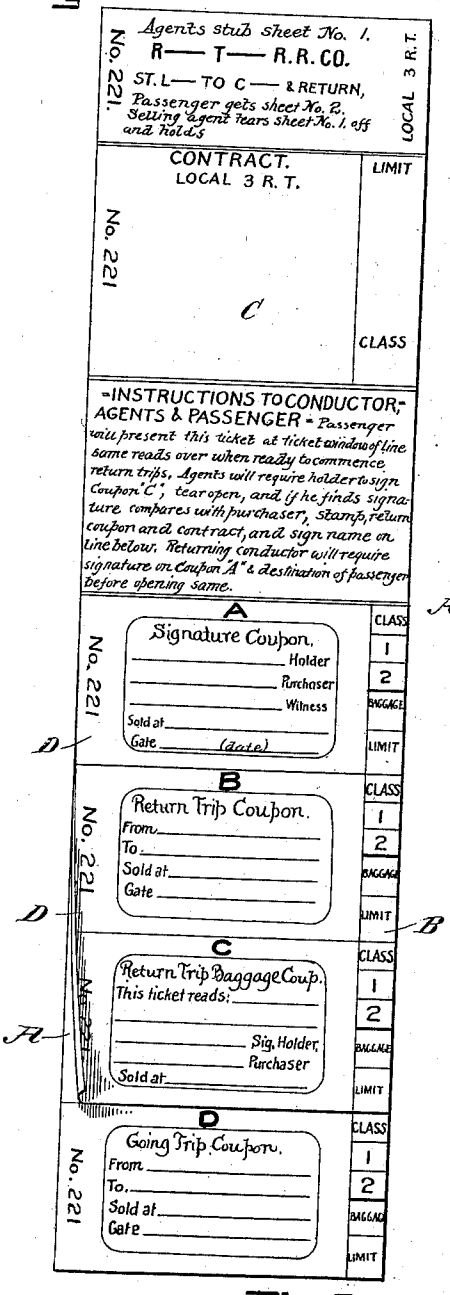
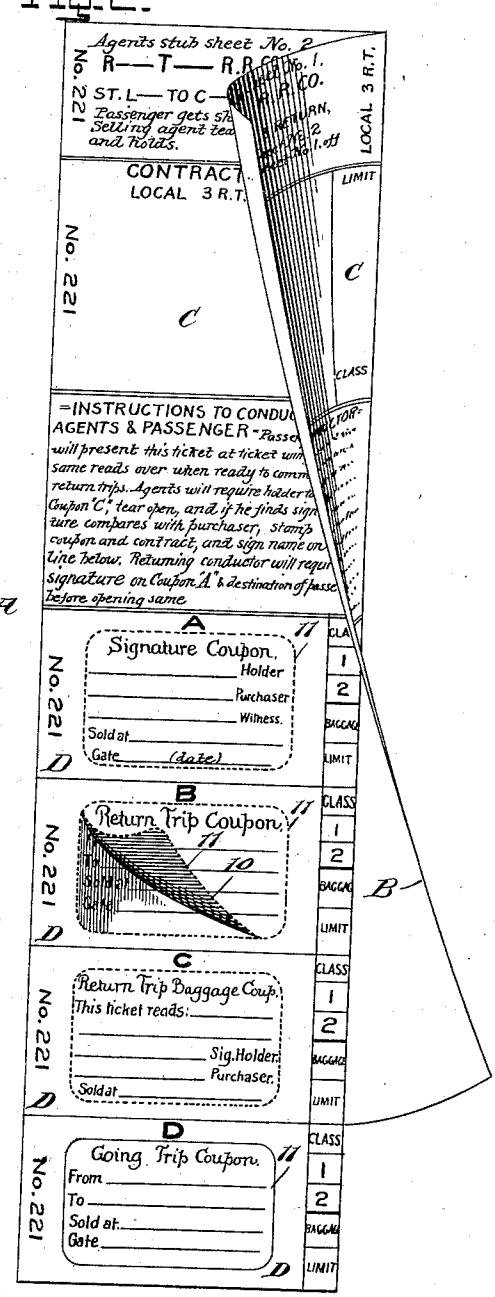


Fig. 2.

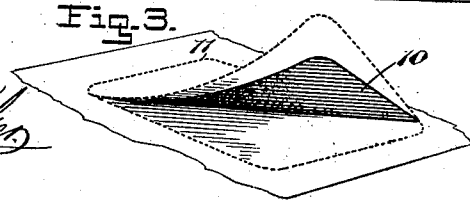


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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE B. EDGAR, Jr., and BENJAMIN F. DAVIS, citizens of the United States, and residents of Winfield, in the county of Cowley and State of Kansas, have invented a new and Improved Railroad or Steamboat Ticket, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to tickets adapted for use in connection with any system of transportation.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a ticket in which is combined an agent's stub contract and coupons forming a portion of the ticket or separated therefrom and accompanying the ticket, the ticket being in the form of a double sheet.

Another purpose of the invention is to provide a railroad or steamboat ticket which when sold to an individual cannot be resold to a scalper or transferred to another person without the conductor or person collecting the tickets being enabled to detect the transfer.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the ticket closed. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the ticket partially opened and illustrating one of the coupons as partially open; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a portion of the ticket, illustrating one member of the sheet as partially detached from the other member at a coupon-section of the ticket.

The ticket is made in two sections—a main section A, which is to be held by the traveler, and a section B, which is to be retained by the agent. Both sections are provided with corresponding panels—namely, a contract-panel C and coupon-panels D. The section A of the ticket, which is to be retained by the traveler, is made double—that is, of two sheets or members, one overlapping the other—and between these members a single strip of copying material, such as a carbon-paper 10, is located, or the said copying or transfer paper 10 may be in pieces, located wherever desired—as, for example, one of the said transfer pieces or slips 10 may be located between the sheets of the section A of the ticket wherever a coupon is printed.

The person holding the ticket is required to write his or her name on one of the coupons of the section B in such manner that through the medium of the carbon-paper a duplicate of the signature will be produced upon the back sheet of the section A, which the passenger is to carry. Other data may also be produced upon this especial coupon, and the agent particularly signs this coupon as a witness to the purchaser's signature. Other coupons contain required data written thereon and likewise transferred to the back sheet of the section A. After the purchaser and agent have written on the section B, and thus made the transfer to the section A, the section B is detached from the section A. The passenger will now have a ticket which does not bear on its face any information except that which is conveyed in the contract and other printed matter, while the agent retains the section that has been written upon.

The coupons may be removed from the body of the ticket in the usual way, if attached thereto, and each coupon is provided with a series of perforations 11 or a score-line in the form of a border, enabling the conductor or other person taking up the tickets to raise that portion of the front face of the ticket within the border and note the information upon the back sheet of the ticket, and should the conductor or the person taking up the tickets have a suspicion that the ticket was not properly obtained the signature of the holder of the ticket may be called for and compared with the signature on the ticket.

A ticket is not acceptable when the border portion of a coupon or other portion of the front face of the ticket has been opened or partially opened by any one other than the conductor or other person authorized by the company. We desire it to be understood that the coupons need not necessarily be a fixed portion of the ticket, and when the coupons are used in connection with the improved ticket one of them is provided with the concealed carbon or transfer paper or material mentioned.

Having thus described our invention, we

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A ticket formed of two layers or sheets secured together along their edges and between which transfer-paper or other copying material is arranged, one of the layers or sheets having a portion between its edges which is wholly or partially bounded by weakened lines, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A ticket formed of two layers or sheets secured together along their edges and between which transfer-paper or other copying material is arranged, one of the layers or sheets having, at intervals, portions between its edges, which are wholly or partially bounded by weakened lines, as set forth.

3. A ticket formed of two superposed layers or sheets secured together along their edges and between which, at intervals, pieces of carbon-paper are arranged, one of the layers or sheets having opposite the pieces of carbon-paper, a portion which is wholly or partially bounded by weakened lines, as set forth.

4. A ticket comprising two separable sections adapted to fold one over the other, the sections being provided with corresponding contract-panels and corresponding coupon-panels, one section of the ticket being constructed of two sheets and a carbon or other transfer paper introduced between the sheets, one of the sheets having a portion which is wholly or partially removable, for the purpose set forth.

5. A ticket, consisting of two sections one being arranged to fold over the other, both of the said sections having corresponding matter produced thereon, each section of the ticket being provided with a contract-panel and coupon-panels, one section of the ticket consisting of two sheets and an interposed carbon or transfer sheet, and the coupon-panels on the double section having perforations produced therein, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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