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Fig. 1.

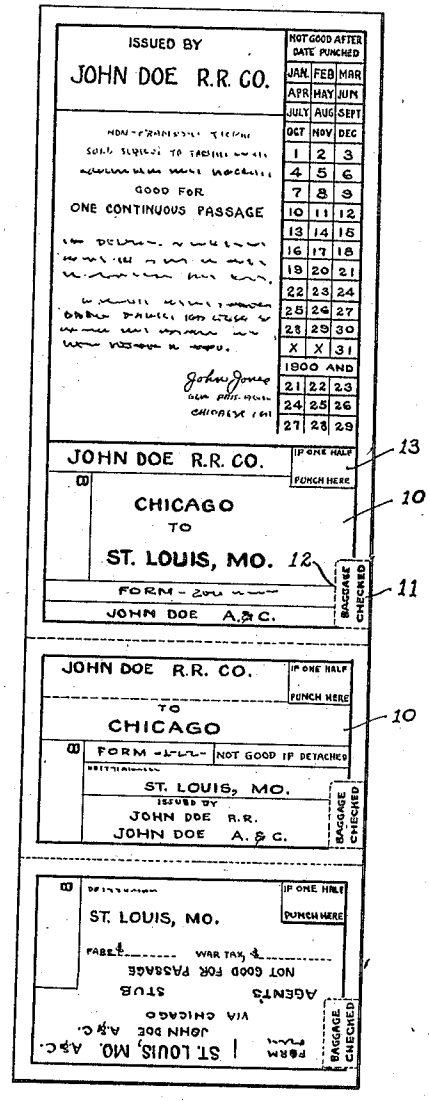
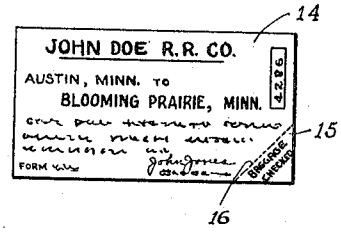


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may convern:

Be it known that I, PATRICK F. MALLOY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Railway Tickets, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a railway ticket and more particularly to a ticket adapted to show whether or not any baggage has been checked on the ticket.

Heretofore railway tickets have been provided with a section adapted to be punched by the baggage agent or conductor to indicate that baggage has been checked on the ticket so that a person holding a ticket could not surreptitiously make more than one shipment of baggage upon a ticket. Tickets have also been provided with another square or section adapted to be punched to indicate that the ticket held the value of a half fare, so that in this latter case the holder of the ticket was entitled to 75 pounds of baggage instead of the regulation 150 pounds for a full ticket.

However, it has been the experience of railroads that persons have had baggage checked on their tickets and the ticket fraudulently tampered with by plugging the punched opening so that a second lot of baggage could be shipped on the same ticket, thus defrauding the railroad.

It is the object of this present invention to overcome this practice, and to this end there is provided on the ticket a checking portion defined by a line of perforations so that the conductor can easily detach the baggage portion of the ticket, thus clearly showing at a glance that baggage has already been checked on the ticket. This arrangement furthermore prevents the easy substitution of another part to replace the detached ticket portion.

In the accompanying specification and drawings two physical embodiments of this invention are described and illustrated. In these drawings:—

Figure 1 shows a sectional ticket in accordance with this invention; and

Fig. 2 a card ticket.

Referring now particularly to Fig. 1, it will be seen that each section 10 of the ticket is formed with a baggage checking section 11 defined by a line of perforations 12 or other suitable weakening means whereby the checking section 11 may be easily detached from the ticket. Each section of the ticket is furthermore provided with a section 13 which is adapted to be punched to indicate that the value of the ticket is that of a half fare. Obviously the section 13 may be defined by a line of perforations also so as to make the same easily detachable.

In Fig. 2 a ticket 14, formed of a single section, is illustrated and is provided with a baggage checking section 15 formed preferably at the corner thereof and defined by a line of perforations 16, so that the same may be easily detached. Obviously the baggage checking section 15 need not be disposed at the corner of the ticket 14 but may be formed at any portion of its edge in a manner similar to that shown in Fig. 1.

In practice, in using the ticket shown in Fig. 1, the baggage checking section is detached from the ticket along the line of perforations 12 and if the ticket has been sold as a half fare the section 13 is punched. It is, therefore, at once obvious that the full amount of baggage to which the holder of the ticket is entitled has been shipped and the possibility of defrauding the railroad company is eliminated. This is also the case when the ticket shown in Fig. 2 is used, the corner thereof being easily detached which indicates at any time that the holder of the ticket has shipped the prescribed amount of baggage upon this ticket.

Having thus described this invention, what is claimed is:

A railway ticket provided with a baggage checking section arranged at one corner thereof, said section being defined by a line of perforations whereby the same may be easily detached from the ticket and the resulting condition of the ticket made easily discernable.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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