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RETURN FORMS OF MESSAGES

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SENDERS MEMORANDUM

TELEGRAM
DAY LETTER
NIGHT MESSAGE
NIGHT LETTER

Patrons should check the class of service desired or the message will be transmitted as a FULL RATE TELEGRAM

PAID
CHECK
TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

19

To _____

Street and No. _____

Place _____

DO NOT TRIP

TELEGRAM

DO NOT TRIP

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS, OPERATORS OF RADIO RECEIVING SETS AND ALL OTHERS DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO THEIR MESSAGES.

ANSWER PAID FOR

TELEGRAM
DAY LETTER
NIGHT MESSAGE
NIGHT LETTER
UNLIMITED

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER

19 ★ ★ ★

ANSWER AS CHECKED, DESIRED BY THE SENDER

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

SENDER'S MESSAGE-SENDING OFFICE

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

TELEGRAM
DAY LETTER
NIGHT MESSAGE
NIGHT LETTER

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SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

19 ★ ★ ★

REPLY MESSAGE AS CHECKED HAS BEEN PAID FOR BY THE SENDER OF THE ABOVE, WHOSE ADDRESS APPEARS BELOW

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

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SENDER'S MESSAGE-RECEIVING OFFICE

WORD	CLASS OF SERVICE	SYM
TELEGRAM		
DAY LETTER	DL	
NIGHT MESSAGE	NM	
NIGHT LETTER	NL	

If none of these three symbols appears after the word this is a TELEGRAM

R T PAID
TELEGRAM

RECEIVED AT NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

ROUNDTRIP TELEGRAM

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS, OPERATORS OF RADIO RECEIVING SETS AND ALL OTHERS DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO THEIR MESSAGES

WORD	ANSWER PAID FOR
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	
NIGHT MESSAGE	
NIGHT LETTER	
UNLIMITED	

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

REPLY MESSAGE AS CHECKED, HAS BEEN PAID FOR BY THE SENDER OF ABOVE, WHOSE ADDRESS APPEARS BELOW. ANSWER IMMEDIATELY ON ATTACHED BLANK AND HAND TO MESSENGER

ANSWER

WORD	ANSWER PAID FOR
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	
NIGHT MESSAGE	
NIGHT LETTER	
UNLIMITED	

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

R T PAID
TELEGRAM

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To _____

Street and No. _____

Place _____

ROUNDTRIP TELEGRAM

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS, OPERATORS OF RADIO RECEIVING SETS AND ALL OTHERS DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO THEIR MESSAGES

AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO ATTACHED MESSAGE IS DEMANDED BY THE SENDER WHO HAS PAID BOTH FOR HIS MESSAGE AND YOUR ANSWER, AS INDICATED ABOVE - ANSWER AT ONCE ON THIS BLANK AND HAND TO MESSENGER.

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Fig. 2

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RETURN FORMS OF MESSAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY E. INK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at East Orange, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Return Forms of Messages, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to return forms of messages.

My invention is particularly directed to blanks or other forms for telegraph, cables and the like transmitted by wire, radio or other medium of transmission, whereby the blank or other form bearing the message is transmitted to the receiving party in typed or other written form and bearing the written approval or consent of the transmitting telegraph, cable or other communicating company to transmit the reply of the replying party and that the reply has been prepaid by the sender.

My invention further includes a blank or other suitable form applicable as a memorandum for the sender and arranged to bear a copy of the message to be transmitted to a designated receiving party under the conditions of prepaid transmission represented by suitable form of indication by the telegraph, cable, wireless or other transmitting company of the answer of the receiving party to the transmitted message.

Further features and objects of the invention will be more fully understood from the following detail description and the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 shows a preferred form of dual blank applicable for a telegraph, cable, or wireless company, the two portions representing the sender's memorandum and sender's message for the sending office, and preferably detachably connected to one another by perforations; and

Fig. 2 shows a preferred form of dual blank applicable for a telegraph, cable or wireless company, the two portions representing a blank for the sender's message for the receiving office of the company and the other portion representing a blank for the answer of the receiving party, the two por-

tions being preferably detachably connected to one another by perforations.

Referring to Fig. 1, the portion 10 of the block shown in Fig. 1 is applicable for the use by the party sending the message. At 11 may be arranged the necessary designations for the name of the receiving party and address, together with the date. At 12 is represented a condensed form of the character of the message authorized by the sender for checking by lead pencil, ink or the like in the column marked 12^a, together with number of words to be indicated in the column marked 12^b. At 13 is represented a condensed form representing the payment of the sender's message in accordance with the character of the transmission, and also such other data as is usual in telegraphing, cabling and the like.

At 14 is represented a condensed form indicating the character of transmission of the answer desired by the sender. Such form 14 preferably embodies the notation "Answer paid for" or the like for indicating that the answer of the receiving party has been paid for by the sending party. The column 14^a is for checking to indicate the character of transmission of the answer to be sent and the column 14^b is for the number of words prepaid by the sender.

The sender's memorandum blank 10 may also include the legend 15 embodying instructions for the use of the blank. If desired the sender's memorandum blank 10 may be impressed by faint background printing 16 in red or other coloring to identify the blank as "Round trip" or "Radio telegram" or "Return trip" or other return form of telegram and to distinguish the same from the ordinary or other telegram.

At 17 is provided a space or other blank form for the signature of the sender.

The sender's memorandum 10 may be printed as indicated at 18 for instruction to the sender in the use of the notation 14 for the nature of the answer desired.

In lieu of the indication 16 as aforesaid, the sender's memorandum may be marked by a symbol such as the three stars 19, of

the same or different coloring, or in any other manner to designate that the blank is of the return or prepaid type or both return and prepaid, or like form and in distinction from the ordinary or other form of sending telegram blank.

The message of the sender is preferably subscribed on the blank 20 of the nature designated in Fig. 1 as "Sender's message—sending office." Such blank 20 may be provided with the usual addressee spaces for the name and address and the lines 22 for the typing or other writing of the actual sending message.

The sender's message blank 20 is also provided with the column with a suitable condensed form 12 for designating the character of the message authorized by the sender of the sending message, similarly as the aforesaid blank 10 and like parts are designated by like reference numbers; likewise the provision of a suitable form 13 to indicate the prepayment by the sender of the sender's message. The form 13 embodies additional spaces for other data usually required by telegraph and like companies. Similarly, the form of the reply requested by the sender is applied at a suitable location on the blank 20, similar to that of the sender's memorandum, and like parts are indicated by like reference characters.

At 23 a suitable legend is applied, giving the information that the reply message of the form as checked in the column 14^a has been paid for by the sender and such other additional information as may be desired. The symbols designated 19 correspond to the aforesaid symbols 19 of the blank 10 and other like parts of the blank 20 are indicated by the same reference characters as on the blank 10. The blank 20 is preferably detachably connected to the blank 10 as by means of the line of perforation 24.

Such dual form of "Sender's memorandum" and "Sender's message—sending office" may be printed in the form of a strip of indefinite length, each pair of the same being separated from adjacent pairs by a line of perforation similar to the line 24 of perforation. The form of indefinite number of sets of the dual forms enables the same to be furnished as a roll and adds convenience in typewriting and similar purposes.

In the use of each set of blanks such as the blanks 10, 20, or equivalent, when a carbon copy is desired, the blank 10 is separated from the blank 20 and a carbon transcribing paper interposed, as in the usual manner of typewriting carbon copies, thus permitting the sender to have a typed or other written form of the sending message.

It will be understood that the blank 10 is of particular value as a memorandum to the sender, but if desired may be omitted in

carrying out my invention, and a single blank of the form of blank 20 alone employed.

In Fig. 2, I have indicated a preferred form of reply blank 25 and comprising a dual blank respectively designated "Sender's message—receiver's office" and "Answer". The "Sender's message—receiving office" blank 25 embodies the desired space 26 for the typing or other writing by the receiving office of the transmitting agency of the sender's message. The blank 25 is provided with a suitable space 27, preferably in condensed form for the checking of the transmission form of the message sent by the sending party to the receiving party, similar as the aforesaid form 12. The blank 25 preferably embodies also the space 28 bearing a notation that the message has been prepaid. The notation 29 indicates the city or other location of the receiving office of the transmitting agency.

The space 26 may be impressed by background printing in color if preferred, with an indication of "Round trip" or "Return trip" or "Radio telegram", indicating a distinction from the usual forms of telegraphic or like messages.

The blank 25 is provided with a condensed form of indication 14 corresponding to the aforesaid condensed form 14 of the blank 10 and preferably embodies the column 14^a for indicating a number of words of the answer paid for by the sender and the column 14^b for checking the form of transmission of the reply. The space for the instruction 15 corresponds to that of the blank 10, and the space for the information 23 corresponds to the like designated space of the blank 20.

In order to indicate that the nature of the reply is distinguished from that of the usual or other telegraphic reply, I prefer to apply the symbols 19 such as three stars, preferably colored, or in any other manner in lieu of the aforesaid indication 26 or in addition thereto.

The blank 30 is for receiving the answer of the receiving party and is preferably connected with the blank 25 by detachable means such as the line of perforations 31. On the blank 30 appears an indication 14 that the answer has been paid for, and a preferred form of such space 14 is similarly 14 as hereinabove described relative to blanks 25, 20 and 10; like parts are designated by like reference numbers.

The blank 30 has preferably a further condensed form for receiving the checking by the telegraphic or like agency that the answer has been paid for and such other additional data as may be desired; such data is indicated at 13, similarly as in the aforesaid blanks, 10, 20.

The space 32, which may be provided

with ruled lines, is for receiving the reply of the answering party. The background printing at the space 32 as is indicated in Fig. 2, identifies the blank as of the "Round trip" or "Return trip" or "Radio telegram," in distinction from the ordinary or other telegraphic blank. The symbols 19 on the blank 30 are similar to the symbols 19 of the aforesaid blanks 10, 20 and 25, and for like purposes.

The blank 30 preferably embodies a legend 33 in printed form, preferably in assurance of the prepayment by the sender of the answer of the replying party and that the act of the replying party does not involve any obligation on the expense to the replying party.

It will be observed that the blank 30 is delivered by the telegraphic or like agency to the replying party and bears in the space 34 the name and address of the sender, and also the name and address of the replying party inserted in the proper place, thus requiring solely the insertion by the replying party of his answer to the message of the sender. The delivery of the sender's message to the replying party, is effected by the delivery of the dual blanks 25, 30. When the blank 25 "Sender's message—receiving office" is torn off along the perforated line 24, the replying party retains the same and may apply his answer thereon as his memorandum as by writing or by type-writing with a carbon paper on the reverse side of the blank 25 or in any other manner. The detached blank 30 bearing the reply is immediately taken by the messenger boy for transmission.

From the above, it will appear that my invention provides for a most convenient and immediate form of reply by the replying party in answer to the sender's message.

My invention also provides a form which is delivered to the replying party and of a character directly suggesting to the replying party that an immediate answer is expected by the sender.

My invention is advantageous in verifying the reception of selections or other messages broadcast by radio stations, and provides a written memorandum for the sender of his message and also the data of the form of transmission of his message. The reply received from the answering party is also in complete written form.

My invention simplifies greatly the present-day onerous task confronting broadcasting stations by reason of the countless thousands of telegrams and other forms of letters seeking verification of reception and the transmitted selections, and also affords the immediate delivery of the verification, all of which objects are attained by minimum effort of typing or other writing. My invention also provides the broadcasting

station or other receiving party with a complete record of each sender's message, and of the name and address of each sender.

The sender of the message, by my invention, obtains an immediate verification of his inquiry and in a written form.

Whereas, I have described my invention by reference to specific forms thereof, it will be understood that many changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. A telegraphic blank providing a space for the reply message, having appropriately designated spaces for the entry of data to indicate the nature and number of words of reply message and a symbol indicating that the reply message has been prepaid.

2. A telegraphic blank providing a space for the reply message, having appropriately designated spaces for the entry of data to indicate the nature and number of words of the reply message disposed lowerly of the blank and a symbol indicating that the reply message has been prepaid.

3. A telegraphic blank comprising a blank provided with a space for the writing of a message and a second blank provided with a space for the reply message to the aforesaid message, said first-named blank having an appropriately designated space for the entry of data to indicate the nature of the reply message.

4. A telegraphic blank comprising a blank provided with a space for the writing of a message and a second blank provided with a space for the reply message to the aforesaid message; said first-named blank having an appropriately designated space for the entry of data to indicate the nature of the reply and an indication that the reply message has been prepaid.

5. A telegraphic blank comprising a blank provided with a space for the writing of a message and a second blank provided with a space for the reply message to the aforesaid message, said second-named blank having an appropriately designated space for the entry of data to indicate the nature of the reply message.

6. A telegraphic blank comprising a blank provided with a space for the writing of a message and a second blank provided with a space for the reply message to the aforesaid message, said second-named blank having an appropriately designated space for the entry of data to indicate the nature of the reply message and an indication that the reply message has been prepaid.

7. A telegraphic blank comprising a blank provided with a space for the writing of a message and a second blank provided with a space for the reply message to the aforesaid message, each of said blanks having an appropriately designated space for the

entry of data to indicate the nature of the reply message.

5 8. A telegraphic blank comprising a blank provided with a space for the writing of a message and a second blank provided with a space for the reply message to the afore-said message, each of said blanks having an

appropriately designated space for the entry of data to indicate the nature of the reply message and an indication that the reply message has been prepaid. 10

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification this 29th day of April, 1925.

HARRY E. INK.