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TICKET-CASE.

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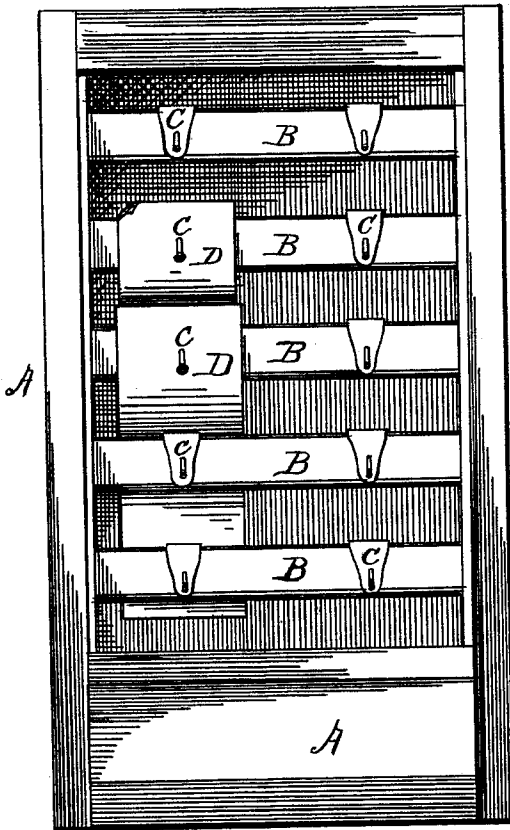


FIG. 1.

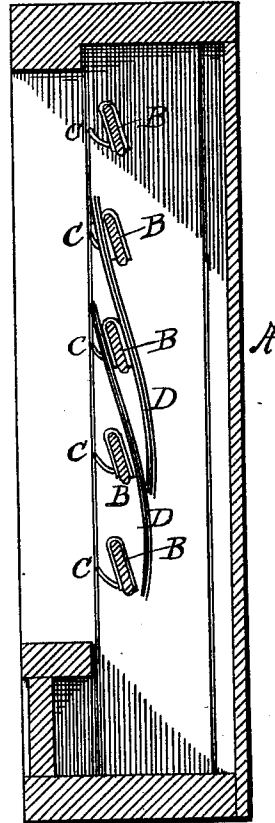


FIG. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN TICKET-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL SIMONS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Coupon-Ticket Cases, of which the following is a specification:

The railroad coupon-ticket cases generally in use comprise a series of horizontal bars inclosed in a case, arranged one above another, and provided with hooks, upon which the tickets are suspended, the lower portion of the tickets falling behind the bars, out of sight, while the upper portion containing the number and designation of the ticket remains in view.

In order that the tickets may be more readily removed it has been common to arrange these bars "en échelon," or in the manner of a stairway, so that the bars shall recede as they rise, making a horizontal, as well as a vertical space between each adjacent pair of bars. This arrangement necessitates a considerable amount of room for the base of the case, which, in the contracted and narrow railroad-offices where furniture of this kind is needed, it is not always convenient to devote to this purpose.

The object of the present invention is to unite the advantages of the vertical arrangement of the bars as to economy of space and ease of construction, with the facility of removal possessed by the stairway arrangement; and this I accomplish by inclining the bars at an angle, so that they present much the same appearance as a common ventilating-window or rigid blind, with the exception that they are provided with hooks for the tickets, and are mounted and inclosed in a suitable casing.

I have found by experience that my invention possesses, if not the equal facility for removal of the stairway arrangement, still as great facility as is ever required; and that the tickets never bind or clog one another, or become crumpled and disfigured, while, by lightly resting one package upon another slat, the

dust is completely excluded from all excepting the upper portion of the ticket; and that the cost of construction is much less than in the stairway arrangement, and considerable floor-space is saved.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved case with the door removed. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section from front to rear of the same.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in both figures.

In the said drawing, A represents the box-like case or inclosure, usually fitted with a door or shutter, which is not shown in the drawing. B B, &c., are the horizontal bars, which are inclined in the manner shown in Fig. 2. C C are the suspension-hooks, and D D represent bundles of tickets hung in place.

The drawing, which is made from the small model filed in this case, shows only a few bars, but, of course, the case may contain any number of bars.

In practice the cases are usually made with a great many bars—say, fifty. In such a case the saving in floor-space will be very considerable.

The method in which the inclined bars operate to ease the tickets and permit their ready withdrawal will be sufficiently understood from the drawing without further explanation.

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

The railroad coupon-ticket case, provided with a series of horizontal bars furnished with hooks to receive the tickets, said bars being arranged vertically, one above the other, and all being inclined, with the top of each bar to the front, and the bottom of each bar to the rear, in the manner shown.

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