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BAGGAGE-CHECK.

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Fig: 1.



Fig: 2.



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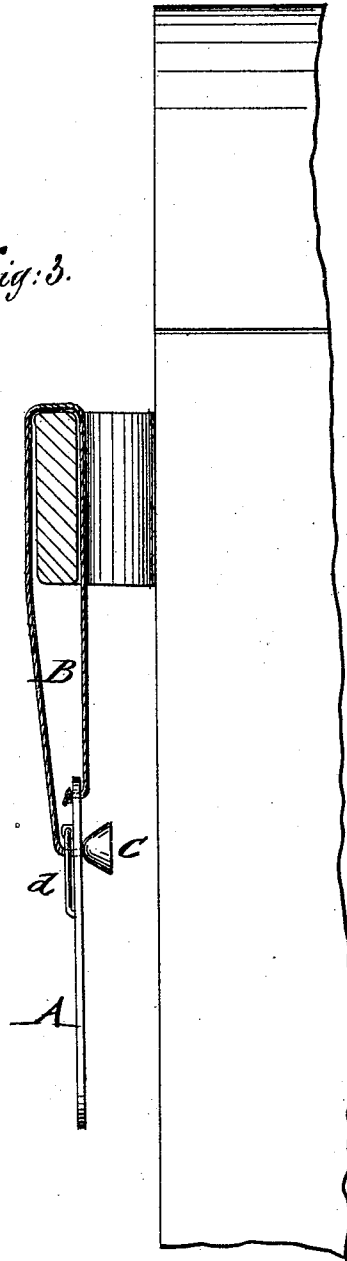
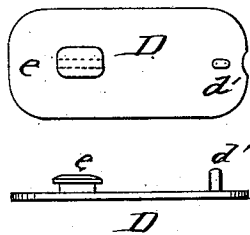


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IMPROVEMENT IN BAGGAGE-CHECKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN F. WHEELER and HENRY A. DE HAVEN, of San Quentin, Marion county, California, have invented a new and Improved Baggage-Check, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a front view, and Figs. 2 and 3 side views, of our improved baggage-check, one figure showing the same in detached state and the other attached to a trunk or other article; and Fig. 4 shows a top and side view of the duplicate check-plate.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Our invention relates to an improved baggage-check that is used with greater dispatch and convenience than any now in use, the duplicate being taken off and applied in an instant from or to the main check, and carried about by the checker, without being liable to get entangled.

The invention consists of a slotted main check, which is attached, by a belt and tag, to the trunk. A spring around the end or eye of the slot retains the tag, and serves, also, to lock the duplicate check that slides, by a projecting stud and fastening-knob, in the slot of the main check.

In the drawing, A represents the main check-plate, which is attached to a strap or belt, B, provided with an end tag, C. The main check A has a central slot, *a*, that is enlarged at the end to an eye, *b*. A spring, *d*, extends around the eye, being attached to the main check by an eye or staple, that retains the curved part near the eye *b*, and by socket-holes of the main check, into which the bent ends of the spring are sprung. The spring serves for the purpose of securing the strap to the main check, which is applied in an instant by passing the strap first through the handle of the trunk or other article, and then

through the slot into the spring-guarded eye of the check. This dispenses with the time-consuming tying or looping of the check, and the taking off of the same, which is especially inconvenient when, in cold weather, the hands of the attendant are benumbed.

A second duplicate check-plate, D, slides, by a front pin or stud, *d'*, and a rear knob, *e*, into the slot of the main check, being also retained by the spring when the stud has passed beyond the same into the eye.

The duplicate check is readily detached from the main check by being taken hold of at the knob and upper side, the spring allowing the passing out of the check from the slot.

The knob of the duplicate check bears on the main check, and secures, in connection with the spring, the retention of the duplicate on the main check.

These baggage-checks are conveniently carried by the attendant, as they do not take up as much room as the common checks, and are not liable to get entangled, as each check is separate from the other.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A baggage-check made of a slotted main check, strap, and end tag, said strap and tag being introduced into the slot and retained by a clamp-spring at the end or eye of the same, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the slotted main check, having clamp-spring around terminal eye of slot, with a detachable duplicate check sliding thereon by front pin or rear knob, substantially as specified.

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