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CONDUCTOR'S CHECK.

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Fig. 1.

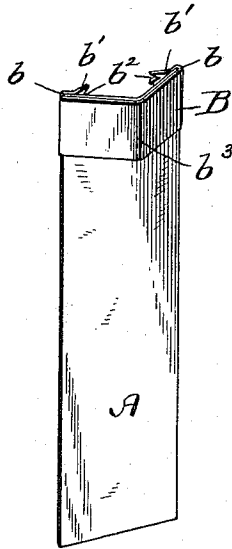


Fig. 2.

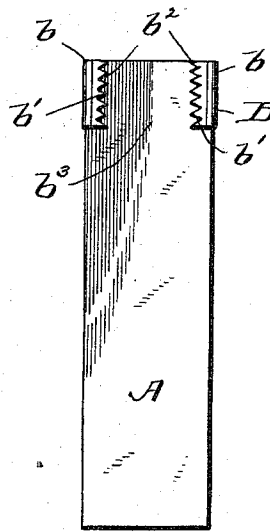


Fig. 3.

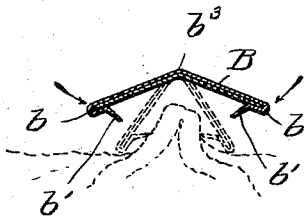
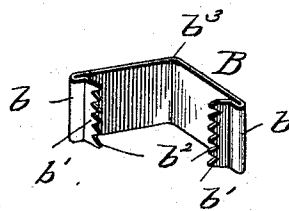


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED ROSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wichita, in the county of Sedgwick, State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Conductors' Checks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is an improved check for conductors' use.

Heretofore railway conductors have provided themselves with small card-board checks which they placed in the hat band of a passenger, after having collected his fare. This practice has been found objectionable as all hats are not adapted for such reception and then in the case of a lady there is no place for such attachment.

The object of my invention is to avoid these difficulties and provide a check which can be attached to the clothing of either a man or woman without injury to the same.

With these objects in view my invention consists broadly of a tag or check provided at one end with a metallic strip said strip being bent upon itself to clasp the tag or check, the ends of said strip being serrated and shaped to engage the clothing and hold the check or tag thereto.

My invention consists also in certain details of construction and combination of parts all of which will be fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved conductor's check or tag. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken through the check and fastener. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the fastener.

In constructing a check in accordance with my invention, I employ a card board check or tag A of suitable dimensions and to one end of the same attach a metallic clasp or fastener B, said fastener consisting of a thin strip of sheet metal bent upon itself at *b* near each end to embrace and hold the check or tag, the ends of said strip being turned ob-

liquely outward as shown at *b'*, and provided with teeth or serrations *b²* for engagement with the clothing. Near the center of the strip it is also preferably provided with a crimp *b³*, so that the fastener can be easily bent to bring the serrations *b²* into the cloth.

The strip being bent upon itself at *b* securely holds the check or tag and also provides smooth edges to be clasped in the hand while applying and detaching the check or tag. The conductor being provided with a number of such checks attaches them to the lapel or other portion of the garment. In doing this the check is held between the thumb and forefinger and pressure applied to the ends *b*. The strip then bends as shown in Fig. 3, and the tongue is pressed into the clothing. When the conductor collects them the ends are straightened out and the tongues disengage themselves. It will thus be seen that I provide a tag or check capable of ready attachment to and detachment from the clothing and that it can be placed upon either man or woman without injury to the clothing.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An improved conductor's check comprising a card or strip, and a metallic fastening device secured to the forward face of said card at the top, said device comprising a metallic strip bent inward at each end to embrace the corners of the card and then turned obliquely outward and serrated to provide engaging tongues, substantially as shown and described.

2. The metallic fastener adapted to be secured to a card or tag, said fastener comprising a metal strip B bent back upon itself at *b*, then obliquely outward at *b'*, and then crimped or bent at *b³*, the ends of the strip being serrated to provide engaging teeth *b²*, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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