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BAGGAGE CHECK.

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Fig. 1.

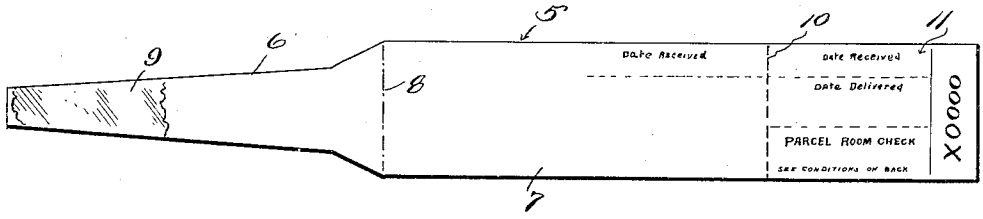
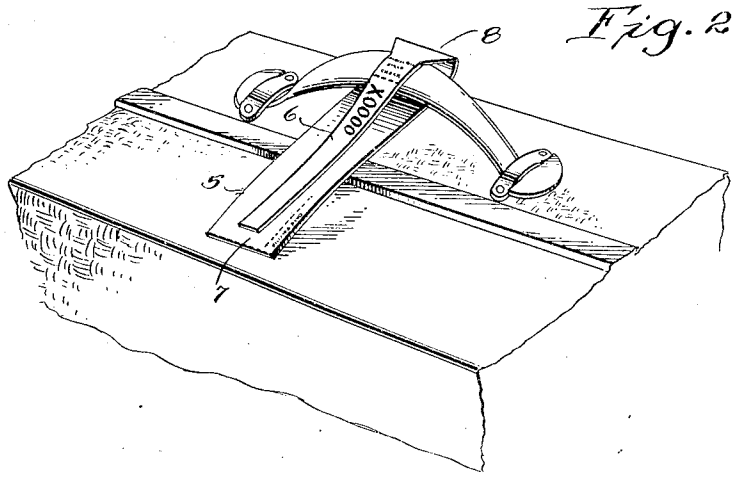


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT L. PORTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baggage-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.

This invention is an improvement in checks and has particular reference to a baggage check.

With baggage checks now in common usage in railway station check rooms, it is possible to employ a check more than once without the company securing a corresponding revenue.

An object of the invention is to overcome the above objection by providing a check which is so secured to the handle or other portion of a suit case or similar piece of luggage that said check must be destroyed in order to detach the same from said handle.

Another object is the provision of a check which is simple in construction thus reducing the cost thereof to a minimum and which is effective in carrying out the purpose for which it is designed.

The inventive idea involved is capable of receiving a variety of mechanical expressions, one of which for the purpose of illustrating the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the check in its original state.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the main portion of the check applied to a suitcase or a bag handle, the identification tag having been removed.

The drawing illustrates what is now believed to be the preferred form of the invention which comprises an elongated strip of material 5 such as thick paper or card board, one end of which is reduced to provide an elongated tapering tongue 6 which is joined to the main or body portion 7 at the folding line 8. The extremity of the tongue is provided on one surface with an adhesive as indicated at 9 for the purpose of securing said surface to the surface of main or body portion 7, of which said surface of the tongue forms a continuation.

The end of the body portion opposite that to which the tongue is connected is provided with a transverse line or perforations 10 to form an identification portion 11 which may be detached from the main body portion after the latter has been secured to a parcel.

All of the parts have suitable indicia thereon including numbers on the tongue and identification portion which correspond, in order that the parcel may be properly identified when the holder of the portion 11 presents same at the baggage or check room.

In practice, when a parcel is checked the tongue is passed through the handle of the parcel and folded upon the line 8 and the adhesive portion of said tongue is moistened and engaged with the body portion 7 so as to form a loop. Attention is invited to the fact that the tongue 6 is shorter than the body 7 and therefore when the tongue is folded on the line 8, its end portion having the adhesive material 9, will lie upon the body 7 just short of the line of perforations 10 in Fig. 1; or in other words, the tongue will not reach over onto the identification portion 11. This portion 11 may therefore be readily torn along the line of perforation 10 and thus removed from the body portion 7 and given to the owner of the parcel. When said owner presents said portion 11 the main portion 7 and tongue 6 can only be detached from the handle or other part to which it is secured by tearing said main portion from the tongue preferably along the folding line 8 which necessarily mutilates the check and absolutely prevents the same from again being used.

What is claimed is:—

The herein described baggage check formed of a single strip of material including an intermediate body portion, a tongue no longer than the body and connected at one end thereof and demarked therefrom by a fold line represented thereon, and an identification portion at the other end of the body and connected therewith by a weakened line, one face of the tongue near its outer end having adhesive whereby when bent inward on said fold line it may be stuck to the body short of the identification portion, as described.

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

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