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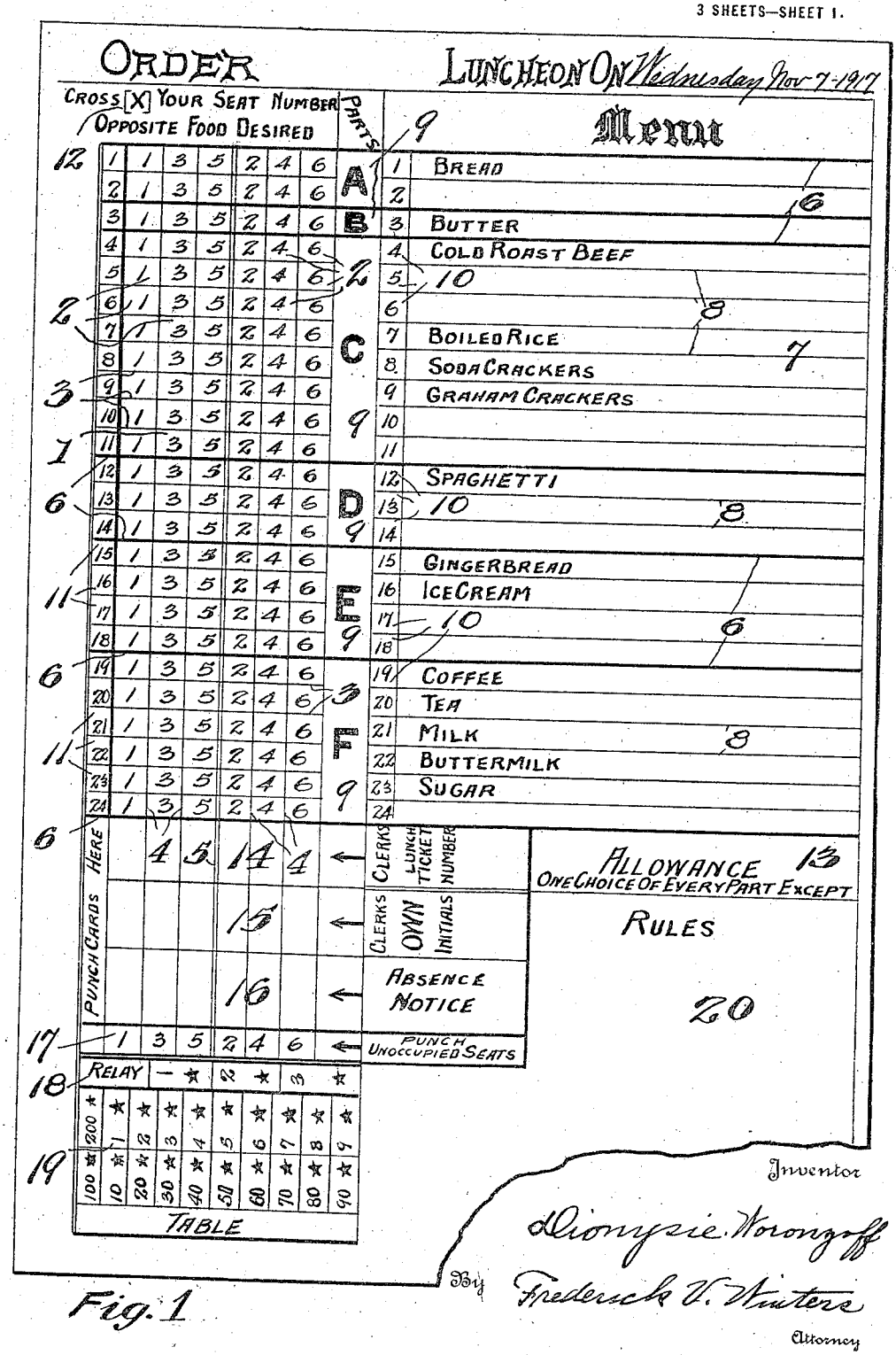


Fig. 1

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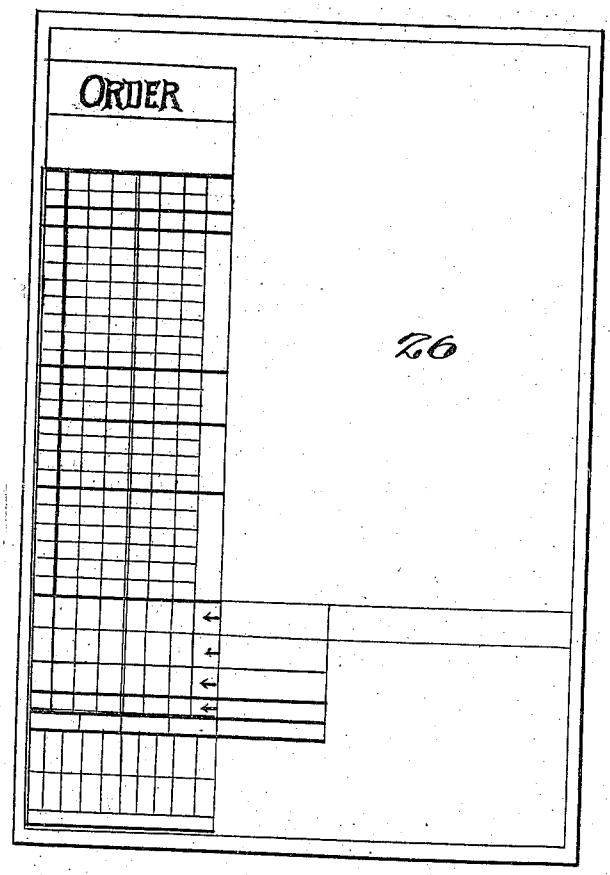
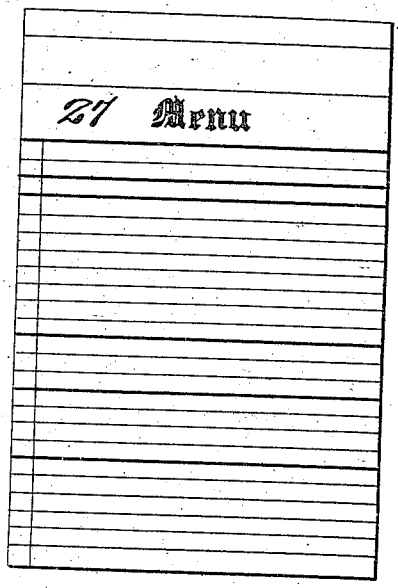


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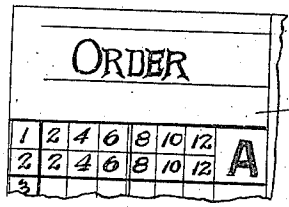


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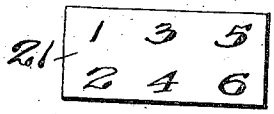


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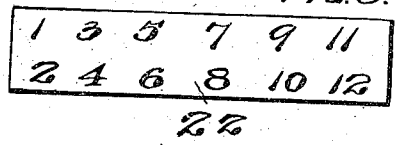
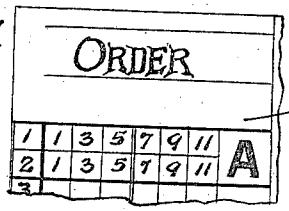


FIG. 7.



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3 SHEETS—SHEET 3.

ORDER - SHEET

No. OF FOOD ON MENU	CROSS X YOUR SEAT NUMBER OPPOSITE No. OF FOOD DESIRED.					PARTS
1	1	3	5	7	9	A
2	1	3	5	7	9	
3	1	3	5	7	9	B
4	1	3	5	7	9	C
5	1	3	5	7	9	
6	1	3	5	7	9	
7	1	3	5	7	9	
8	1	3	5	7	9	D
9	1	3	5	7	9	
10	1	3	5	7	9	
11	1	3	5	7	9	
12	1	3	5	7	9	E
13	1	3	5	7	9	
14	1	3	5	7	9	
15	1	3	5	7	9	F
16	1	3	5	7	9	
17	1	3	5	7	9	
18	1	3	5	7	9	
19	1	3	5	7	9	
20	1	3	5	7	9	G
21	1	3	5	7	9	
22	1	3	5	7	9	
23	1	3	5	7	9	
24	1	3	5	7	9	

ATTENDANCE RECORD

CLERK'S LUNCH TICKET No.

CLERKS OWN INITIALS → 1 3 5 7 9

ABSENCE NOTICE →

PUNCH UNOCCUPIED SEATS. 1 3 5 7 9

RELAY 1 2 3

TABLE

200	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
100	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90

MENU

A	1	BREAD
	2	
B	3	BUTTER
C	4	BEAN SOUP
	5	COLD ROAST BEEF
	6	
D	7	
	8	BOILED RICE & MILK 29
	9	SODA CRACKERS & MILK
	10	GRAHAM " " "
	11	
E	12	SPAGHETTI-CREAM-CHEESE
	13	
F	14	GINGERBREAD
	15	ICE CREAM
	16	
	17	COFFEE
	18	TEA
	19	MILK
G	20	BUTTERMILK
	21	SUGAR
	22	
	23	
	24	

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28

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FIG. 9.

FIG. 8.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DIONYSIE WORONZOFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Food-Order Cards, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to menu and order cards for lunch rooms and restaurants, and has for its objects to save food, time and other incidental expenses.

While the invention may be used in hotels and other public eating houses, for specific occasions, it is especially adapted for private lunch or dining rooms, as those in factories, stores or other business houses which have adopted the modern idea of feeding their own employees. In such establishments it has been found that considerable waste of food results from not knowing before hand just what kinds or articles of food each individual wishes to eat and what foods are not desired on account of individual tastes or preferences. Thus, when a large number of meals are prepared all alike, including for instance soup, bread and butter, meat, vegetables, coffee and dessert, some of the persons for whom they have been prepared may not want soup, others may not eat butter, still others may not drink coffee, for example, and the portions of these articles may be wasted. It is the aim of this invention to avoid this waste, conserve the food, and eliminate unnecessary expense of printing menus and order blanks.

The invention contemplates the provision of menus and order blanks to be placed on each table and marked in advance so as to show just how many portions each article on the menu are desired and will probably be eaten. For instance, in a factory where only lunches are served, the menus and order blanks for the next day will be placed on the tables at each meal and each individual will check the articles he prefers to have the next day.

A separate order blank may be provided for each individual or for each table, if the latter are not too large. Each order blank bears a series of numbers opposite each article of food, corresponding to the location or numbers of the seats at the tables, so that each guest may check his seat number opposite the foods desired. The menu may be divided into sections each containing one or more articles of food, and an election may be permitted between or among groups in the same section. Each article on the menu is preferably numbered so that the collective orders to be sent to the kitchen, commissary, or culinary department may be made out more quickly by giving the total number of orders or portions of each article desired in terms of the corresponding numerals instead of the names of the foods.

To reduce the cost of printing the menus may be printed separate from the order blanks, the former being different for each meal while the latter may be the same for all meals. The order blanks may be printed on a sheet or card large enough to permit the menus to be pasted or otherwise attached thereto opposite the corresponding food numbers, or the order blanks may be on separate smaller sheets or cards and the menus be exhibited in any suitable way on each table or at some convenient place in sight of the persons seated at several tables.

Where the tables are small, the order blanks may have all of the seats indicated thereon, but where the tables are large it is preferable to provide separate order blanks for different groups of seats, as for instance for the seats on each side of the table. The order blanks may contain other indicia for the convenience of the proprietor, such as rules for keeping track of absentees, and means for the guests to indicate in advance when they expect to be away. The number of the tables and the number of each clerk's lunch ticket may also be indicated on the order blank.

The preferred embodiment of the invention will be hereinafter described in connection with the accompanying drawings, which constitute part of this specification, and the novel features of the invention will then be defined in the claims at the end of the description.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein similar reference characters are used to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a combined order blank and menu card constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of an order blank printed separate from the menu but on a sheet large enough to permit said menu to be pasted or otherwise fastened thereto

so the numbers of the articles on the menu will correspond and be opposite to the similar numbers on the order blank.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a separate menu adapted to be secured to the card shown in Fig. 2 or to a suitable support as suggested in Fig. 9.

Fig. 4 is a diagrammatic view of a table having six places or seats.

Fig. 5 is a similar view of a larger table having twelve places or seats.

Figs. 6 and 7 are broken views of modified forms of order blanks for use with the larger table shown in Fig. 5.

Fig. 8 is a plan view of a separate order blank, and

Fig. 9 is an elevation of a separate menu card mounted on a suitable stand.

Referring first to Fig. 1, the order blank and menu may be printed together on the same sheet or card, as there shown. The order portion 1 contains a plurality of rows of seat numbers 2 arranged one below another forming a series of columns corresponding in number to the seat numbers. The order blank illustrated in Fig. 1 is designed to be used for tables having six seats, as indicated in Fig. 4, and the seat numbers are from "1" to "6." Said seat numbers are preferably arranged from left to right as follows: "1," "3," "5," "2," "4" and "6," to correspond to the arrangement of the seats at the table, Fig. 4, all the odd numbered seats being on one side of the table and all the even numbered seats being at the other side of the table. The same arrangement of seat numbers applies to all the several rows thereof which are preferably separated by horizontal rulings 3, the said seat numbers in each row being separated by vertical rulings 4. The three odd seat numbers on the left may be separated from the three even seat numbers on the right by a double ruling 5.

Certain of the horizontal rulings between adjacent rows of seat numbers are made heavier than the others, as at 6, to denote the divisions, courses, or parts of the menu 7 which is arranged at one side of the order blank and over which the heavy horizontal rulings 6 extend. The menu is also ruled with horizontal lines 8 constituting continuations of rulings 3, and between these lines 8 are printed the names of various articles of food included in each particular meal, said foods being grouped between the heavy horizontal rulings according to courses, or the like. To afford a convenient means of referring to the courses or groups of articles of food, as in notices restricting the choice to a certain number of articles in any of said courses or groups, they are designated by the letters "A," "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F," or in any other suitable way, and these designating letters are preferably arranged in blank spaces 9 between the order and menu parts of the blank and between the heavy horizontal rulings 6 which extend across both of said parts. The spaces between the horizontal rulings 8 of the menu part are numbered consecutively at one side thereof, as at 10, so that each article of food on the menu will have a definite number to be used instead of its name in making up total orders to be sent to the kitchen or commissary department. The spaces between the rulings 3 on the order part of the blank are correspondingly numbered, as at 11, so that when the order and menu are used separately, as illustrated in Figs. 8 and 9, the order blanks may be marked by the numbers of the articles of food which are printed on the separate menus.

In addition to the order and menu parts, the composite blank illustrated in Fig. 1 may contain instructions for marking the order, as at 12, a notice as to the choice allowed between the foods in the several parts or courses, as at 13, spaces 14, 15 and 16 for the clerk's lunch ticket number and initials, and his absence notice, or the like, a space 20 for rules and sections 17, 18 and 19 for indicating the unoccupied seats, relay, and table number, respectively. Several indicating marks, such as "1," "2" and "3," are placed opposite the term "relay" for the purpose of checking up whether the guest eats at the first, second or third table, where it is necessary to serve the guests in relays. Thus, if the star opposite No. 1 in the relay space is punched, it indicates that the order card is for guests who are served first or at the first sitting at the table corresponding to the number punched in the table space 19. The numbers given the tables in this space are purely arbitrary and any system of numbering may be employed. In the space corresponding to his seat number each clerk or guest should write his initials in the subdivision 15 as a means of identification. In corresponding spaces in subdivision 14, the clerks' ticket number may be written, and in corresponding spaces in the subdivision 16 dates when the clerks expect to be absent may be noted. The same arrangement may be followed in marking the separate order blank, Fig. 8, as in Fig. 1. It will be understood that these auxiliary parts of the order may be changed, added to, or some of them omitted without departing from the invention.

The order blank 1 illustrated in Fig. 1 is used when the tables are small, say with six places or seats each, as at 21 in Fig. 4. Where the tables are large, as indicated at 22 in Fig. 5, separate orders 23, Fig. 6, and 24, Fig. 7, are provided for the even numbered seats and odd numbered seats, respectively. The rows of seat numbers in one of these order blanks are as follows: "2," "4,"

"6," "8," "10" and "12," while those on the other blank are: "1," "3," "5," "7," "9" and "11." This arrangement is to avoid making the order blanks too large or confusing to the clerks or guests.

As suggested in Fig. 2, the order blank and auxiliary spaces may be printed on a card or sheet 25 having a blank space 26 for the menu which is printed on a separate sheet 27, Fig. 3, so that a different menu for each meal may be pasted or otherwise secured to the same form of order blank, thereby considerably reducing the cost of printing.

Fig. 8 shows the order blank and auxiliary spaces printed together on a sheet 28 of suitable dimensions, and the menu 29, Fig. 9, is shown printed separately and attached to a suitable support, such as the stand or board 30 which may be mounted on the pedestal 31, or the like, so that it may be placed on each table or at other convenient places. The stand may have the menu attached to its opposite sides or faces so that it can be seen at the same time by persons at both sides of the table.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. The combination with a menu card having a series of symbols adjacent the articles of food thereon, each of said articles of food having a different symbol, of an order card having a series of similar symbols corresponding to those on the menu card, and a series of seat numbers opposite each of said symbols on the order card for the purpose specified.

2. The combination with a menu card having a series of symbols adjacent the articles of food thereon, each of said articles of food having a different symbol, of an order card having a series of similar symbols corresponding to those on the menu card, and a series of seat numbers opposite each of said symbols on the order card, the even numbered seats being separately grouped from the odd numbered seats for the purpose specified.

3. The combination with a menu blank having means for dividing the articles of food thereon into groups and distinguishing symbols adjacent each group, of an order blank having corresponding means for dividing it into sections, and groups of seat numbers in each section of the order blank, there being a group of seat numbers corresponding to each article of food on the menu blank.

4. The combination with a menu blank having means for dividing the articles of food thereon into groups, distinguishing symbols for each group, and different symbols for each article of food, of an order blank having corresponding symbols to those indicating the articles of food on the menu, a series of seat numbers opposite each of said symbols on the order blank, and means on the order blank for dividing said symbols and series of seat numbers into groups corresponding to the groups or courses on the menu blank.

5. The combination with a menu blank having a series of symbols adjacent the articles of food thereon, each of said articles of food having a different symbol, of an order blank having a series of similar symbols corresponding to those on the menu blank, and a series of seat numbers opposite each of said symbols on the order blank, said order blank also having means for indicating the relay, vacant seats and table numbers.

6. The combination with a menu blank having a series of symbols adjacent the articles of food thereon, each of said articles of food having a different symbol, means for dividing said articles of food and symbols into groups, and distinguishing symbols for said groups, of an order blank having a series of symbols corresponding to those indicating the articles of food on the menu blank, and other symbols corresponding to the group symbols on the menu blank, and a series of seat numbers opposite each of the article symbols on the order blank.

7. The combination with an order blank having series of seat numbers and a space opposite said numbers, of a separate menu adapted to be arranged in said space, said menu having articles of food arranged in register with each of said series of seat numbers for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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