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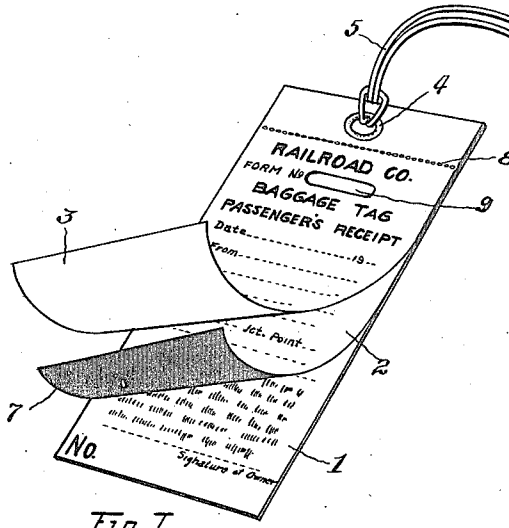


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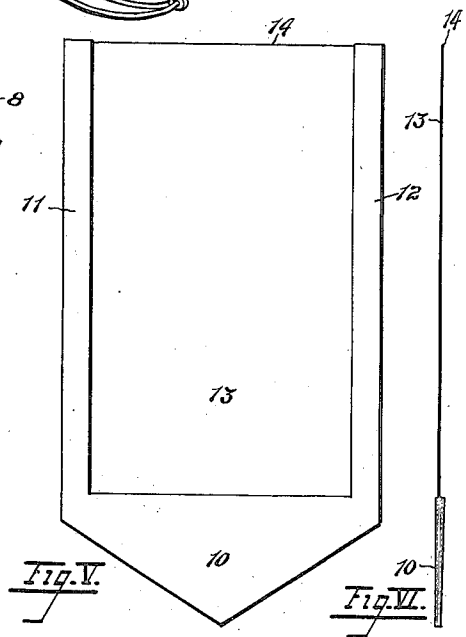


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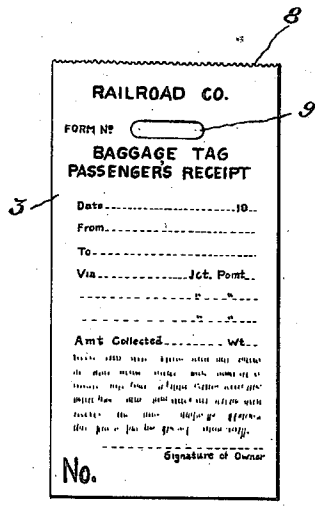


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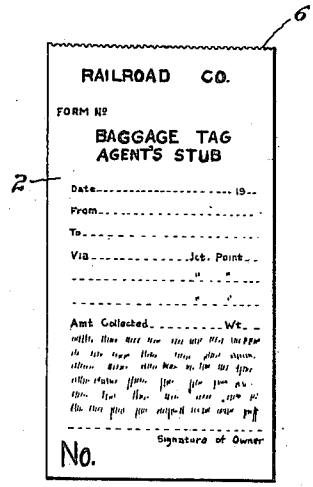


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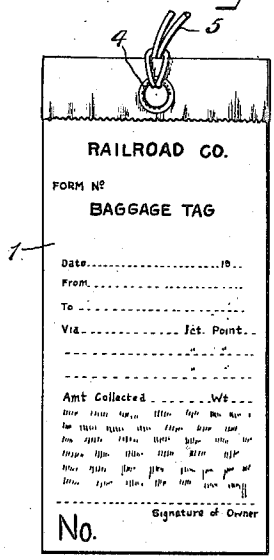


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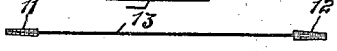


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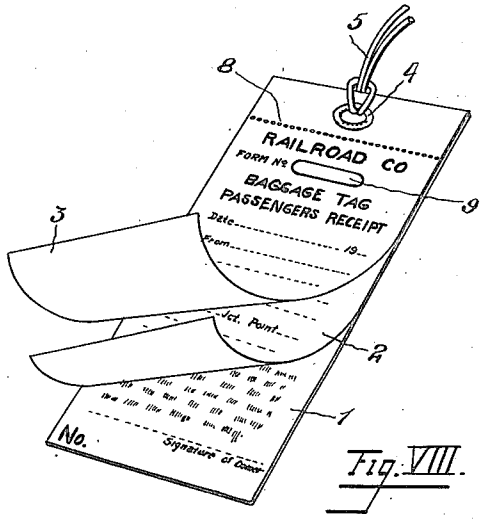


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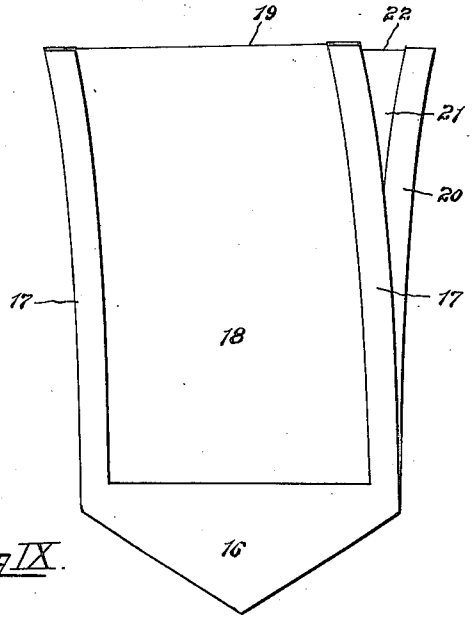


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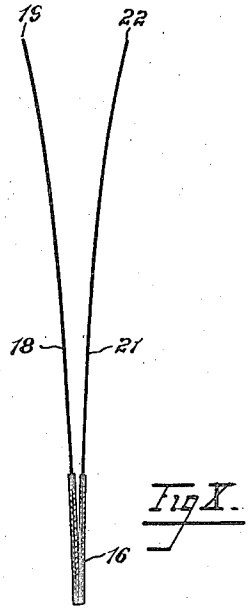


Fig X.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. BRITTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tag-Check Contrivance, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention relates to a tag-check contrivance and more particularly to the detachable combination of a tag-check with one or more stub receipts or claim vouchers.

The objects of my invention are:

To greatly simplify and facilitate the filling out of certain necessarily blank spaces.

To make possible a measurable saving in time.

To insure absolute uniformity between duplicates.

To accomplish the fulfilment of the preceding in a simple, feasible and economical manner.

By way of illustrating the application of the principle of my invention, I have selected the prevailing type of standard railroad check, duplicates of which are now, in so far as I am aware, still required to be largely written separately. Occasionally, as is the case when certain character of baggage is checked, it is even expected that copies shall be made in triplicate, and I have selected as exemplifying an arbitrarily preferred embodiment of my conception a blank form intended for such a purpose.

My simple inventive arrangement makes possible the completion of a plurality of duplicate copies at a single writing. The manner of doing this is of course in itself, long since known and used. As applied however to this particular art, namely that relating to tag-checks, including copy sheets which are detachably connected and at least one of which is capable of being employed as a checking tag, the application is believed to effect a new and useful result in a novel manner.

An incidental advantage which my invention assures is the ready explanation for errors that will inevitably occur. If for example, a trunk has failed to arrive at its proper destination, due to an incorrect address being unwittingly of record, my duplicating system may be relied upon to disclose the cause and besides, the wrongful destination. In other words ready detection of error is assured from a record by which it may be promptly and with certainty rectified.

The inventive conception is associated with means which are hereinafter explained and variously combined in the claims. While the annexed drawings and particular description thereof, set forth the preferred form embodying my invention, it should be understood that the means only exemplifies one of many diversified mechanical forms with which the principle of my invention may be properly applied.

Figure I is a perspective view of a tag-check contrivance embodying my invention.

Fig. II is a plan view of one part.

Fig. III is a plan view of another part.

Fig. IV is a plan view of still another part.

Fig. V is a plan of an optional coöperating detail.

Fig. VI is a longitudinal section thereof.

Fig. VII is a cross section thereof.

Fig. VIII is a similar view of a further modification.

Fig. IX is a perspective view of a modification of Fig. V.

Fig. X is a longitudinal section of Fig. IX.

The arbitrarily preferred embodiment of my invention is entirely represented on sheet 1, and will be seen to comprise three overlying blank form sheets of like dimensions. The lowermost strips 1 will further be noticed as being somewhat thicker and ordinarily is composed of cardboard. The other two sheets, 2 and 3 respectively, are of thinner and more flexible paper. The strip 1 is fully shown in Fig. IV and as will be there noticed, it is provided with a title, and a number of designating headings, also farther down with a number of blank lines to be supplied with miscellaneous data. The upper two sheets 2 and 3 are substantial duplicates save for one of the headings which indicates the particular use to which

each is intended to be put. All three slips are secured at the top by means of an eyelet 4 to which a length of cord 5 may be secured.

The sheet 2 which is next above the cardboard strip 1 is provided above, though a short distance below the eyelet 4, with a line of punctures 6 extending there across to permit of its being torn off therealong in the well known manner. This particular sheet is fastened on its reverse or under side with a carbon surface 7 as appears in Fig. I.

The uppermost sheet 3 is similarly provided below the eyelet 4 with a line of punctures 8 extending thereacross. An elongated opening 9, suited to the insertion of a binding strap is also supplied, as is apparent from an inspection of Fig. II.

Generally, according to the practice of most railroads today, only a single duplicate record of a tag-check is made, such being intended for retention by the owner of the article which is being checked. Accordingly, the form of my invention as shown in Fig. I supplies the distinct data at a single writing, only to the uppermost "passenger's receipt" and to the cardboard which is to be attached to the article during transportation.

Occasionally, however, as for example when dogs are checked, the regulations require that the agent also provide himself with a record sheet. It is on such an occasion that the coöperating member of my contrivance shown in Figs. V, VI, and VII is to be utilized. Such member is adapted to be inserted between sheets 2 and 3 to the end that the original writing which is being impressed upon sheet 3 may be additionally transferred to sheet 2. The construction of such member includes a cardboard frame having an intermediary portion 10 to be grasped by the hand and two extensions 11 and 12 between which a carbon sheet 13 having one free edge 14 is stretched in any suitable manner. Such carbon sheet 13 is preferably slightly wider than the width of the slips 1, 2 and 3. In the exemplification shown the carbon sheet 13 is clamped between opposed pairs of extensions 11 and 12 as is illustrated in Fig. VII. The facility with which the carbon sheet 13 may be inserted, as required, between sheets 2 and 3 is apparent, and mention is furthermore made of the advantage in having the edge 14 of minimum thickness whereby a smooth, flat imposition of sheet 3 upon the sheet 2 may be assured.

Figs. VIII, IX, and X have to do with the manner of using my inventive contrivance without having either of the sheets 2 and 3 fashioned with a carbon surface. A scrutiny of these three views discloses a cooperating member similar in structure and function to that shown in Figs. V, VI and VII though involving a duplication thereof to include a unitary handle 16 and two frames divaricating therefrom. One of the frames has a pair of extensions 17 which support a carbon sheet 18 therebetween so as to leave one of the edges 19 of the latter free. The other frame constitutes, as already said, a duplicate to include two extensions 20 which support a carbon sheet 21 therebetween so as to leave one edge 22 of the latter likewise free. It is manifest that the carbon surfaces of the sheets 18 and 21 should be alternately arranged, that is, placed upon corresponding sides of the sheets to face in the same direction. In operation the sheets 18 and 21 are to be inserted between different pairs of sheets 1, 2 and 3.

I claim:

1. A duplicating tag-check contrivance comprising a plurality of paper sheets of varying degrees of stiffness, a reinforcing eyelet securing said sheets together at one end, two of said sheets being of lesser thickness than a third and each fashioned with a row of perforations whereby portions are separable from said eyelet portion, the thickest of said sheets being underneath the others whereby when detached to permit of being tied to the object shipped, all of said sheets having registering blank space provision for memoranda of date, charge, point of shipment and destination as well as indicia designating the character of the transaction, said perforate sheets being adapted to serve as identification and authenticating records for the parties to such transaction respectively, and a device including a pair of carbon sheets flexibly attached together at one end and adapted for insertion between different pairs of said sheets respectively for transferring written impression through said two thinner sheets twice onto another next below.

2. A duplicating tag-check contrivance comprising the combination of three printed check forms, means for fastening corresponding edge portions together, a pair of carbon sheets, a pair of frames reinforcing the major portion of the edges of said sheets respectively so as to leave free a remaining portion substantially corresponding in length to that of the fastened edge portions, and a handle flexibly connected with each of said frames whereby only the thickness of said sheets may be simultaneously interposed between different pairs of said forms to enable written impression to be smoothly and evenly transferred from the uppermost form to the others.

3. A duplicating tag-check contrivance comprising the combination of a plurality of printed check forms, means for fastening corresponding edge portions together, a car-

bon sheet, a frame reinforcing the major portion of the edge of said sheet so as to leave free a remaining portion substantially corresponding in length to that of the fastened edge portions, and a handle connected with said frame whereby only the thickness of said sheet may be interposed between a pair of said forms to enable written impression to be smoothly and evenly transferred from the uppermost form to the lower.

Signed by me, this 30th day of January, 1915.

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