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F. M. SHATTUC.
RAILWAY TICKET.

No. 513,151.

Patented Jan. 23, 1894.

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RAILWAY-TICKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED MILLIMAN SHATTUC, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Railway-Tickets; and I 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object an improved railway ticket, and is designed more especially to provide a limited coupon round trip ticket, which will obviate all liability of abuse or alteration, or fraud of any kind, and which will more effectually prevent the ticket getting into the hands of scalpers, and insure an exact compliance, by ticket agents and purchasers, with the contracts agreed upon between different lines of railways, rendering it a simple and easy matter to detect any departure from the terms of said contracts.

Heretofore limited coupon round trip tickets have been used good going for a certain number of days from the date of sale stamped on the back. Previous to returning the purchaser must take it to the proper ticket agent at the destination point, and have it stamped. It is then good for returning a certain number of days from the date stamped thereon by said agent. The final limit within which the ticket is good, going and returning, from the date of sale, has commonly been punched in the margin of the contract portion of the ticket. Such a ticket has been open to fraud and change of time limits, because the final limit and transit limit are all on the contract portion of the ticket and nowhere else, and as the issuing road finally gets the contract portion, and each of the other lines over which the ticket is given only gets a coupon, taken up on a certain train, the other lines have no means of detecting any alteration of time, or improper extension thereof, inasmuch as there is nothing on the individual coupons, as such tickets have heretofore been constructed, that will show the original time limits.

My invention is designed to prevent an issuing ticket agent making any conditions on one part of the ticket, which shall not be

known to every road over which the ticket passes, the conditions and time limits being indicated in full on every coupon of the ticket. 55

To this end my invention consists of the features hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which show a front view of my improved ticket, the ticket being divided and shown in two vertical lines, in order to accommodate the view to the size of the sheet. 60

I carry out my invention as follows:

A represents the contract portion of a railway ticket. 65

A' denotes one or more going coupons, and A² one or more return coupons.

A⁴ is a coupon on which is printed a suitable notice to the purchaser.

A³ is the agent's coupon or stub, issuing the ticket. 70

On inspection of the drawings submitted herewith, the following features will be seen and understood.

First. To adapt the ticket either for use as a limited or a continuous ticket, as may be desired, the contract portion and each of the going and return coupons A' and A² and the agent's coupon A³, may all have printed thereon, in the space marked "a," the words "Limited" and "Continuous," or other analogous designations thereof, so arranged that when the entire ticket is properly folded the designation "Limited" or "Continuous," as the case may be, may be punched out simultaneously, by the issuing agent on the contract portion, and at the same on the going and returning coupons and the agent's stub. 75 80 85

Second. A line of figures indicated at B is also printed upon the contract portion A and upon each of the going and returning coupons, as well as the agent's coupon, the said figures being provided in order that the issuing agent may punch out in said line of figures, the number of days it is intended the passenger shall have in which to make the journey each way, or in other words the transit limit. The line of figures B is preferably so arranged that the said number of days may be punched out simultaneously in said coupons and contract. 90 95 100

Third. Said coupons and contract portion are also provided with an additional set of figures and designation of the months and of

the year, shown at C, whereby the issuing agent may punch out simultaneously on all said coupons and contract, the year, month and day constituting the final limit beyond which the ticket will not be accepted by any road in any direction, over which the ticket reads. It will thus be apparent that all these records, enumerated under the above three heads, appear on every coupon, as well as upon the contract, whereby each road may know the final limit and the transit limit.

Fourth. In addition to the preceding features the going coupons are provided with figures and designations of the months, as shown at D, preferably on the margin on the right, whereby the issuing agent may punch out the year, month and day of the month on which he sold the ticket. After having made the records enumerated under the above heads 1, 2 and 3, the issuing agent unfolds the ticket back to the coupon A⁴ giving notice to the purchaser. He then detaches his agent's coupon or stub, the last coupon on the ticket. He then folds the ticket with the notice to the purchaser under and punches out of the margin on the right the year, month and day on which he sold the ticket. This record appears on all the coupons in that bunch, viz., on all the going coupons. Thus the conductors on the going passage have on every coupon, the date issued, the transit limit going, the final limit returning, giving all the roads over which the ticket is used in going complete information as to these matters on every coupon.

Fifth. In addition to the foregoing, the return coupons are also provided with figures and designations indicated at D', analogous to those at D on the going coupons. After completing the going passage, and upon desiring to return, his contract reveals to the holder of the ticket that he must reach his return destination by a certain date, and that he has only a certain number of days within which to make the return trip. He goes to the proper agent at that end of the line, and gets his ticket punched so as to be good for return. That agent tears off the coupon A⁴ giving notice to the purchaser, and with the coupons folded he punches out the year, month and day of the month, on which the ticket was presented to him. Then the passenger has only so many days within which to make the return trip, this record appearing on all the return coupons. The conductor follows the same procedure with the return coupons, as on the going passage. Thus all the roads over which the ticket is used on the return trip have on every coupon the final limit, the transit limit, and the date when the passenger began the return trip. On the back of every coupon may be also the stamp of the issuing agent showing date of sale, in addition to punch marks on going coupons.

It will be understood that with a continuous ticket the passenger is required to make his journey according to through train sched-

ule, while with a limited ticket the passenger is simply required to make his journey in a limited time.

I do not limit myself to any precise order of arranging the several features hereinbefore described. The tickets may also be expressly printed as a limited or a continuous ticket as desired, and so the feature embodied in the above head No. 1, may be omitted without departing from my invention.

I do not limit myself to applying the above designations, figures, &c., upon the face of the ticket alone, as they may be upon the back, or partly on the face and partly on the back of the ticket. It will be obvious that not only do these provisions enable any alteration to be readily detected by the various roads, but also renders it very much more difficult to make any alterations, inasmuch as, where the limits or provisions therefor appear only upon the contract it is easier to perpetrate a fraud by filling up punch marks and an expert use of pen and ink. But where these provisions and limitations appear on all the coupons as well as the contract such fraudulent work becomes extremely difficult, since there are so many alterations to be made.

Provision may be made, within the scope of my invention, to punch the date of the issue of the ticket on the returning coupons, as well as upon the going coupons. Still the returning conductors have only to do with the final limit and the date punched by the agent at the destination for return.

I have omitted from the ticket matter not pertaining to my invention, and it will be understood that any additional matter may be printed thereon, as may be desired.

I have also described my invention as applied to a round trip ticket, in order to explain the full scope of my invention, but I would have it understood that I contemplate the application of the foregoing features to a single trip ticket as coming within the scope of my invention, as all features except that particularly referring to the return coupons might be used on a one way ticket, and on a single coupon or any desired number of them.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A coupon ticket having a contract portion, coupons and an agent's stub, each of which is provided with terms or characters to designate the transit limit of the ticket.

2. A coupon ticket having a contract portion, coupons, and an agent's stub, each provided with terms or characters indicating the final limit the transit limit and whether the ticket is limited or continuous.

3. A coupon ticket, the going coupons of which are each provided with terms or characters to indicate the date of sale, the transit limit going, and the final limit returning.

4. A coupon ticket, the return coupons of which are each provided with terms or characters to indicate the final limit, the transit limit and the date when the passenger began the return trip.

5. A coupon ticket having a contract portion, going and return coupons, a portion intermediate the coupons for a notice to the passenger, and an agent's stub, each of which
5 coupons is provided with terms or characters to indicate the date of sale, and the going coupons being each further provided with terms or characters to indicate the transit limit going, and the final limit returning, and the re-
10 turn coupon each provided with terms or char-

acters to indicate the transit limit going, the final limit returning, and the date when the passenger began the return trips.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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