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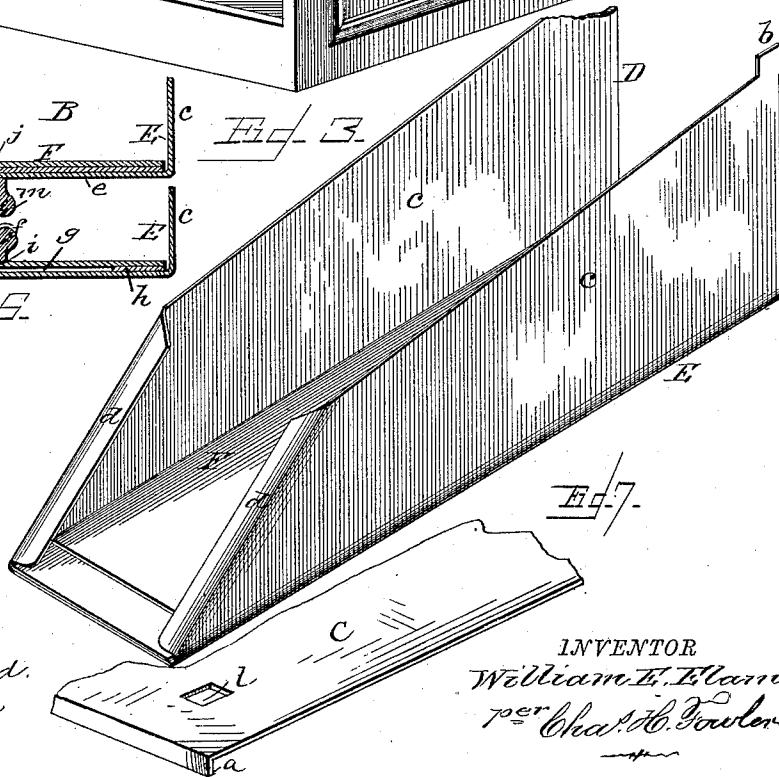
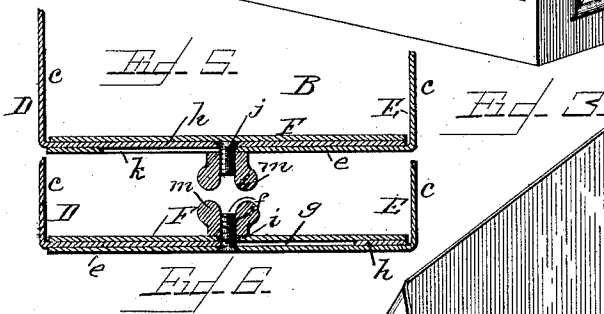
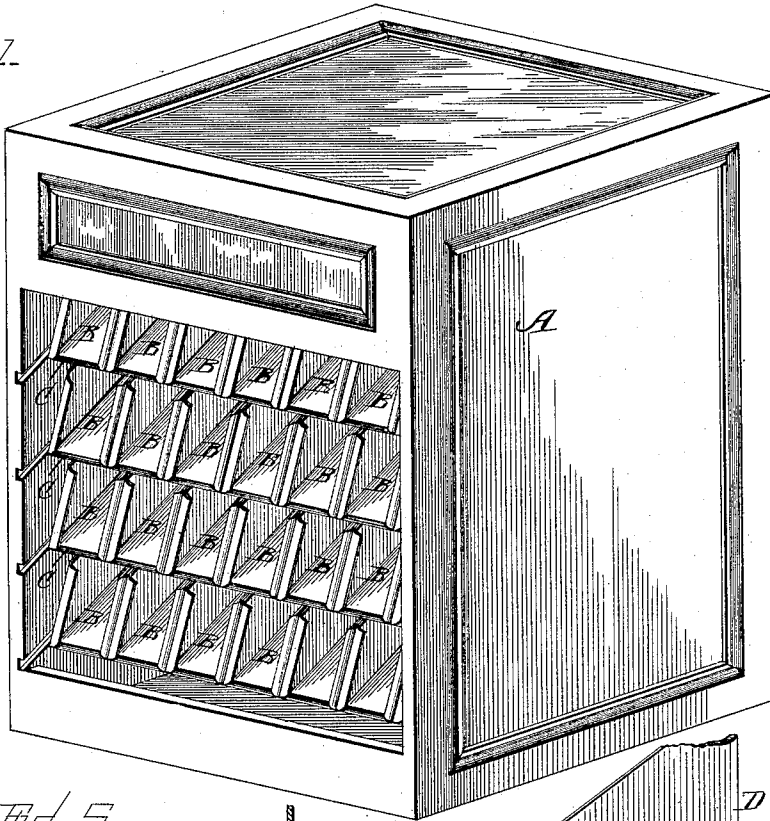
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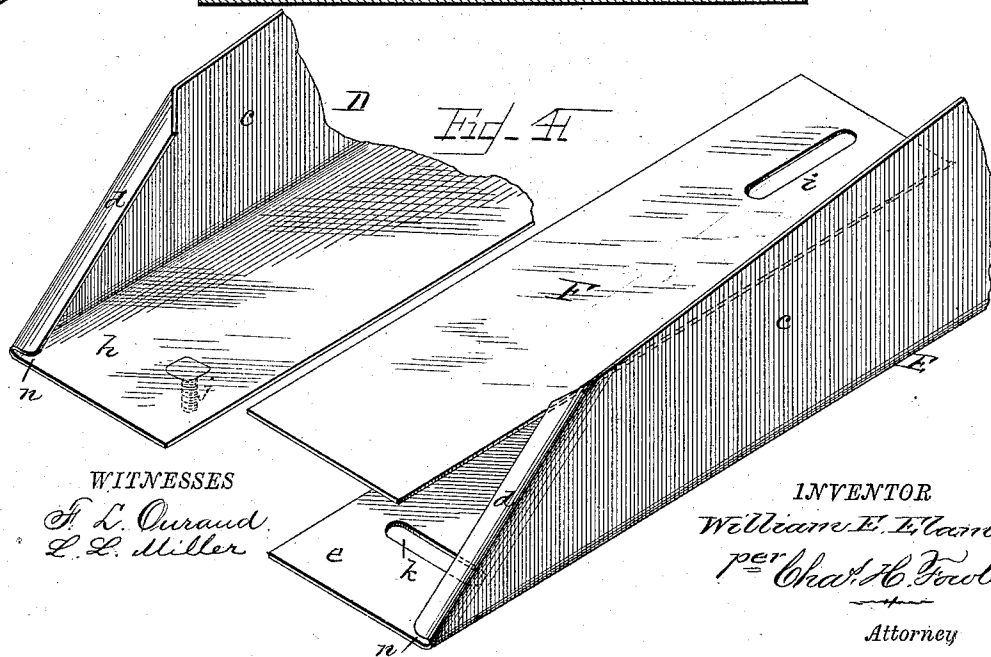
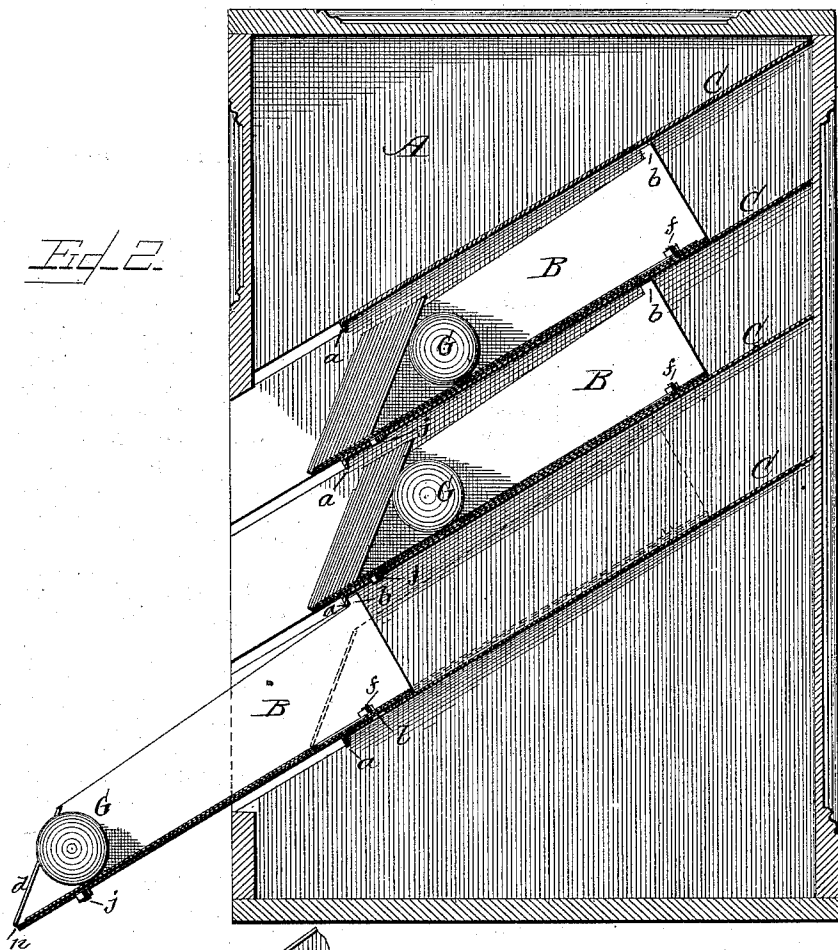
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. ELAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Americus, in the county of Sumter and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my improved ticket-case. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof; Fig. 3, a perspective view, in detail, of one of the ticket boxes or receptacles; Fig. 4, a similar view, showing the three sections forming the box or receptacle separated from each other. Fig. 5 is a cross-section taken through the front end of the box or receptacle; Fig. 6, a similar view taken through the rear end thereof; Fig. 7, a detail view, in perspective, of a portion of one of the transverse partitions.

The present invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in railroad or other ticket cases, wherein are employed a series of individual boxes or receptacles for holding the tickets; and the object of the invention is to so construct these boxes or receptacles as to render them laterally extensible, in order to increase their width to adapt them to tickets varying in length or width. This object I attain by the construction substantially as shown in the drawings, and hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a case of any suitable shape and size for containing the ticket boxes or receptacles B, hereinafter described. The case A has transverse partitions C, arranged upon an incline, as shown in Fig. 2, which support the boxes or receptacles B, and have at their front end a depending flange, *a*, which forms a stop to prevent said boxes or receptacles from being accidentally withdrawn, a lug, *b*, upon its sides striking against the flange. It frequently occurs that the tickets, when coming from the printers, are not properly cut, in which event, if they are cut too long, they could not be introduced into the rigid box or receptacle without first taking a pair of scissors and trimming each ticket.

To adapt each box or receptacle to tickets varying in length or width, so that the necessity of trimming them is avoided, is the essential and important feature of my invention. To attain this end, I provide means whereby each box or receptacle is rendered laterally extensible, so that its width may be increased, as circumstances require, and the best method which I consider of carrying out the broad principle of the invention is to construct the box or receptacle in two or more longitudinal sections adjustably connected together. In the present instance I have shown two sections, D E, which form the sides and bottom of the box or receptacle, and a section, F, to form a supplemental bottom. The sides *c* of the sections D E are constructed in the usual manner—that is to say, they are inclined at their front end, and have flanges *d* to retain the tickets in the box or receptacle. The bottom *e* of the section E has rigidly connected to its rear end an upwardly-projecting screw-threaded bolt, *f*, which extends up through an elongated transverse slot, *g*, in the bottom *h* of the section D, and also through a longitudinal slot, *i*, in the section F, as shown in Fig. 6. The bottom *h* of the section D has rigidly secured to it at its front end a screw-threaded bolt, *j*, which extends down through a transverse slot, *k*, in the bottom *e* of the section, E, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The bottoms of the sections D E, and also the section F, overlap each other, and are held together by suitable nuts, *m*, on the screw-threaded end of the bolts *f j*, and by loosening the nuts the bottoms can be brought nearer to or farther from each other to diminish or increase the width of the box or receptacle, as circumstances require. The partitions C near their front edge have slots *l* extending the entire width thereof, into which enter the ends of the bolts *f*, to hold the boxes or receptacles in place.

In place of the bolts *f* as a means for holding the boxes or receptacles in position on the shelves or partitions when they are made to engage with the slots therein, any lip or projection extending from the bottom of the box or receptacle will answer the same purpose. Therefore I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the means shown.

When it is desired to extract a box or re-

ceptacle entirely from the case, the front end of the same is elevated sufficiently to disengage the end of the bolt *j* or other projection with the slot *l* in the partition C, after which
 5 said box or receptacle may be readily removed for any purpose.

A weighted slide or ball follower, G, is employed so as to keep the tickets pressed against the flanges *d* of each of the boxes or receptacles, as is common in this class of ticket-cases.

The section F, which forms the supplemental or false bottom of the box or receptacle B, as will be noticed, has a slot, *i*, extending longitudinally therewith, the object being to enable
 15 a proper graduation of the opening across the front end of the box or receptacle, through which the tickets are extracted, one at a time. This is accomplished by adjusting the section
 20 F either forward or backward, which will increase or diminish the depth of the opening *n*, through which the tickets are extracted, thus adapting the opening to the varying thickness of card-board from which the tickets are
 25 made. If a ticket made of thick card-board is used, the opening *n* can be enlarged by unscrewing the nut on the bolt *f* and slipping the false bottom back, and if a thin ticket is used the opening can be diminished by slipping
 30 the false bottom forward, thus providing an adjustable false bottom that will control the size of the opening at the front end of the box or receptacle.

I do not desire to be understood as confining myself to the means shown of rendering
 35 the box or receptacle laterally extensible to accommodate it to special tickets and to irregular card tickets of any kind—such as local-excursion card tickets—as other means
 40 may be substituted that will accomplish the same end and come within the scope of my invention.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by
 45 Letters Patent, is—

1. A box or receptacle for holding tickets, having an open front end and laterally extensible or adjustable sides to increase or diminish its width, substantially as and for the
 50 purpose described.

2. A box or receptacle for tickets, having an open-front end with inclined and inwardly-extending flanges, said box or receptacle adapted to be laterally extensible to increase or diminish the width thereof, substantially as and
 55 for the purpose set forth.

3. A box or receptacle for holding tickets, constructed of two sections, each of which forms one side and bottom of the box, and connected together, substantially as described,
 60 whereby they are capable of lateral adjustment to increase or diminish the width of the box, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. A box or receptacle for tickets, open at its front end and having inwardly-extending
 65 flanges and a longitudinally-adjustable false bottom to diminish or increase the space through which the tickets are extracted, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

5. A box or receptacle for tickets, constructed of three independent sections, two of said sections forming, respectively, the sides and bottom of the box, and connected together,
 70 whereby they are laterally extensible or adjustable to increase or diminish the width of the box, and a longitudinally-adjustable false bottom connected to the bottom of the box, substantially as and for the purpose
 75 set forth.

6. A ticket-case provided with a series of inclined partitions having a depending flange and a slot at their front ends, in combination
 80 with a series of ticket boxes or receptacles having bolts or projections upon their under side and front end to engage with the slot in the inclined partitions, and upwardly-extending lugs upon the rear end of the box to abut
 85 against the flange on the inclined partition, and prevent the box from becoming entirely withdrawn, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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