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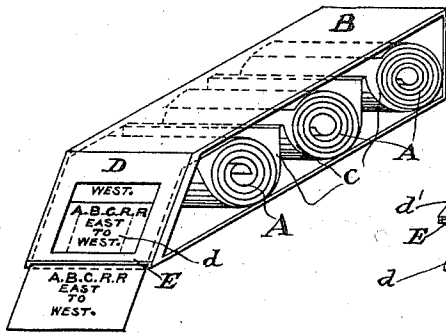


Fig. 1

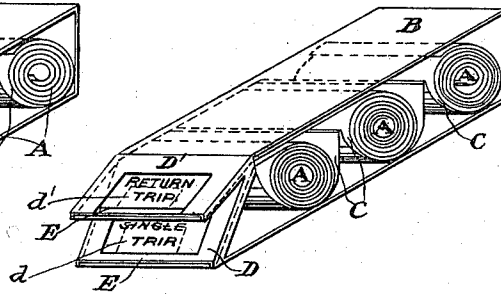


Fig. 2

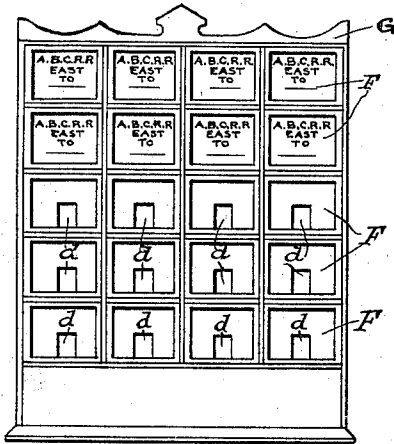


Fig. 3

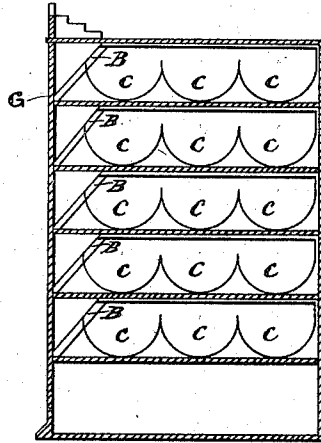


Fig. 4

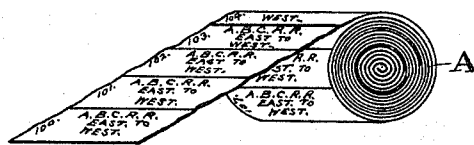


Fig. 5

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ROLL-TICKET HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH L. KIRK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered new and useful Improvements in Roll-Ticket Holders, of which the following is a specification.

In the accompanying drawings, which make part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective of my ticket-holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective of my ticket-holder provided with two aprons and adapted for use where two different kinds of tickets are kept in the same holder. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the case with certain of the pigeonholes filled with the ticket-holders. Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse section of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 a perspective of the roll-ticket itself.

My invention, generally stated, relates to a device whereby a roll of paper tickets can be economically substituted for the cardboard now in use for either single or return trip tickets as used by railroads and the tickets be compactly stored. In the form provided it can also take the place of excursion-trip tickets, single or round trip, or other similar classes of tickets that are bound in book form and completed by the persons handling same, or coupon-tickets. A paper ribbon, preferably corresponding in width or length with the tickets now in use, is subdivided into tickets by means of perforations, dotted, ruled, or stamped lines, each ticket being readily detachable. For convenience these strips are rolled, so that they are easily adjustable to the holder, as shown at A. When so rolled, they occupy very much less space than would a corresponding number of cardboard tickets. They cannot be sold out of order, can be numbered consecutively, and answer most purposes for which cardboard tickets are now used. The holder designed for use with this ticket is made, preferably, of metal and arranged as a receptacle for one or more rolls of ribbon-tickets, each holder being of practically the same width as the ticket-ribbon. It consists of a shell B, preferably with open sides and having compartments C C for one or more rolls of tickets.

This ticket-holder is provided with an apron D at its end, over which the ribbon-ticket

passes through suitable guides to keep it in its place. The apron D has a cutting or tearing edge E and an opening *d* to expose the ticket as well as by which to start feeding the ticket out, by means of which each separate ticket can be detached from the roll.

To meet the needs of a ticket-agency where a large number of tickets are required, these holders are arranged in the pigeonholes F F of a case G to economize space as much as possible and to secure the greatest number of ticket-holders within the limits of the case. The pigeonholes are of a size which will freely admit and substantially hold in position the ticket-holder and its contents. The partitions and sides of the case also act as a shield to the ticket-holder and form its sides when in place in the case described.

In Fig. 2 I show two aprons D D', adapted for use with a holder where two different kinds of tickets are kept, as single and round trip tickets.

If preferred, instead of the open sides for inserting the tickets, the top of the holder may be omitted and the sides retained or the top retained and one side omitted.

The advantages of a combination of this kind may be briefly described as follows: The tickets are easily placed. Rolls of single or return tickets to any particular point can be placed in the same holder and taken out and detached separately, as required. Tickets cannot be sold out of order unless by connivance of the party handling same, as they are consecutively numbered and appear in this order as the roll of tickets is drawn out. There is no liability of tickets being misplaced or lost, and the rolls furnished by agents or others handling tickets will be full and complete in all respects. Tickets arranged in this manner occupy less space and the surplus, if necessary, can be kept in the extra receptacles that are provided in the holder for storage until required. In addition to this the advantage in the distribution of tickets is evident, as many agents who now receive a surplus have to store same in a desk or safe until used, admitting a possibility of theft or loss before they have use for them in the case.

As a rule, tickets are ordered in large quantities for the purpose of economy, and such supplies as are not forwarded to the agents

are kept in stock at some distributing-point, where they are more or less liable to breakage of packages, misplacement, or loss, and considerable time is spent in keeping an inventory and seeing that the tickets are in stock and in proper shape to be forwarded on the requisitions of agents.

By the use of the roll-tickets losses, misplacements, and the expense of keeping tickets will be reduced to a minimum. Tickets can be printed in strips of from one hundred to five hundred or whatever would be a convenient number of supply. The device will also effect a large saving in cost of tickets. It will also save time in the examination and transfer of agencies, as tickets would not have to be counted separately and the handling of the tickets would be much more easily performed.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of a case; a plurality of ticket-holders mounted in said case, each holder containing a plurality of compartments for rolls of ribbon-tickets, certain of said compartments being used for storage and the remainder for the tickets on sale; a guide at the forward end of the holders to facilitate

the delivery of the ticket and a separating edge on said guide to sever the ticket.

2. The combination of a case; a plurality of ticket-holders mounted in said case, each holder being adapted to receive the roll ribbon-ticket on sale and one or more roll ribbon-tickets placed in said holder for storage; a guide at the forward end of the holders to facilitate the delivery of the ticket and a separating edge for said guide to sever the ticket.

3. The combination of a case; a plurality of ticket-holders mounted in said case each holder containing a plurality of compartments adapted to receive the ticket on sale and the tickets placed in said holder for storage; a plurality of guides at the forward end of the holder for the plurality of tickets in the holder and a separating edge on each of said guides for its respective ticket.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of March, A. D. 1896.

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