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Fig. 1.

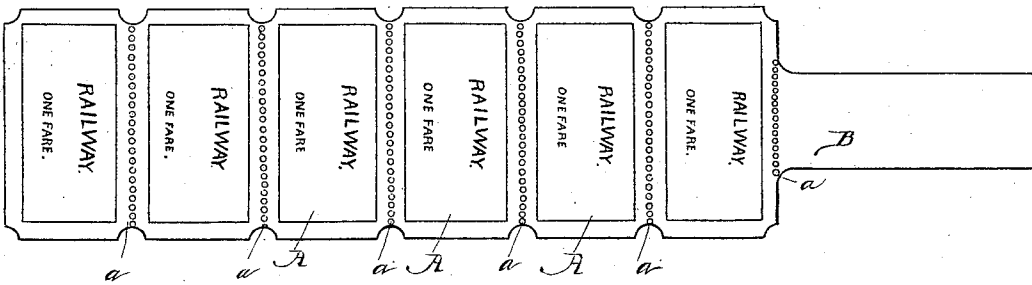
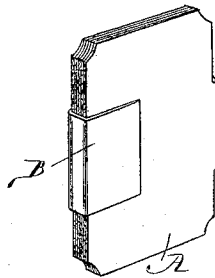


Fig. 2.



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## STRIP-TICKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES M. HARPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peoria, in the county of Peoria and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Strip-Tickets, of which I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My present invention has for its object to provide a simple and efficient means of retaining in compact condition the coupons of a strip-ticket, or like tickets or checks printed upon a single strip.

To this end my invention consists in a strip-ticket divided into a series of coupons and having one of its terminal coupons provided with a retaining-tongue for holding the coupons in mass, said retaining-tongue being of sufficient length to pass around the mass of tickets or coupons and overlap upon the coupon in piece with which it is formed.

Figure 1 is a view of a strip-ticket having my invention applied thereto, the ticket being shown in extended condition. Fig. 2 is a view showing the coupons of the ticket in folded condition and showing the retaining-tongue encircling the mass of tickets.

A designates the coupons of the strip-tickets, these several coupons being shown as separated by the rows of perforations *a*. One of the terminal coupons or tickets A is provided with a tongue or extension B of sufficient length to overlap the mass of coupons

or tickets when in folded condition, as shown in Fig. 2, and the end of this tongue will be provided with suitable adhesive material whereby it will be attached to the terminal ticket. By this means I am enabled to avoid the use of envelopes for holding the mass of tickets, thereby effecting a considerable saving in expense. So, also, by forming the encircling tongue for retaining the package of tickets in piece with one of the terminal tickets not only am I enabled to much more securely retain the mass of tickets than would be possible if a separate encircling band were used, but I am able also to produce the means for holding the mass of tickets at a cost very slightly in excess of that of the ticket-strip.

If desired, advertisements may be placed upon the backs of the tickets, and the retaining-tongue may be used for like purpose also.

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

A strip-ticket divided into a series of coupons and having one of its terminal coupons provided with a retaining-tongue for holding the coupons in mass, said retaining-tongue being of sufficient length to pass around the mass of tickets or coupons and overlap upon the coupon in piece with which it is formed, substantially as described.

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