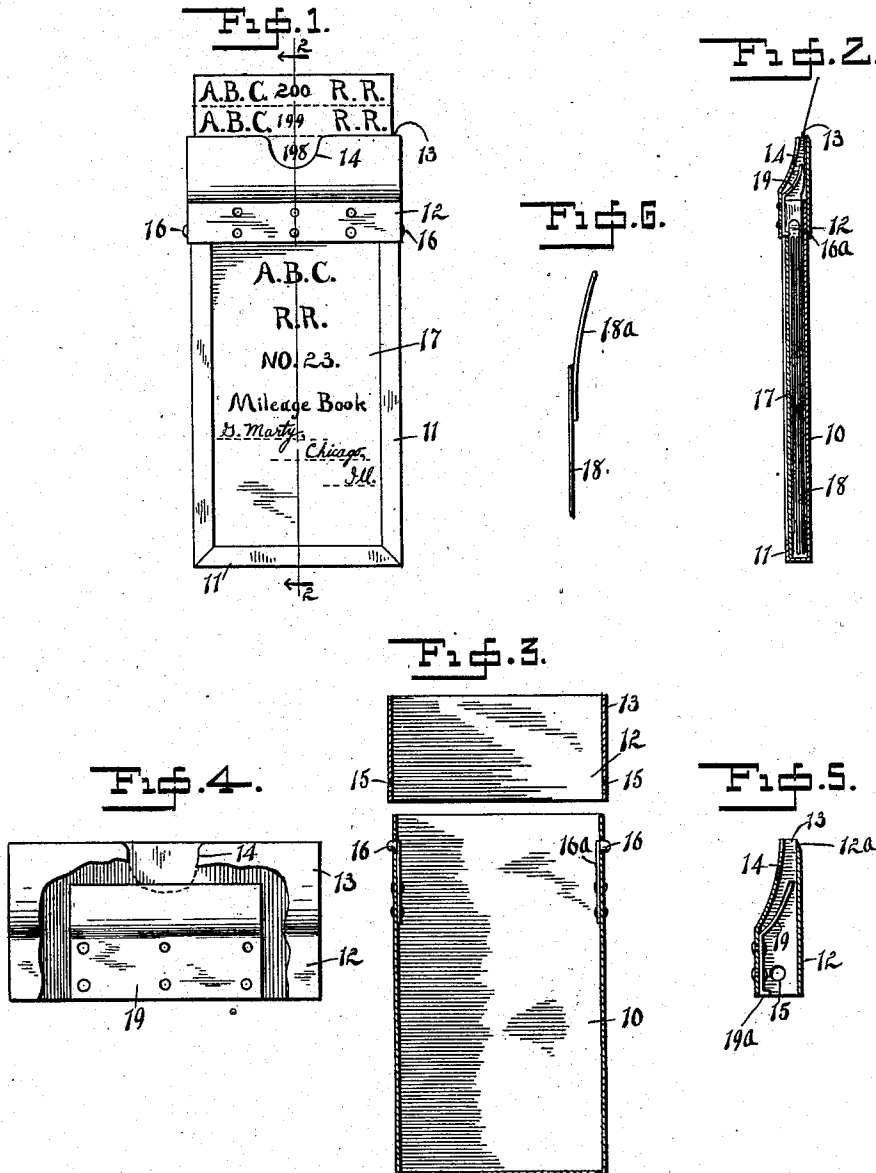


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARE M. MAXON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Walworth, in the county of Walworth and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coupon-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to coupon ticket holders, and its chief objects are to provide a protecting cover or casing to prevent injury to the ticket slip from handling or carrying in the pocket; to produce a ticket holder that will enable the slip to be readily grasped and withdrawn from the casing and to afford effective and ready means for severing the desired portion from the main body of the ticket or that part retained within the receptacle.

Further objects of my improved device are to provide retaining means for frictionally holding the free end of the ticket slip to prevent its becoming dislodged from the finger aperture, and to furnish an indicating plate to serve the double purpose of a protective front for the casing and at the same time to identify the particular ticket inclosed in the holder. This feature is especially advantageous since the area of the portion thus exposed will be sufficient to enable all the data desired to be in sight.

Besides being durable and of simple construction the casing can be economically manufactured and has a useful feature in that it can be used for a great number and variety of mileage slips.

I accomplish the above results by the employment of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved mileage ticket and holder; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the body and cap separated the cutting plane being parallel to the sides of the casing; Fig. 4 is a front view of the cap with one side broken away; Fig. 5 is a transverse section of the cap, and Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view showing the tongue attached to the coupon strip.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the numeral 10 indicates a thin rectangular plate which forms the back of the casing. The material of this plate may be metal fiber or other substance having sufficient rigidity and other requisite physical properties. The

margins of said plate are upturned to form the sides and one end of a comparatively shallow box or case, and the edges are again turned to form flanges 11, which lie parallel with the back plate, the structure thus described constituting the body of the holder. This body is provided with a cap 12, the front plate of which is curved backward towards the rear plate having a narrowed slit or mouth 13 between the two plates. The cap is made to fit over the body and the end plates are furnished with apertures 15 to engage catches in the form of buttons 16 mounted upon the ends of springs 16^a secured to the inner side walls of the body, the buttons projecting through holes in said walls. These spring catches hold the cap firmly in place and the latter can be readily detached when required by pressure upon the buttons.

It will be seen that when the cap is assembled the casing will be open in front. This space is to be closed by a card or slip 17 which forms part of the ticket or filler and is adapted to fit snugly within the casing where it is retained by the flange 11. Upon this plate or card is to be impressed the name of the company issuing the ticket, its number and any other pertinent matter. To the rear face of this plate is secured one end of a ticket 18 consisting of the usual strip of coupons properly printed and numbered and having the ordinary perforated lines to facilitate severing, although this feature is not so essential when a tearing straight edge is supplied. The coupon strip is furnished with a stiffening tongue 18^a at the free end to facilitate insertion beneath a retaining spring 19 which is riveted or otherwise secured to the front wall of the cap and is bent backwards to press against the rear wall, thus frictionally holding the coupon strip in position when the latter occupies the interval between the said spring and wall. The upper margin of the front wall of the cap is cut away to form a thumb notch 14 to facilitate grasping the end of the strip when it is necessary to withdraw a portion thereof. The lower edge of the spring is turned inwardly to form a flange 19^a which engages the upper margin of the plate 17 to prevent displacement when the cap is in position.

To assemble a book or coupon slip the cover is removed and the plate with attached coupons, the strip being folded transversely at intervals corresponding with the length of

the plate 17, is placed within the receptacle so that the printed face of said plate will be seen through the open side of the casing. The tongue 18^a is then threaded through the
 5 space between the spring 19 and the rear wall of the cap, and the said cap slipped in place over the end of the body, where it will be retained by the spring buttons 16.

To use the device the thumb is applied to
 10 the strip through the notch 14, the desired number of coupons withdrawn and the protruded portion then severed by tearing it across the upper margin of the rear plate of the cap, the corner of which is chamfered to
 15 form a suitable edge 12^a for the purpose, the included part being retained by the spring 19 so that the number will be visible through the thumb notch 14, which is thus seen to serve a double purpose.

20 While I have shown and described a ticket or coupon in connection with my improved holder, this matter is simply introduced for the purpose of clearly illustrating the method of using the holder, the said ticket forming
 25 no part of my invention, but,

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A ticket-holder comprising a casing
 30 having an open front, a cap detachably secured to said casing, said cap having a passageway through which the ticket may be

drawn, and a spring tongue extending into said passage way and adapted to frictionally engage the ticket.

2. A ticket-holder comprising a casing 35 having an open front, a cap adapted to fit over one end of said casing, and provided with a passage-way through which the ticket may be drawn, yielding means detachably interlocking the casing and cap, and means 40 for retarding the withdrawal of the ticket through the cap.

3. In a ticket-holder, the combination with a casing having one side and one end open, a cap detachably connected with the open end 45 of the casing, said cap having a ticket passageway therethrough, and a notch in its front wall and ticket retarding means arranged in said cap.

4. A ticket-holder comprising a casing, 50 spring catches secured to said casing, a cap for said casing, said cap having openings adapted to be engaged by said catches, and means for retarding the withdrawal of a ticket through said cap. 55

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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