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TICKET HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

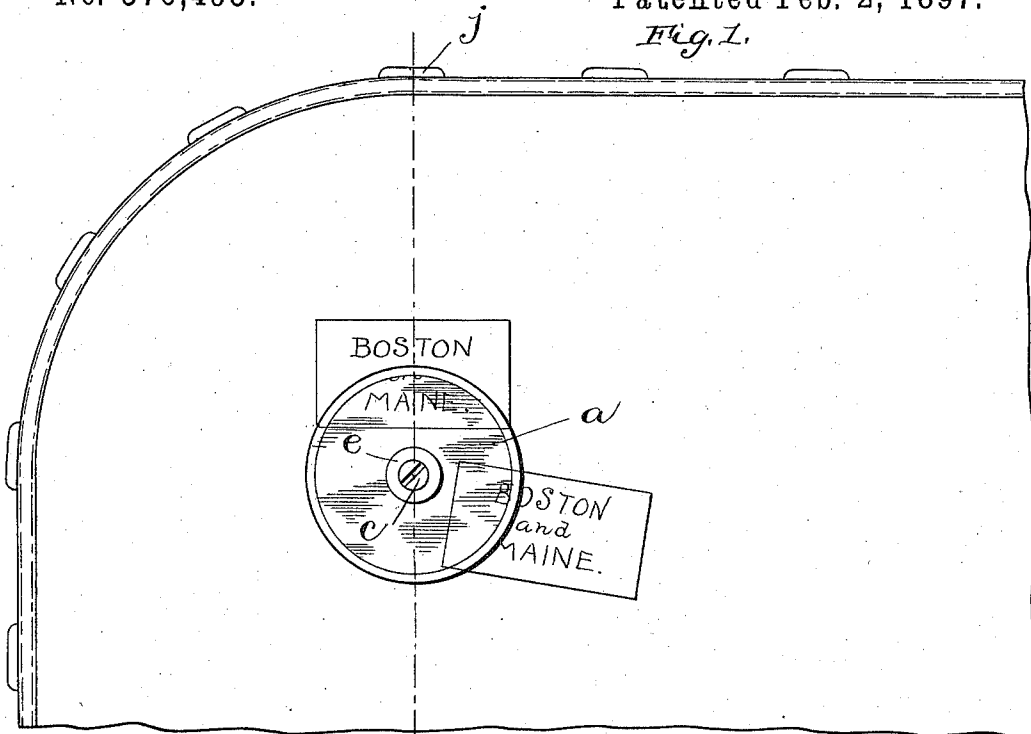
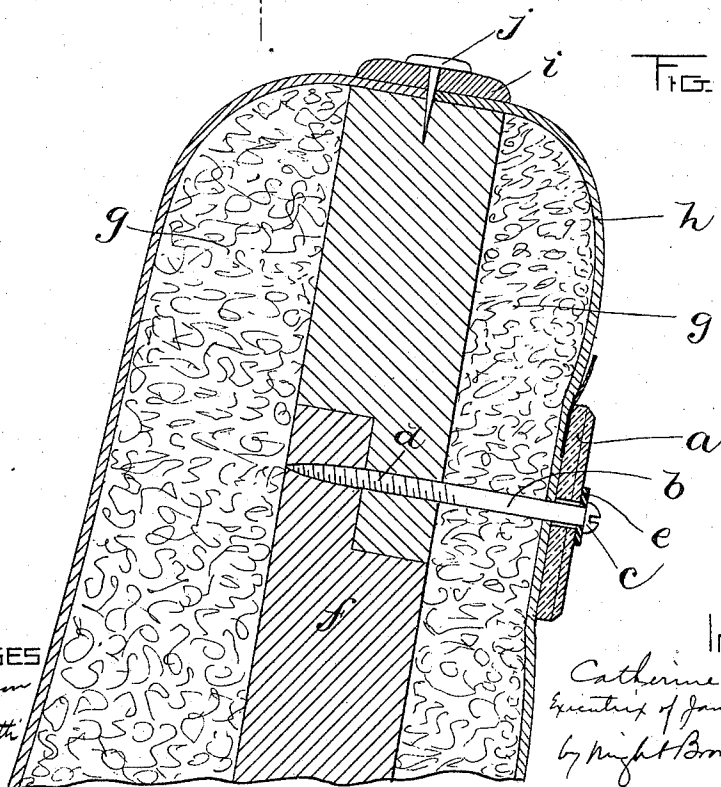


FIG. 2.



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TICKET-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that JAMES L. DRAPER, deceased, late of Canton, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders; and that I, CATHERINE W. DRAPER, of said Canton, executrix of the last will and testament of said JAMES L. DRAPER, deceased, do declare that the following is a specification of the same.

This invention has relation to that class of ticket-holders in which the device is secured to the back of one seat so as to hold the ticket of the passenger in the next succeeding seat in such a way that the passenger is relieved of the necessity of producing his ticket at intervals for the inspection of the conductor.

Numerous devices, such as a notched disk of spring metal secured to the side wall of the car, &c., have been proposed for temporarily holding the ticket, but so far as I am aware there have been objections of one sort or another to their employment. In order to hold the ticket properly in place, the holder should be arranged so as to permit of the easy introduction or withdrawal of the ticket and at the same time to so expose it to view as to obviate its removal for the conductor's inspection. The holder should likewise be formed of a minimum of parts and should be so simple in construction as to be of small cost in construction.

This invention therefore consists of a ticket-holder consisting of a plate of transparent material, such as glass, secured by a pin or screw to the solid portion of the back of the chair, whereby the yielding cushion of the said back permits the introduction of a ticket between the plate and it, so that when the tickets are inserted they are fully exposed to view, the printing or other symbols thereon being easily seen through the transparent plate.

Reference is to be had to the annexed drawings and to the letters marked thereon, forming a part of this specification, the same letters designating the same parts or features, as the case may be, wherever they occur.

Of the drawings, Figure 1 shows a portion of the back of a chair in a railway-car which is provided with two of the improved ticket-

holders. Fig. 2 is a section through the same on the line 2 2.

The device is especially adapted to be attached to the back of a chair in a railway-car, since it coöperates therewith in holding the ticket. The holder is formed, preferably, in the shape of a plate or disk and is of glass or other transparent material, so that when the ticket is inserted behind it it can be seen, as shown in Fig. 1. The disk is perforated at its center to receive a fastening screw or pin *b*, which latter is provided with a head *c* and with a threaded portion *d*. Preferably a washer *e* is inserted between the head *c* and the disk *a*. The back of the chair is constructed with a wooden portion *f*, at each side of which there is a cushion *g*, covered with a layer of plush secured along the edge of the back by a binding held in place by large-headed tacks *j*. When the disk *a* is secured to the seat, the threaded portion of the screw is driven into the wooden portion far enough to cause the disk to bear with a moderate degree of pressure against the cushion and its covering of plush, so that the ticket is easily inserted in place, the plush or the cushion yielding to permit this. In case the cushion becomes slightly worn, or its resiliency is decreased under the continual pressure of the disk, the screw may be driven in a little farther, so as to bring the disk more tightly against it.

A ticket-holder constructed in accordance with the above description possesses many features of advantage. It is extremely simple in construction, requires but a few parts, holds the tickets in place with a yielding pressure, whereby they are easily put in place and removed, and by reason of its transparency permits the conductor to see the printing on the face of the ticket without removing it from the holder.

If desired, the disk may be secured in place by a bolt threaded into a nut and locked thereto, so as to prevent any one from removing it, or it may be provided with two or more fastening devices, they being mere matters of detail and being all included in the invention.

Having thus explained the nature of the invention and described a way of constructing and using the same, though without at-

tempting to set forth all of the forms in which it may be made or all of the modes of its use, I declare that what is claimed is—

1. A ticket-holder consisting of a non-flexible plate of transparent material such as glass provided with an aperture, in combination with means passing through the aperture for securing it to the back of a seat.

2. The combination with the back of the seat formed with an unyielding central portion covered with a cushion, of a glass disk, and a screw passed through the disk, and

holding it against the said cushion whereby the cushion is adapted to yield for the reception of a ticket between it and the disk. 15

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 19th day of September, A. D. 1896.

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