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Fig. 1.

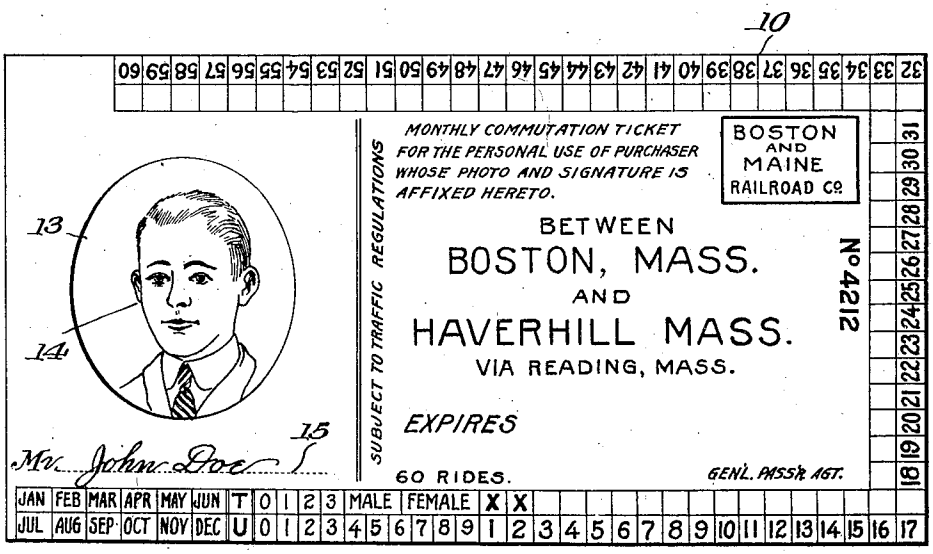
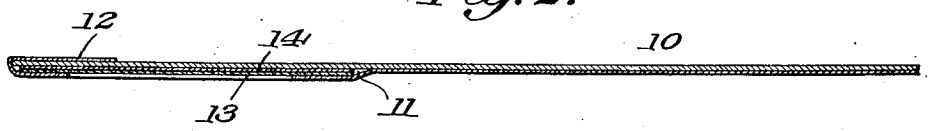


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR J. SHAUKIS, a citizen of Lithuania, residing at Haverhill, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Commutation Railroad Tickets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to printed matter, particularly to tickets and has for its object the provision of a novel ticket designed for use on railroads, interurban electric lines and in fact all transportation companies, the ticket being designed for use as a monthly commutation for the personal use of the purchaser, or family of the purchaser as the case may be, identification of the proper holder of the ticket being insured by the provision of a photograph of the holder and also his signature so that use of the ticket by an unauthorized person will be immediately detected by the conductor.

An important object is the provision of a commutation ticket of this character which of course bears data regarding the name of the road upon which it is to be used, the date of expiration of the ticket, the signature of the general passenger agent authorizing the issue of the ticket, and a plurality of spaces bearing different indicia and adapted to be punched when the ticket is initially issued, this punching setting forth the sex and possibly the color of the holder of the ticket and also the month in which the ticket will be valid.

A further object is the provision of a ticket of this character which is designed to be issued for a certain predetermined number of rides over the specified road, a plurality of number of spaces being provided which are designed to be successively punched as the successive rides have been had.

Still another object is the provision of a ticket of this character which is provided with a pocket within which is sealed the photograph of the holder of the ticket, it being designed when the ticket is entirely used up it be turned in to the traffic or passenger agent who will tear the ticket in two and will move the photograph and place it in a new ticket to be issued.

An additional object is the provision of a ticket of this character which will be simple and inexpensive in manufacture, highly efficient in use, positive in its action in preventing fraudulent use and a general improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which,

Figure 1 is a view of a ticket constructed in accordance with my invention and

Figure 2 is a sectional view therethrough illustrating the pocket formation which accommodates the photograph.

Referring more particularly to the drawings I have shown my ticket as comprising an elongated sheet of material 10 such as card-board, leatheroid, filled and water proof fabric and the like, depending upon the class of trade or the class of passengers using the device, it being natural that a more durable ticket would have to be provided for mechanics and road workmen than for ordinary passengers. This detail is however entirely immaterial as any suitable substance might be used. This sheet or ticket is shown as being of rectangular shape and is provided in one end portion with a pocket 11 having a sealing flap 12 and having a transparent window 13 which may be formed of celluloid or other suitable material. This pocket is designed for the reception of a photograph 14 of the purchaser and consequently the authorized user of the ticket, this photograph being easily capable of inspection through the transparent window 13 and being held in sealed position within the pocket 11 by means of the flap 12 which is gummed down. Beneath the photograph is a line 15 on the ticket upon which it is intended that the purchaser should write his name so that his signature will operate as identification means when taken in conjunction with the photograph. The face of the sheet or ticket of course carries all sorts of indicia such as the name of the railroad or other transportation line upon which the ticket may be used, the name of the route over which the ticket must be used, the date of expiration of the ticket, the number, the line for the signature of the passenger agent or other authorized person issuing the ticket and in fact any other data which it may be found advisable to have in plain view.

Extending around three sides of the ticket is a double row of spaces arranged as shown.

The first 12 spaces at the left of the double row have inscribed therein the names or abbreviations of the names of the months of the year and it is designed that the proper one of these squares be punched by the person issuing the ticket so as to give the proper indication as to the period of time during which the ticket will be valid. At the end of this series of the names of the month the spaces carry indicia as to the sex of the holder of the ticket and other indicia of a numerical nature ranging from zero to nine in one instance and from zero to three in another instance it being intended that the issuer of the ticket punch out one numeral one, two or three and the proper one of the numbers verging from one to thirty-one to designate the date. Throughout the remainder of the rows, the spaces or squares in the rows are numbered consecutively from one to sixty while the others are simply marked with an X or blank to be punched by the conductor as each ride is used. The number sixty is used as ordinarily there are thirty days in a month and it is intended that the ticket be good for two rides a day or sixty rides per month.

From the foregoing description and a study of the drawings it will be apparent that I have thus provided a simply constructed and consequently inexpensive commutation ticket which will effectually safeguard the railroad or other transportation company against use of the ticket by any person other than the one to whom the ticket is originally issued, the provision of the photograph and the signature operating to make a positive identification which will absolutely prevent fraud. Owing to the provision of the various numbered spaces or squares which may be punched out as the rides are used, it will be apparent that it is a simple matter to keep absolute tabs of the tickets and to prevent any repeated rides or any other fraudulent uses.

After the ticket has been entirely used it is intended that it be returned to the official issuing the ticket who will then tear the same in two so as to effect removal of the photograph which is then disposed within the pocket of a new ticket so that it may be used over and over. It is of course apparent that the ticket may be used as a family ticket, in which event instead of there being the photograph of the single purchaser there would be a group photograph of the various members of the family authorized to use the ticket. It is of course apparent that several lines may be provided for the signatures of the various members of the family if preferred.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is of course to be understood that I reserve the right to make such changes in the form, construction and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described the invention I claim:

A commutation ticket comprising a sheet of material bearing identification means relating to the holder and bearing matter relating to the issuer, said ticket being provided along its longitudinal edges and at one end with a double row of squares, the squares of both rows being inscribed at one end with the names of the month, certain other of the squares being inscribed with indicia indicating the sex of the holder, which last named squares are adapted to be punched out, certain other squares being inscribed with numerals arranging from zero to nine and adapted to be punched out in multiple to indicate the date, and the remaining squares being inscribed with numerals corresponding to the number of rides for which the ticket is issued and adapted to be punched as the rides are taken, one end of the ticket being formed as an envelope adapted to receive a photograph of the holder and provided with an opening exposing the photograph, a signature line being provided beneath the opening for the signature of the holder.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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