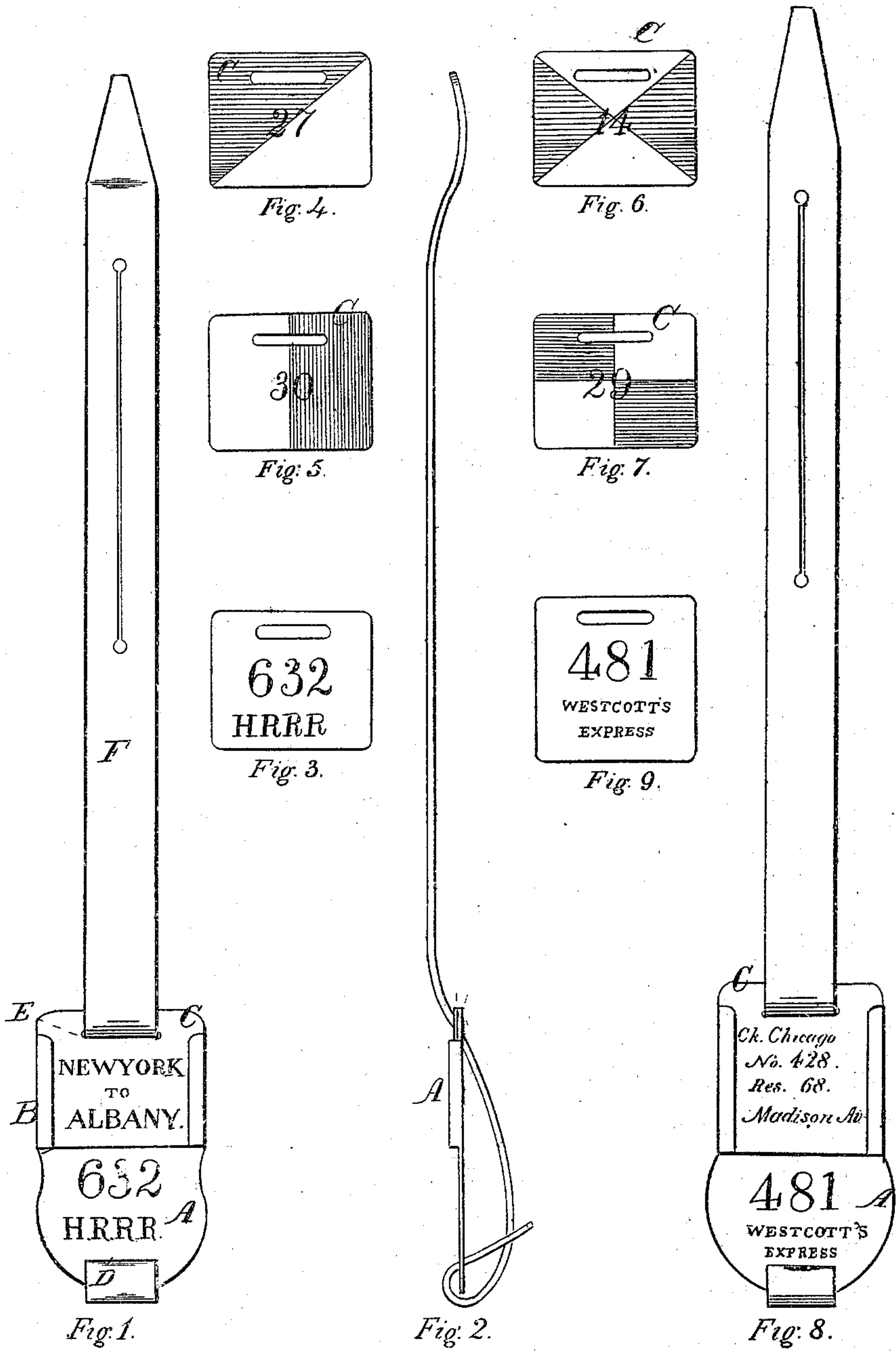


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BAGGAGE CHECK.

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Specification of an improved Baggage Check, invented by GEORGE C. THOMAS, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and State of New York.

The object of my invention is the furnishing a check for railroads and baggage-express companies, which shall be cheaper, while it is as easily applied, and capable of much more extended use, than those now used. It consists of a piece of metal properly lettered and numbered, and having the edges bent in so as to form a recess or receptacle for a card or marker, on which the name or number of the place to which the baggage is going is printed or stamped; and, in case a number is used, the color or shape of this card or marker may be made to indicate the road or branch road on which the station corresponding to the number is situated. In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of that part of a railroad check which is attached to the baggage.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the check to be given to the owner of the baggage to which fig. 1 is attached.

Figures 4, 5, 6, and 7 are different kinds of markers or check cards, to indicate the different roads in a line, or the different branches of a road.

Figure 8 is a front elevation of that part of a baggage-express check which is fastened to the trunk.

Figure 9 is the corresponding check, to be given to the owner of the baggage.

In figs. 1 to 7, inclusive, A is a strip of brass, or other metal, having the edges B B bent upward and inward, so as to form a recess or receptacle for the card C. On the lower end of this strip the number of the check and initials or name of the road are marked by stamping or otherwise. D and E are slots cut through the strip of metal A, to furnish a means of fastening the strap F to the strip, and also of keeping the card C in its place, and prevent its being lost out of the recess in A, which is done by passing the strap F through the slot D, in the strip A, and also through a corresponding slot in the card C. On this card is printed, written, or stamped the number of the station to which the baggage is going, while the color, and pattern of the color, on its face, or the form of the card, indicate on which one of several roads or branch roads the station is situated. In figs. 8 and 9, A is a strip of metal similar in form to A in fig. 1; but it is intended to be used by baggage expressmen; and for this purpose it is provided with cards or markers C, printed or stamped in blank with spaces for the number of the check, which the owner of the baggage delivers to the expressman, the name of the place from which the baggage was last checked, and the place to which the baggage is to be taken by the expressman; or, the card C may be entirely blank. They may be made of thin metal, thick paper, card-board, or other material, and may be varied almost infinitely in form, color, and pattern, though I prefer to make them of card-board, colored in different patterns to indicate different roads and branch roads. This check is easily understood, cheap, and durable. The cards may be used but once, and then thrown away; or, they may be used oftener, as may be deemed best, since the cost is very small. These checks obviate the necessity of marking baggage with unsightly chalk marks, or the still more objectionable pasted labels with which it is so likely to be covered by the present system of marking.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination, with a railroad or express check, having the number of the check indicated thereon, of a detachable piece, forming an addition to, or supplementary part of, said check, and attached directly to the check, or to the check strap, which shall indicate the destination of the baggage.

2. The combination, with a railroad or express check, having the number of the check indicated thereon, of a detachable piece, forming an addition to or a supplementary part thereof, and attached directly to the check or the check strap, and so made as to be capable of indicating by its color or shape the direction in which the baggage is to be sent, or the road or branch road over which it is to go.

3. The combination, with a railroad or express check, of a detachable piece, forming an addition to or a supplementary part thereof, and indicating the direction or the destination of the baggage, when the said detachable piece is secured in position, either in part or wholly, by the check strap, substantially as herein set forth.

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