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LOCK SEAL.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Be it known that I, ALBON MAN, of the city of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Seal for Locks and other purposes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed engravings as specimens and illustrations of my invention, to be applied to Thompson's or other similar seal locks.

The nature of this invention consists in the preparation of a seal printed on a slip of paper with a marginal register, on which can be noted the time and place of using the same. These seals of various designs on slips may be combined in pass-books or otherwise. The invention contemplates the use of numerous variant designs to be combined on one slip of paper or bound in successive pages of a pass-book, so as to allow of a permutation of the designs for further security.

The object of this invention is to provide a check upon the use of the seal, and on the person who is authorized to use the same.

The manner of using this invention is to take from the book or sheet or piece of paper on which it is prepared or printed, one of the designs intended as a seal and insert it in the lock with the face downward, (so that it cannot be discovered what particular design is used,) or otherwise appropriately insert it in a lock intended for use with seals, and at the same time to make a record, upon the margin, of the time, circumstances, place of using or other material matter in regard to the use of the seal; and at the next or some subsequent occasion in like manner to use another and different design, making on the appropriate margin a like record of use, thus by permutation of designs in use keeping all others than the persons authorized to know it, in ignorance of what particular design is in a lock at any given time, as well as at the same time keeping a record which will show whether seals are in fact used, and serve as a check upon any employee required to use them, by enabling the employer to examine a record in regard thereto, and to see by the margin itself, even without a record, if any designs are missing or used without record or the like.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A seal for lock seals or other analogous purposes, where it is important to keep a record of the number and kind of seals used, and the times, places, and circumstances of the use thereof, by the preparation of the seal, upon a slip of paper with a marginal register, on which all the said facts may be noted.
2. I claim constructing said seals variantly, so as to operate as a check upon counterfeiting, and so that it cannot be known which design is used in any given case except by the person using it and by the record.
3. I claim these variant designs combined in pass-books on slips of papers, so as to allow a permutation of the designs for further security.

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