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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

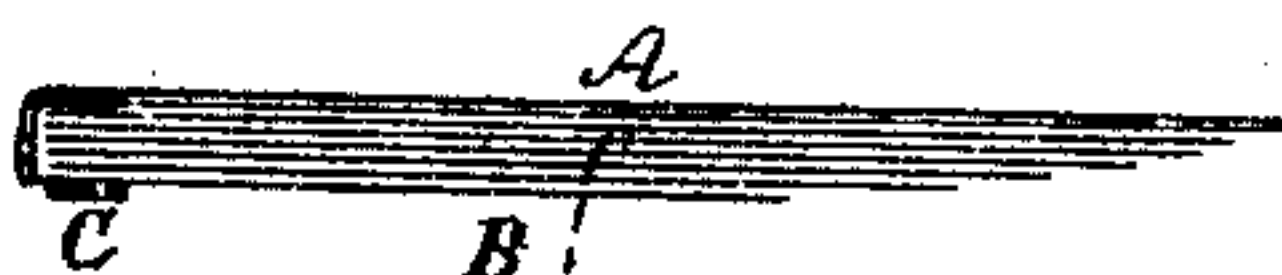


Fig. 3.

<p><i>A</i> London City ----- Sec'y</p>	<p>RIDES IN PACKAGE</p>	<p>CHECK FOR E Railway. <i>B</i> ONE PERSON. <i>D</i></p>
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IMPROVEMENT IN SELF-CANCELLING RAILWAY-TICKETS.

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN DYER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and in the State of Illinois, have invented a new and improved Self-Cancelling Ticket for Railways, Ferries, and other purposes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents the edge of the open ticket.

Figure 2, the same closed.

Figure 3, the ticket open, showing the face.

The nature of my invention consists in a durable cover, made of paper, pasteboard, or other flexible material, to which any required number of checks or tickets, graduated in length, and consecutively numbered or otherwise designated, are firmly fastened in any substantial manner, the shortest check or ticket being lowest in number, and placed at the bottom. The cover contains a part of the contract, and the checks or tickets the remainder, and by detaching one of the latter, so much of the contract as it represented while attached to the cover is cancelled, and it becomes valueless for a fare, but useful as a memorandum to the party issuing it, to whom it serves conclusively to establish the number of fares collected by each of its agents. The checks being all detached, the cover is taken up by the conductor.

In the annexed drawings, A represents the cover, containing the name of the party issuing the ticket, together with the number of rides contained, or any other information deemed useful. B represents the checks or tickets, firmly fastened at C by any method found desirable, and number or in any other manner designated at D. E represents an additional fastening, of thread, wire, or by other means, as a safeguard against the removal of intermediate checks or tickets.

The advantages possessed by my improvement over those in general use are—

First. Detaching the check cancels it; and as they are graduated in length, and consecutively numbered, or otherwise designated and arranged, the process of collecting fares is rendered more easy, and fewer mistakes and misunderstandings are liable to occur than by the usual method of punching out numbers. It also saves the expense and inconvenience of punches.

Second. The number or designation of the topmost check shows at a glance the number of fares remaining in the package.

Third. The ticket is more compact and convenient for passengers, and a large number of fares can be combined in one package or ticket, without rendering it inconveniently bulky for a porte-monnaie or vest-pocket.

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

A self-cancelling ticket, composed of any number of checks, firmly fastened in a flexible cover, containing a part of the contract, and which checks are graduated in length, and consecutively numbered, or otherwise designated and arranged, and which, when detached from the cover, effectually cancel all obligation represented by them when fastened to the cover, for the purpose and substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 17th day of February, 1868.

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