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Ticket-Cases.

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Fig. 1.

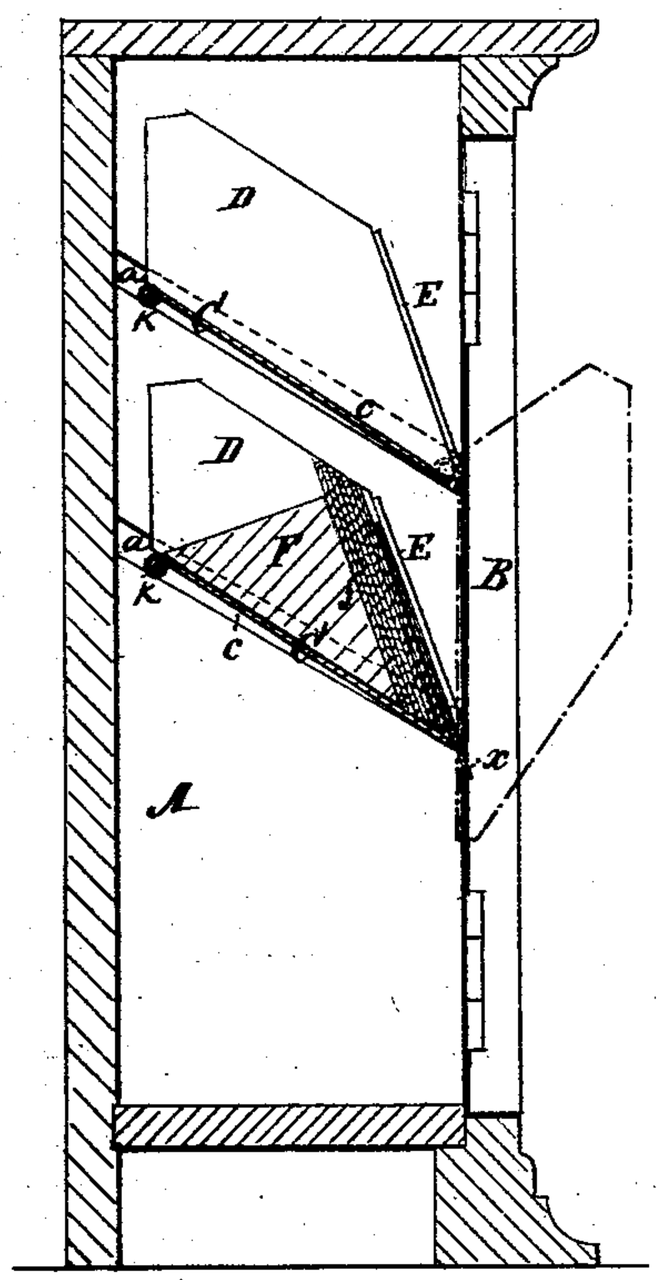
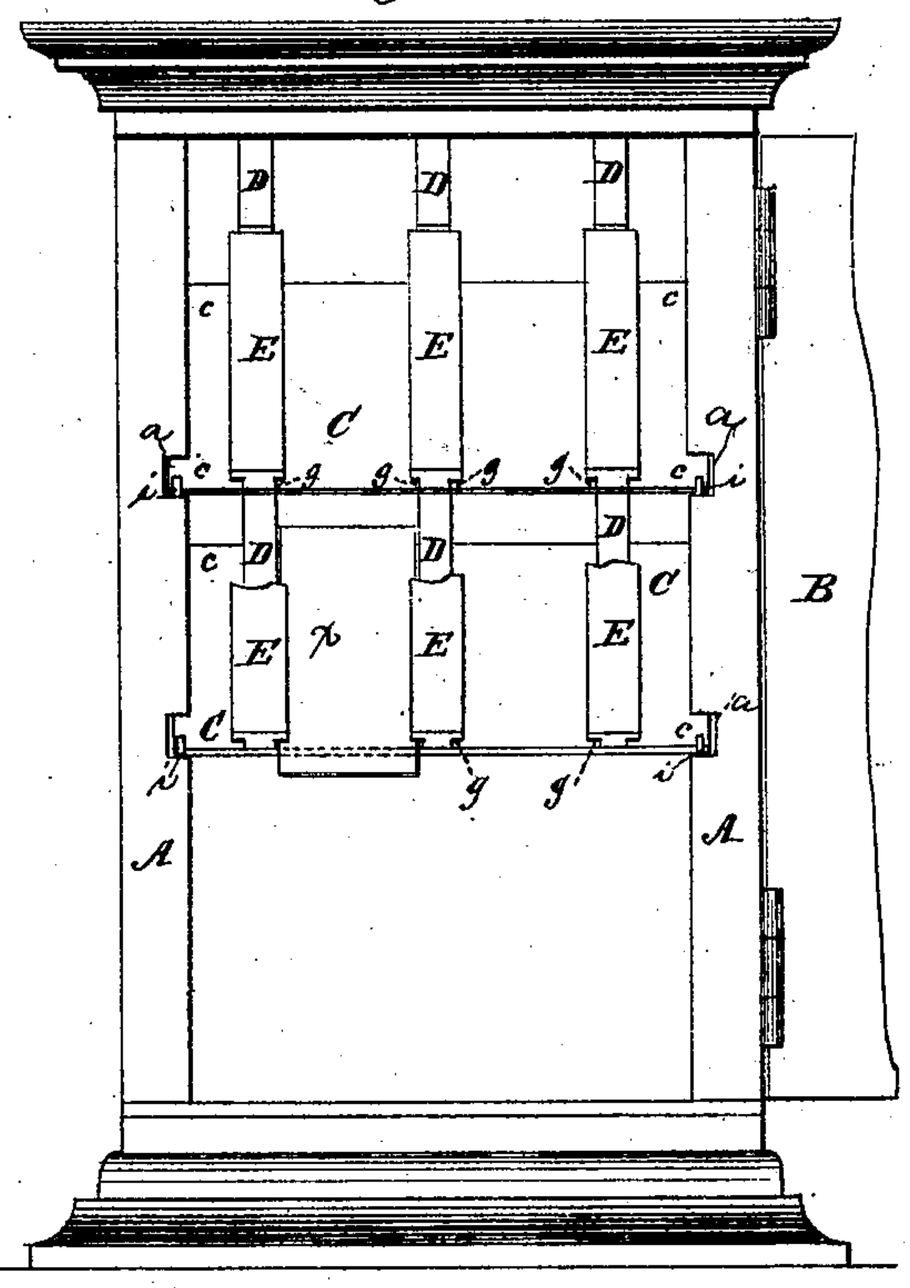


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TICKET-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD J. BLADES, of Harrington, in the county of Kent and State of Delaware, have invented a new and Improved Ticket and Delivery Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section, and Fig. 2 is a front view.

My invention is an improvement in the class of railway-ticket holders in which slides or drawers are provided with spring-actuated followers for pressing the tickets forward into position to be seized and drawn out.

I employ a follower actuated by gravity, thereby economizing space and securing other advantages, and so construct and arrange the slides and their containing-case that the tickets may be drawn downward and then out of the slide-compartments, and the slides themselves also drawn forward and suspended in a vertical position for refilling with tickets, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

The rectangular case or box A is provided with a hinged door, B. In the sides of the case I form grooves *a*, which are inclined downward from rear to front. The bottom of each slide or drawer C is extended laterally at *c*, thus forming flanges which fit in said grooves and support the slide or drawer in an inclined position. Each drawer may be divided into any desired or suitable number of compartments by partitions D, in each of which a certain number or class of tickets may be placed. The tickets are prevented from sliding forward by strips E of wood or metal applied to the front of the partitions. A space, *g*, is, however, left between the lower end of each strip and the bottom of the drawer to permit the extraction of tickets, one at a time, the operation being of course effected by pulling the ticket downward. In Fig. 2 a ticket, *x*, is shown partially extracted. To cause the tickets to "feed" forward, so that all may, one after another, be drawn from the compartments, I provide a triangular follower-block, F, which rests or presses against the tickets by the action of gravity.

As a means of securing the several slides C in the case, studs *i* are driven into the sides of the case at the front of the grooves *a*, and the rear end of the bottom of the slides is provided with a lug or projection, *k*. Thus the slides are kept in the position shown in full lines, Fig. 1, by their front edges resting against the studs; but when the compartments require a fresh supply of tickets, the slides are raised at the front edge to clear the studs *i*, and drawn forward until the rib or projection *k* comes in contact with said studs, when they will assume the vertical position shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1, which admits of convenient insertion of tickets.

It is obvious that the main function of the grooves is to support the slides in an inclined position, being in this respect similar to the ordinary rests or bars employed for supporting shelves, &c.

What I claim is—

1. A series of ticket-holding slides, C, arranged in inclined ways in a case, A, and having strips E applied vertically, or nearly so, to the front edge of the partitions D, so as to leave a space, *g*, at the bottom, and the gravitating follower-blocks F, all combined as shown and described.

2. The combination of the ticket-holding slides C, having lugs or projections *k* at the rear side, with the case A, having grooves *a* and studs *i* combined, as shown and described, whereby the slides may be drawn forward and suspended vertically to be filled, as specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 22d day of May, 1873.

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