

C. J. STROMBERG.  
Railway Coupon Ticket.

No. 204,174.

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CHICAGO BURLINGTON AND QUINCY  
ROAD

GOOD FOR  
ONE FIRST CLASS PASSAGE  
To Point on N.Y.C. & H.R.R.R.  
Designated by Punch Mark, and  
when stamped by Company's Agent.

*Sam Bonell*  
General Ticket Agent

Via CB+Q. LS+MS. NYC+HR.

IF MORE THAN ONE STATION IS DESIGNATED AS THE  
TERMINUS ON THIS TICKET IT WILL BE HONORED  
ONLY TO THE STATION INDICATED BY PUNCH MARKS,  
NEAREST THE STARTING POINT OF COUPON.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.  
LOCKPORT  
MEDINA  
BATAVIA  
ALBION  
BROCKPORT  
ROCHESTER  
PALMYRA  
Canandaigua  
LYONS  
CLYDE  
GENEVA  
WATERLOO  
Seneca Falls, N.Y.

ISSUED BY  
CHICAGO BURLINGTON AND QUINCY  
RAILROAD

NY. CENT. & HUD. RIV. R.R.  
BUFFALO  
TO  
Station designated by  
punch mark.  
Via CB+Q. LS+MS. NYC+HR.

Form 1878.

FIRST CLASS  
THIS CHECK NOT  
GOOD IF DETACHED.

Seneca Falls, N.Y.  
WATERLOO  
GENEVA  
CLYDE  
LYONS  
Canandaigua  
PALMYRA  
ROCHESTER  
BROCKPORT  
ALBION  
BATAVIA  
MEDINA  
LOCKPORT  
Niagara Falls

ISSUED BY  
CHICAGO BURLINGTON AND QUINCY  
RAILROAD

LAKE SHORE & M. SOU. R.R.  
CHICAGO  
TO  
BUFFALO.  
Via CB+Q. LS+MS. NYC+HR.

Form 1878.

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ALBION  
BROCKPORT  
ROCHESTER  
PALMYRA  
Canandaigua  
LYONS  
CLYDE  
GENEVA  
WATERLOO  
Seneca Falls

ISSUED BY  
CHICAGO BURLINGTON AND QUINCY  
RAILROAD

CHIC., BURL. & QUINCY R.R.  
TO  
CHICAGO.  
Via CB+Q. LS+MS. NYC+HR.

Form 1878.

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BROCKPORT  
ALBION  
BATAVIA  
MEDINA  
LOCKPORT  
Niagara Falls

NYC & H.R.R.  
AGENTS STUB.  
ISSUED BY  
C.B. & Q. R.R.  
FIRST CLASS  
To  
Point designated by  
Punch Mark in Margin.

Form 1878.

Via CB+Q. LS+MS. NYC+HR.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY COUPON-TICKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **204,174**, dated May 28, 1878; application filed March 16, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. STROMBERG, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Railroad-Tickets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in a coupon railroad-ticket in which the agent's stub and each succeeding coupon indicate the place of departure and destination and road or roads over which the passenger will travel, leaving a final stub for the conductor of the last road, also indicating the place of departure and destination, and each part having a list of the coupon-stations of the terminal road, whereby but one set or form of tickets is required for each road, and whereby each road and the agent retains a complete history of the ticket, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and which is a front or face representation of a railroad-ticket embodying my invention.

My improved railroad-ticket consists of the agent's stub A and a series of coupons, B B, corresponding in number to the number of roads for which the ticket is intended, said stub and coupons being all in one piece and divided by rows of indentations or perforations, so as to be easily folded and separated.

The stub A and each coupon B show, by suitable notices thereon, the various roads over which the passenger buying the ticket has to pass. The point of departure is marked upon all by means of the stamp of the agent that sells the ticket.

Each coupon and the agent's stub have upon them the names of the coupon-stations on the last road of the route for which the ticket is issued in any desired order, and this order so arranged on the different parts of the ticket that when the ticket is folded the names of the coupon-station on the different coupons and stub will coincide, and, if a hole

be punched through them, such hole will show close to the same name upon all the coupons and stub.

When the agent sells a ticket he is to fold the same, and then indicate, by punching, the name of the station for which the ticket is sold. Thus the agent's stub and each of the coupons show the point of departure, the destination, and the roads over which the passenger will travel, and each coupon forms a complete history of the whole ticket.

To illustrate the saving which may be effected by the use of my ticket, supposing there be fourteen stations on the New York Central Railroad to which the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad desires to sell coupon-tickets, the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad is obliged, by the present system, to carry a separate form of tickets for each of the fourteen stations named; whereas, by the use of my invention, the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad would have to carry but one form or set of tickets for the New York Central Railroad, and in like manner but one form for any other road to the stations of which it is desired to sell coupon-tickets, unless there be several routes to the same point or points to which such tickets are sold, in which case, by the use of my ticket, but one form or kind for each route is necessary, instead of the multiplicity of forms required by the present system.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A coupon railroad-ticket in which the agent's stub and each succeeding coupon indicate the place of departure and destination and road or roads over which the passenger will travel, and each part having a list of the coupon-stations of the terminal road and a final stub for the conductor of the last road, also indicating place of departure and destination, whereby but one set or form of tickets is required for each road, and whereby each road and the agent retain a complete history of the ticket, substantially as herein set forth.

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