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ADMISSION-TICKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. CYRENIUS, of Scriba, in the county of Oswego, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Admission-Tickets, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to season-tickets for admissions to fairs, theaters, camp-meetings, &c., usually continuing several days. The usual style of these tickets merely contained the name of the party entitled to the use of same. Such tickets are not designed to be transferable, and so long as the holder of the ticket is personally known to the door-tender no fraudulent use of the ticket can be practiced; but since this is not always the case persons have taken advantage of such occasions by surreptitiously passing their ticket from inside of the inclosure to parties outside, and thus allowing them to use said ticket to admit them.

It is to obviate such fraudulent use of the ticket which my invention has for its object; and to that end it consists in the peculiar form of ticket hereinafter described.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which represents a season-ticket adapted for a State, county, or other fair, said ticket being divided into a number of sections equal to the number of days for which the ticket is designed to be used. Each of said sections is subdivided into two parts or columns, one of which is marked "in" and the other "out," or with other synonymous words.

The method of using this ticket is as follows: Each exit as well as each admittance of the holder of the ticket is to be registered on the ticket by punching a hole or otherwise marking therein, the admittances being registered in the in-column and the exits in the out-column of the section marked the day corresponding with that on which it is used. The effect of this is obvious. On presenting the ticket for admission the previous registries in

the exit-column of the ticket must be equal to the registries in the admission-column. Otherwise it shows that another person has entered with the same ticket and is still inside the inclosure.

Where tickets are designed to admit man and wife I prefer to print in each column figures 1 and 2, alternately, as shown in the drawing, thereby saving time in registering. When both enter at once the figure 2 in the admission-column is canceled, and if only one enters figure 1 in the same column is canceled. If a man passes out alone, leaving his wife inside of the inclosure, figure 1 of the exit-column is canceled, thus proving that his partner is still in the inclosure, and preventing him from using the ticket to pass another person in with him. This same result is produced in every case where an improper transfer of the ticket has been made. At the close of each day of the fair all persons may be allowed to pass out without presenting their ticket for registry. Each succeeding day another section of the ticket is used for registering, as before described.

In addition to the advantages already set forth, it will be observed that by means of my improved ticket the use of extra return-checks, usually given at theaters, may be dispensed with.

What I claim as my invention is—

A ticket divided into sections, each marked for a certain day on which the ticket may be used, and having each of said sections subdivided into two parts for registering, respectively, the number of admissions and number of exits of the holder of the ticket, substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Oswego, in the county of Oswego and State of New York, this 19th day of May, 1880.

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