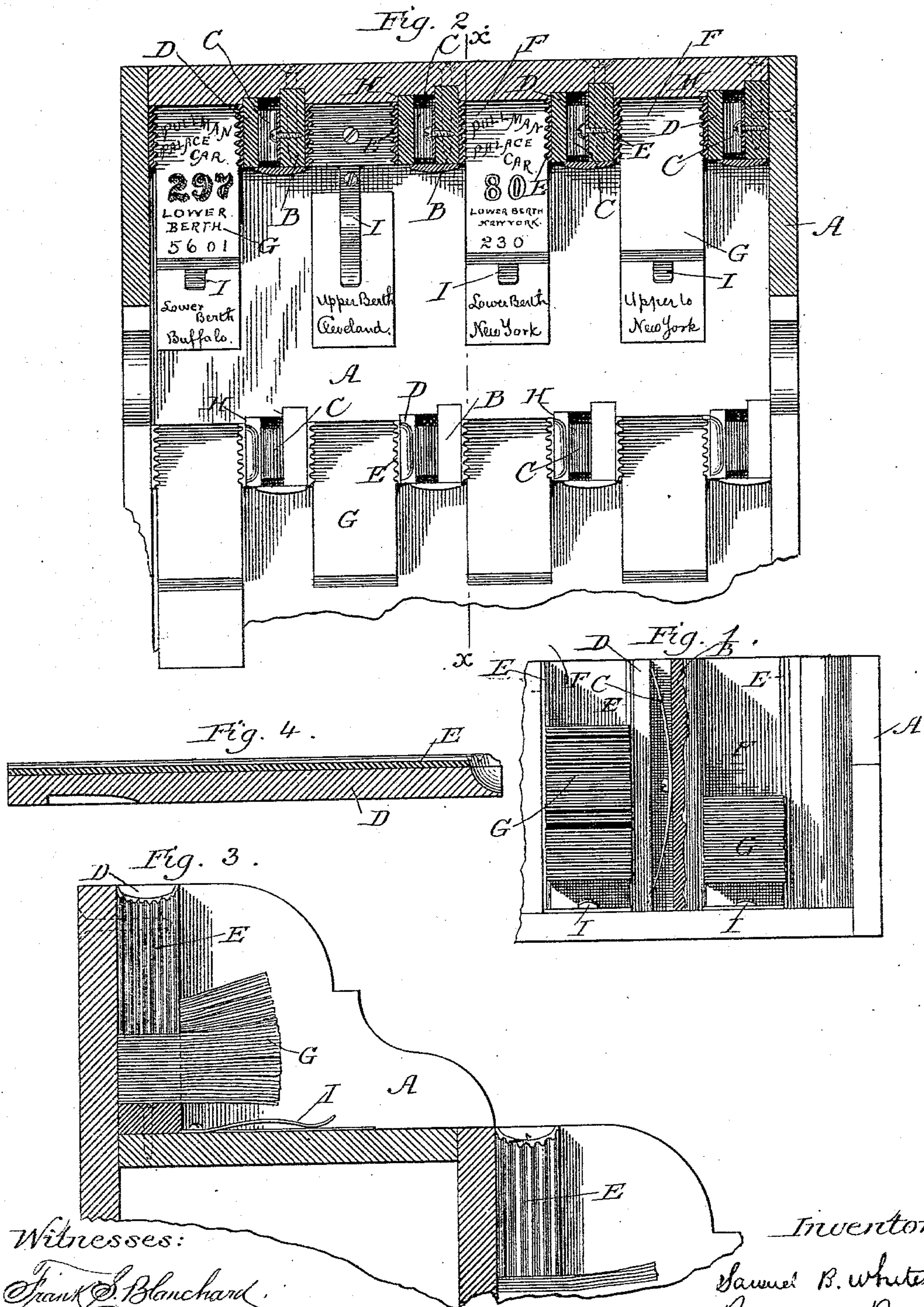


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TICKET-DISTRIBUTING BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL B. WHITEHEAD, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ticket-Distributing Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to make a convenient ticket-distributing box for use in railroad, steamboat, sleeping-car, theater, and other ticket-offices; and the invention consists in providing the partitions of a ticket-distributing box with movable sides, rubber linings or coverings, and internal springs, as hereinafter specified.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my ticket-distributing box when made one story high, with the front of one of the partitions removed to show the internal spring. Fig. 2 is a plan view of such box when made in tiers, or more than one story high, with the top story in sections. Fig. 3 is a sectional view in the line $x x$; and Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the movable side of one of the partitions, showing the slot by means of which the spring holds it in position.

A represents the ticket-distributing box proper; B, the partitions thereof; C, the springs arranged therein; D, the movable sides thereof; E, the corrugated rubber coverings on the sides of the partitions; F, the spaces between the partitions; G, the tickets arranged in such spaces; H, the shoulders which prevent the movable sides from being pressed too far by the springs, and I the spring at the bottom to hold an indicating-ticket in place.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in all the drawings.

In constructing my ticket-distributing box I make as many spaces F for tickets as may be desired, of suitable width, by arranging partitions B, which extend forward a short distance from the back of the box, and each of which is provided with one movable side D. Each partition is of sufficient thickness to contain an internal spring, C, and this spring,

pressing against the movable side, forces it tight against the tickets. In this way each package of tickets is held tightly in place and against the stationary side of the next partition. I have found it convenient to use a C-spring and to arrange it at the central point of the partition vertically; but of course other forms of springs located at other points may be used. The sides of the partitions which press against the tickets have corrugated rubber linings or coverings E; but coverings of other materials may be used. I provide shoulders H on the back of the box to prevent the springs from pressing the movable sides of the partitions too far out or too strongly against the tickets; but these are not indispensable to the successful operation of my invention.

The advantages of my invention are that it furnishes a convenient and secure way of fastening and holding the tickets for distribution. It also permits one or more tickets to be withdrawn or replaced, as desired, without disturbing the whole package, as is the case when the tickets are secured by the rubber band or weight now in common use. In addition to this it enables the agent at all times to see the whole face of the ticket and its serial number or numbers, and thus to avoid many mistakes which now arise by reason of his not being able to do this. The tickets being held tightly in place, in the way above mentioned, the agent by running his thumb over the outer end of each package can easily separate them from each other without throwing any out or disturbing the package, and thus can always see that no two tickets stick together, so as to be sold as one.

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

The combination, in the partition of a ticket-distributing box, of the movable side D, internal spring, C, and covering or lining E, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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