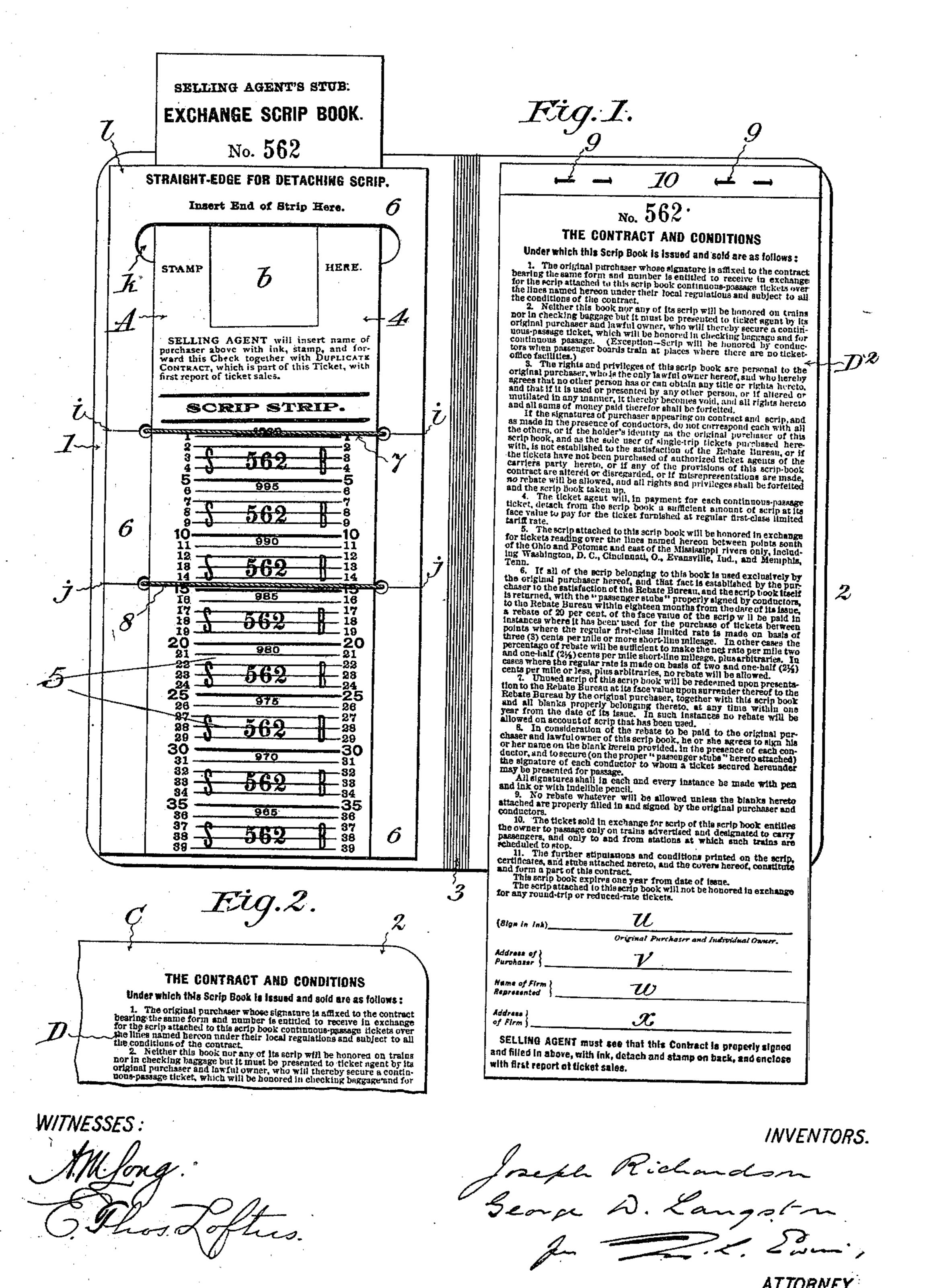
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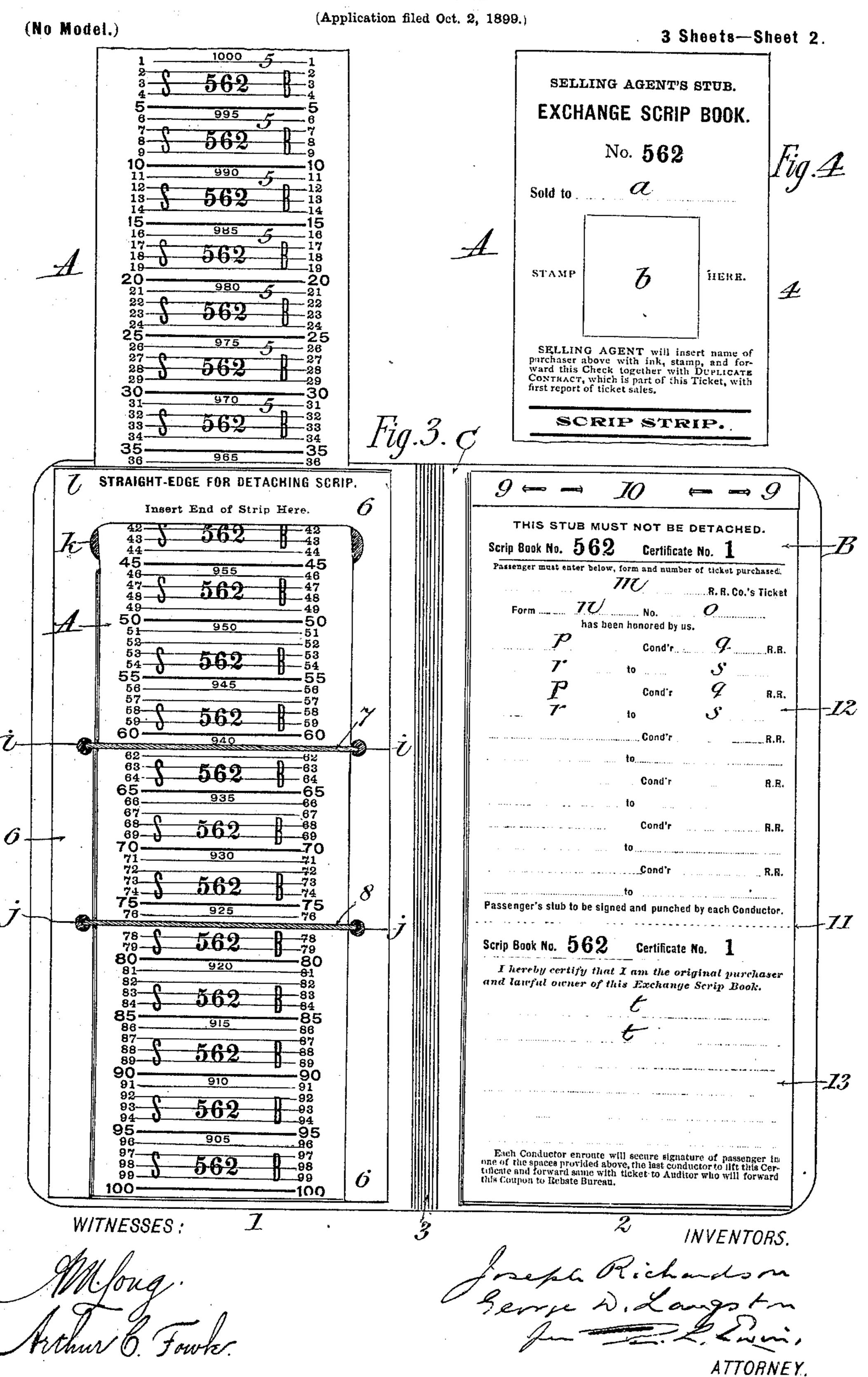
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Fig. 6.

# EXCHANGE SCRIP BOOK.

No. 562

NOT TRANSFERABLE.

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

When desiring to purchase ticket by payment of scrip belonging to this Book, PASSENGER WILL PRESENT THE BOOK TO TICKET AGENT, who will detach sufficient amount of scrip (at its face value) to pay for regular one-way continuous-passage ticket, furnished at first-class limited tariff rate, and then secure passenger's signature in ink or indelible pencil on back of scrip detached. Passenger will sign his name on proper conductor's certificate, hereto attached, in the presence of each conductor to whom ticket is presented for passage, and secure signature of each conductor on proper passenger stub hereto attached. PASSENGER MUST BE CAREFUL TO SEE THAT PROPER DESCRIPTION OF TICKET IS ENTERED ON PASSENGER'S STUB. When all scrip has been used, passenger will send Scrip Book with all passenger's stubs attached hereto to the Chairman of the Rebate Bureau for adjustment, in accordance with the terms of the contract signed by the original purchaser.

The scrip attached to this Book will not be honored in exchange for any round-trip or special-rate tickets.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO TICKET AGENTS.

After securing signature of passenger on back of scrip. Agent will enter below such signature the form, consecutive number and route of ticket furnished, and, after stamping scrip, will remit it to the Auditor of his company.

Agent will not receive credit for value of scrip unless he secures thereon signature of passenger and makes endorsement as instructed.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CONDUCTORS.

Conductors must not fail to secure signature of passenger on conductor's certificate, and conductor honoring ticket to destination must not fail to detach said certificate and send it to Auditor of his company.

Neither this Book nor any of its Scrip will be honored for passage on trains nor in checking baggage except when passenger boards trains at places where there are no ticket office facilities.

10 11- 12- 13- 14- 15- 16-	C Cond.  R. R.  562   Form   Cond.  No.	562   -5   -8   -7   -8   -7   -9   -1   -1   -1   -1   -1   -1   -1
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Cond. R. R.  562   Form   No.  Prom To 5	562 -25 -25 -27 -28 -29 30 -31
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41- 42- 43- 44- 45- 46- 47- 49- 50	562 Form No.  Prom To  5 7 5	562 45 -45 -48 -48 -48 -48 -48 -48 -48 -48 -48 -48
51- 52- 53- 54- 55- 56- 57- 58- 59-	562 From No.	562 -58 -58 -54 -56 -56 -56 -57 -58
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## RAILWAY-TICKET.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 669,489, dated March 5, 1901.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, Joseph Richardson and George D. Langston, citizens of the United States of America, and residents of the city of Atlanta, in the State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Railway-Tickets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists in an "exchangeto scrip book" and in certain novel combinations of parts therein, as hereinafter set forth

and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a novel substitute for all mileage-tickets or 15 credit-credentials now in use, by whatever name the same may be known; also, to preserve to the traveling public a convenient means for obtaining interchangeable mileage or its equivalent over such railways as may 20 form the bureau by which the exchange-book is issued; also, to provide a system which adjusts itself to any rate of mileage and to special charges, such as bridge-charges and other arbitraries; also, to avoid the necessity for 25 giving special instructions to the conductors as to short-line mileage and to prevent collusion between passenger and conductor or agents and conductors; also, to prevent the possibility of sales of non-transferable mile-30 age in fraud of the contract under which such mileage is issued; also, to prevent the dealing in non-transferable mileage-tickets by ticket-brokers, commonly known as "ticketscalpers;" also, to provide a system by which 35 the auditors of the several roads forming the bureau from which a given exchange-book is issued may keep an accurate check on the conductors of their respective lines honoring passenger-tickets sold in exchange for scrip 40 contained in such books; also, to provide a system whereby it is unnecessary to supply ticket-agents and conductors with any special blanks or tickets or tables of distances or arbitraries.

Three sheets of drawings accompany this

specification as part thereof.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a face view of the exchange-scrip book open. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of the inner face of the cover. Fig. 3 is a face view of the open book with the duplicate contract and selling-agent's stub

detached. Fig. 4 is a face view of said selling-agent's stub. Fig. 5 is a view of the book closed, showing the front of its cover; and Fig. 6 is a fragmentary face view of a pre-55 ferred scrip-strip.

Like letters and numbers refer to like parts

in all the figures.

Said exchange-scrip book comprises a continuous scrip-strip A and a supply of serially- 60 numbered certificate-blanks B, attached inside to the respective lids 1 and 2 of a cover C, which has a flexible back 3, connecting said lids.

The scrip-strip A is folded back and forth 65 like the mileage-strip of a thousand-mile-passage ticket and may be of the customary form, as represented in Fig. 1, but with one cent instead of one mile as its unit. Its essential parts are a selling-agent's stub 4, Figs. 1 and 70 4, and sufficient successively-numbered coupons 5, Figs. 1 and 3 or Fig. 6. Said sellingagent's stub, Fig. 4, is provided with blanks a and b, adapted, respectively, to receive the name of the purchaser and the date of sale. 75 After it receives such name and date it is detached by the agent, together with the duplicate contract D2, Fig. 1, which bears the purchaser's signature, and the two are forwarded by the agent with the first report of ticket 80 sales to the auditor of his company, who transmits the duplicate contract to the rebatebureau. The scrip is used for the purchase from authorized ticket-agents of ordinary one-way-passage tickets, which may read 85 over any or all of the lines represented by the rebate-bureau. A portion of the scrip-strip A comprising the required number of coupons 5 is torn off by the agent, who secures the signature of the passenger on the back 90 of the detached scrip, indorses below such signature the form, consecutive number, and route of the passage-ticket purchased, stamps the detached scrip, and remits it as the equivalent of money to the auditor of his company. 95 The only exception to this rule is that the scrip may be used in payment for passage on trains when boarded at places where there

The scrip-strip A in all cases represents 100 money instead of mileage and may preferably be of a special design, as represented by Fig.

are no ticket-office facilities.

This figure also represents the substitution of ten (10) units to each of the coupons 5 instead of five units, as in the form shown in Fig. 1, and the provision of the face of the 5 scrip-strip with spaces c, d, e, f, g, and h to be filled in on one coupon of each detached portion by the ticket-agent or by the conductor when the scrip is used for passage from stations where there are no ticket-office to facilities, said spaces c and d being for the signature of the conductor and the initials of his road, the spaces e and f for the form and serial number of the passage-ticket to be filled in by the ticket-agent, and the spaces 15 g and h for designations of the extent of the trip to be filled in by the agent or by the conductor, as the case may be.

The scrip-strip A in either form is conveniently pasted or otherwise attached at its in-20 ner end to a card 6, Figs. 1 and 3, that may be and preferably is fastened in like manner at its lower end to the lid 1 of the cover C and is provided with slits i and j to accommodate elastic bands 7 and 8 for holding the 25 strip back against the card, and with a slot k, through which the strip is drawn, as in Fig. 3, and a straight-edge l for use in detaching successive portions of the strip.

The certificate-blanks B, Fig. 3, are se-30 cured to the lid 2 of the cover C, together with the duplicate contract D2, by one or more fastenings 9, of wire, and a straight-edge keeper 10, of cardboard, and are serially numbered from one to fifty ("1" to "50") or as the 35 case may be. Each blank has a transverse tearing-line 11, separating a non-detachable

"passenger's-stub" 12, to be signed and punched by each conductor honoring a given passage-ticket, and a detachable "certificate" 40 13, to be signed by the passenger in the pres-

ence of each conductor so honoring such ticket, and to be lifted by the last conductor and forwarded through the auditor of his company to the rebate-bureau. Each 45 stub 12 has appropriately-designated spaces

m, n, o, p, q, r, and s to receive, respectively, (m) the name of the company selling the ticket, (n) the form of the ticket, (o)its serial number, (p) the signature of the 50 conductor, (q) the initials of his road, and (r)and s) designations of the points between which the ticket is honored by each subscribing conductor, said appropriately-designated

spaces, p to s, inclusive, being repeated a suf-55 ficient number of times to provide for the longest trips, and each certificate 13 is provided with spaces t, repeated to a like extent for the successive signatures of the passenger. The passenger is required to fill in the spaces

60 m, n, and o, and to sign at t, as above, and the conductor to sign at p and fill in the spaces q, r, and s, and the conductor honoring the ticket to destination detaches the certificate 13 and sends it to the auditor of

65 his company and through him to the rebatebureau for the comparison of the signatures thereon with each other and with the signa-

tures on the duplicate contract and scrip. It will be understood that the used certificateblanks B correspond in number with the pas- 70 sage-tickets purchased by means of the scrip detached from the scrip-strip A. Descriptions of the successive passage-tickets appear at m, n, and o on the stubs 12, and the parts of each blank are identified with each other 75 by the serial "Certificate No.," which is printed on both, together with a common "Scrip Book No."

The outer surface of the lid 1 of the cover C (shown in Fig. 5) is provided with a de- 80 scription of the system, such description being conveniently grouped under the headings "General instructions," "Instructions to ticket agents," and "Instructions to conductors," with the foot-note: "Neither this book 85 nor any of its scrip will be honored for passage on trains nor in checking baggage except when passenger boards trains at places where there are no ticket-office facilities." The outer surface of the lid 2 (not shown) is 90 intended to bear the following matter, suitably displayed, namely:

"Exchange Scrip Book.

"No....

"Void after ..... (One year from date of sale.)

"The scrip attached hereto will be honored by the ticket agents of the following 100 named lines in exchange for one-way continuous passage limited tickets at regular tariff rates to regular points on and reached via said lines.

"(Names of railway lines covered by the 105 contract, and spaces for the stamp of the agent selling the scrip-book and for the signature of the chairman of the rebate bureau.)"

The inner surface of the lid 2 of the cover 110 C, Fig. 2, bears the passenger's copy D of the contract and conditions under which the scripbook is issued and sold.

The duplicate contract D2, Fig. 1, includes an exact copy of the contract D, Fig. 2, fol- 115 lowed by appropriately-designated blanks u, v, w, and x, intended, respectively, for (u)the signature of the original purchaser, (v)the address of the purchaser, (w) the name of the firm represented, and (x) the address 120 of the firm, together with instructions to the selling agent.

A common serial number ("562" or as the case may be) is printed on the selling agent's stub 4 and each coupon 5 of the scrip-strip A 125 on the passenger's stub 12 and certificate 13 of each certificate-blank B on both sides of the cover C and on the duplicate contract, as above, to associate the several parts of a given scrip-book with each other and to prevent 13c counterfeiting.

When the scrip-strip A has been exhausted, the passenger will forward the remnant of the book, including the stubs 12 of the certificate-

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blanks B that have been used, duly signed by the several conductors, to the rebate-bureau, (or party issuing the book,) upon which he will receive the rebate to which he may be

5 entitled.

Under this system the passenger knows the time when the application for rebate has arrived and does not have to make any calculation nor gather any loose scrip or other evidences of his rights. His only duty is to present the exhausted scrip-book containing the stubs, each duly signed by the conductors, which are already at hand and under one cover.

The scrip-strip A may be further modified to suit the requirements of different railway-lines or associations of lines. The printed matter on the certificate-blanks B and cover C, or either of them, and in the contract and duplicate contract may be correspondingly changed within the scope of the respective claims appended to this specification, and other like modifications will suggest them-

The term "signature" as hereinafter used with reference to certification by a conductor is intended in all cases to mean the name or initials of the conductor, either written or stamped, with or without his distinctive punch-mark, or the latter alone, should this satisfy the requirements of a railway or passenger association issuing the scrip-book.

Having thus described said improvement, we claim as our invention and desire to patent

35 under this specification—

1. The herein-described substitute for a railway-mileage ticket or mileage-credit permit consisting of a scrip-book containing scrip, in any form representing money, detachable in 40 successive portions, for use in purchasing ordinary passage-tickets, and certificate-blanks each comprising a non-detachable certificate or passenger's stub having appropriately-designated spaces for the description of a pas-45 sage-ticket and for the signatures of successive conductors honoring such ticket, and a detachable certificate or coupon having appropriately-designated spaces for successive signatures of the passenger to be written in 50 the presence of the respective conductors, the several parts being mutually identified by identical marks such as numbers.

2. An exchange-scrip book comprising scrip in any form representing money detach55 able in successive portions exchangeable for passage-tickets, a series of non-detachable certificates or stubs having appropriately-designated spaces for descriptions of successive passage-tickets and for the signatures of successive conductors honoring such tickets respectively, detachable ownership-certificates having appropriately-designated spaces for signatures of the passenger presenting such tickets to be written in the presence of the respective conductors, and a cover within which said strip and said certificate are attached, the several parts being mutually

identified by identical marks such as numbers.

3. An exchange-scrip book comprising 70 scrip in any form representing money detachable in successive portions exchangeable for passage-tickets, a series of non-detachable certificates or stubs having appropriately-designated spaces for descriptions of successive 75 passage-tickets and for the signatures of the conductors honoring such passage-tickets respectively, and a cover within which said scrip and said certificates are attached, the several parts being mutually identified by 80 identical marks such as numbers.

4. A scrip-book having as integral parts thereof a strip or series of coupons to be detached and exchanged at ticket-offices for passage-tickets, certificates or stubs having 85 appropriately - designated spaces to receive descriptions of such tickets respectively and the signatures of successive conductors honoring each ticket, and ownership certificates having appropriately-designated spaces for 90 successive signatures of the passenger in the presence of the respective conductors, the several parts being mutually identified by

identical marks such as numbers.

5. A scrip-book having as integral parts 95 thereof a strip or series of coupons to be detached and exchanged at ticket-offices for passage-tickets, non-detachable certificates or stubs having appropriately-designated spaces to receive descriptions of such tickets respectively and the signatures of successive conductors honoring each ticket, and detachable ownership-certificates having appropriately-designated spaces for successive signatures of the passenger in the presence of the respective conductors, the several parts being mutually identified by identical marks such as numbers.

6. A scrip-book having as integral parts thereof a strip or series of coupons to be detached and exchanged atticket-offices for passage-tickets, and certificate-blanks comprising non-detachable stubs having appropriately-designated spaces to receive descriptions of such tickets respectively and the signatures of successive conductors honoring each ticket, and detachable ownership-certificates having appropriately-designated spaces for successive signatures of the passenger in the presence of the respective conductors, the several parts being mutually identified by identical marks such as numbers.

7. The combination, in a scrip-book, of a scrip-strip comprising a detachable selling 125 agent's stub and a series of coupons for use in purchasing passage-tickets, a series of certificate-blanks each comprising a non-detachable stub having appropriately-designated spaces for a description of a passage-ticket 130 and for certificates by successive conductors as to the honoring of such ticket and a detachable certificate having appropriately-designated spaces for the signature of the passignated spaces for the signature of the passignated.

senger in the presence of each conductor, a cover bearing the contract under which a refund of a portion of the purchase-money is guaranteed under conditions including the use of the scrip and passage-tickets purchased therewith by the original purchaser of the book and a detachable duplicate contract having a space for the signature of the purchaser of the book for comparison with the signatures

of the passenger on said certificate-blanks, theseveral parts being mutually identified by identical marks such as numbers, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

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