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The diagram shows a vertical baggage tag with a circular hole at the top. It is divided into three horizontal sections labeled 'a', 'b', and 'c' on the right side. Section 'a' contains the text 'D.L.&W.' followed by 'from' and a dashed line, then 'to' and another dashed line, and finally the number '1492.'. Section 'b' contains the text 'D.L.&W.' followed by 'from' and a dashed line, then 'to' and another dashed line, and finally the number '1492.'. Section 'c' contains the text '1492.' followed by 'D.L.&W.' and the instruction 'Retain this coupon until baggage is delivered'.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FRANCIS CONNOR, of 1402 Broadway, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Baggage, Personal Effects, Pawn, or Prescription Tags or Checks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved tag or check for baggage, parcels, articles of wearing-apparel, pledged articles, drugs, &c., that are temporarily in the possession of some person other than the owner, bailor, or pledger thereof.

The advantages to be derived from the use of my improved tag or check are the result of using a triplicate system instead of the common and well-known duplicate-check system. It is a matter of universal knowledge among travelers especially that much confusion and annoyance result from the use of the present system of checking articles in parcel-rooms, railroad-stations, &c., and in large drug-stores mistakes occur at the prescription-desks from giving medicines to the wrong people. The improved tag or check which I have devised is designed to overcome these difficulties.

The invention consists in the novel features hereinafter described, and defined in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

The figure shows a tag divided by perforations into three (3) parts. That marked A may be called the "check," the part B the "coupon," and C the "stub."

The tag is to be used in the following way: On each of the three (3) parts appears the same number, and if baggage is to be transferred from the station of deposit then in addition to having the same number the three (3) parts will have the name of station of departure and the name of the station of destination. When

the articles to be checked are handed to the bailee, the part A (the coupon) is affixed to the article. The owner is given the rest of the tag—namely, the coupon and stub. When the owner desires his article returned to him, he presents the coupon B to the agent and does not hand the agent the stub C until his property is actually transferred to him.

In the event of "double checking" the improved tag or check enables the claimant to obtain his baggage without personal identification. In delivery of prescriptions the same method can be pursued. Other uses are obtainable by an adaption of this system with appropriate changes in the descriptive matter on the tag.

It is thus readily seen that by means of this triplicate system there can be no mistake in the delivery of goods by the bailee, and the owner is always in a position to present ready evidence for the identification of his property.

It is of course understood that this tag or check may be made of any suitable material with any form of printed matter thereon.

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

A combination delivery receipt-tag, composed of three parts, each part a means of identifying the article, constructed and adapted for one part to be attached to the article, a second given to the holder of the article by the person to whom the delivery is to be made, and the third to be given to the holder of the article after the article has been delivered.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

WILLIAM FRANCIS CONNOR.

In presence of—

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