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## HOLDER FOR TICKETS, CARDS, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABBOT AUGUSTUS LOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Horseshoe, St. Lawrence county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Tickets, Cards, &c., of which the following is a specification sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which the invention appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is applicable as a holder for all kinds of cards and similar articles to be carried upon the person, particularly commutation-tickets which are to be punched from time to time, as railroad and ferry commutation-tickets and the like.

The object of my invention is to afford a simple, cheap, and convenient holder in which such ticket or card may be placed and protected while exposing it for purposes of identification and for punching or cancellation in part; and the invention consists in the special construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed specifically.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved holder, showing a ferry commutation-ticket in place. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same; Fig. 3, a longitudinal section upon plane of line 3 3, Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a transverse section upon plane of line 4 4, Fig. 1; Fig. 5, an elevation of the auxiliary stiffener. Fig. 6 is a modification of the auxiliary stiffening-plate. Fig. 7 is a partial section, on an enlarged scale, taken on plane of line 3, Fig. 1, showing the retaining-spring in detail.

My improved holder consists, essentially, of two duplicate plates A A', between two opposed edges of which is interposed a spacing-fillet B of L shape, the three parts being rigidly secured together by any convenient or well-known means, as by riveting, as indicated in the drawings. The L-shaped fillet B obviously closes the envelop or receptacle thus formed on two sides, or rather upon one side  $a$  and one end  $a'$ , in the elongated form of holder shown by way of illustration in the drawings. The opposed edges of the plates A A' at the other end  $a^2$  and side  $a^3$  are formed with coinciding recesses or openings  $r r$ , which expose portions of the edges of the card

or ticket placed in the holder. The outer ends of the tongues  $\alpha^4$ , which constitute the side walls of these recesses  $r r$ , are rounded off, so as to present the least possible resistance when brought into contact with extraneous objects. The recesses  $r r$  are so formed and situated as to coincide with and expose the particular numerals imprinted on the card or ticket which the holder is designed to accommodate for the purpose of rendering such numerals visible and accessible for the purpose of punching or cancellation. It will be seen that one-half of the numbers on the ticket are exposed at a time. When the first half of the numbers have been canceled, the ticket is reversed in position within the holder, thereby exposing the remaining number for cancellation.

The central portion of each plate A A' is formed with an opening  $\alpha^5$ , through which the body of the ticket may be observed and by means of which the ticket may be conveniently manipulated in introducing it into or removing it from the holder.

In order to effectually reinforce and support the ticket within the holder, I propose to use an auxiliary stiffening-plate P, formed with a series of recesses  $p$ , coinciding to those in the plates A A', as shown in Fig. 5. This auxiliary plate may be utilized and adapted for advertising purposes or as a calendar, memorandum-tablet, or for like purpose, its printed side being exposed through one of the openings  $\alpha^5$ , while the ticket is exposed through the other. One or more flat metallic springs  $s$  are arranged between the plates A A' to hold the ticket T and the stiffening-plate P in place, with their opposed edges against the inner side of the spacing-fillet B. The edges of the plates are preferably bent inward to form lips  $l l$ , which hold and lock the ticket T and stiffener P in the holder, the elasticity of the plates being sufficient to admit of the insertion of the ticket and stiffener one at a time between the said lips  $l l$ . It will thus be seen that I afford ample protection for the ticket or like article, while exposing it freely and without manipulation or protrusion both to observation and cancellation.

The auxiliary stiffening-plate P may, if desired, be pivotally attached to one corner of the holder, as indicated in Fig. 6, in which



case it may be quickly and conveniently swung out for the purpose of inspection or as readily returned to its normal position within the holder.

5 What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of the duplicate plates A, A', each formed with a series of coinciding recesses  $r, r$ , on one side edge and one end  
10 edge, and a spacing-fillet B, interposed between and secured to the said plates A, A', at their remaining unrecessed edges, for the purpose and substantially in the manner set forth.

15 2. The combination of the duplicate plates A, A', each formed with a series of coinciding recesses  $r, r$ , upon one side edge and one end edge, a spacing-fillet B, interposed between and secured to the said plates A, A', at their  
20 other unrecessed edges, and a stiffening-plate P, for insertion between the plates A, A', and formed with recesses  $p, p$ , which coincide in position with the recesses  $r, r$  in the plates A, A', for the purpose and substantially in the  
25 manner described.

3. The combination of the duplicate plates

A, A', each formed with a series of coinciding recesses  $r, r$ , on one side edge and one end edge, said edges being also formed with inwardly-projecting lips  $l, l$ , and a spacing-fillet  
30 B, interposed between and secured to the said plates A, A', at their remaining unrecessed edges, for the purpose and substantially in the manner set forth.

4. The combination of the duplicate plates  
35 A, A' each formed with a series of coinciding recesses  $r, r$ , on one side edge and one end edge, and a spacing-fillet B, interposed between and secured to the said plates A, A', at their remaining unrecessed edges, the stiffen-  
40 ing-plate P, for insertion between the plates A, A' and a flat metallic spring  $s$ , interposed between and secured to one of the duplicate plates and the fillet B, for the purpose of holding the stiffening-plate P, and a ticket T in  
45 place, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

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