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TRANSFER FROM BROADWAY VIA ANY CONNECTING LINE TO LINE INDICATED ON MARGIN																															
Good on ELEVATED or SUBWAY lines on Payment of 5 Cents Additional <small>GOOD ONLY THIS DATE BEFORE TIME INDICATED ON SURFACE CARDS.</small>																															
NOT GOOD AFTER																															
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD RIORDAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at 42 West One Hundred and Seventeenth street, New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Street-Railway Transfers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to transfers such as are adapted particularly for use on street-railways.

The principal object of the invention is to permit the passenger to traverse a plurality of separated lines connected by intermediate lines without the necessity of using more than one transfer.

With the foregoing and other minor objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in a transfer containing matter indicating the name of the issuing line, matter indicating a plurality of separating lines connected by intermediate lines, matter indicating the intermediate lines, and means for indicating the time before which the transfer must be used.

The invention also resides in the particular form of transfer and in the particular arrangement of the printed matter contained thereon, as will be more clearly hereinafter described and claimed as a particular embodiment of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, the figure is a plan view of a transfer embodying the novel features of the invention.

As shown in the drawing, the improved transfer is preferably formed with three parallel columns A, B, and C. The central column B is utilized, preferably, to indicate the name of the line issuing the transfer. The central column may be utilized also to indicate that the transfer is good on any designated line with which the issuing line is connected by an intermediate line, and said central column, further, may be utilized to indicate the date on which the transfer is to be used. It will be understood that the information which is to be set forth may be indicated in any manner suitable for the purpose. As an example, the central column B in the par-

ticular embodiment of invention illustrated contains the following matter: "Transfer from Broadway via any connecting line to line indicated on margin. Good on elevated or subway lines on payment of three cents additional. Good only this date, before time indicated, on surface cars. Jan. 21, 1904." It will be understood, of course, that if the transfer be issued by any other line than the Broadway the name of such other issuing line will be substituted instead of Broadway. The matter stating that the transfer is good on elevated or subway lines upon payment of three cents additional is adapted to render the transfer capable of issue upon a line requiring an eight-cent fare.

The column marked A preferably contains the names of all lines with which the issuing line has transfer agreements or privileges and the names of the intermediate lines by means of which the issuing line is connected with the separated lines indicated in said column A. It will be observed, for instance, that the column A contains the name of the "6th Ave. line" and the "9th Ave. line." As these two lines from the lower part of New York city up to about Fifty-third street are separated from each other and run in parallel relation, it is necessary that a passenger in order to change from one line to the other take one of the cross-town cars. For this reason the Ninth-avenue line, for instance, would issue a transfer to the Sixth-avenue line, the conductor of the Ninth-avenue line punching in the column A the spaces marked, for instance, "23rd St. and 6th Ave." This would indicate that the passenger should leave the Ninth-avenue cars at Twenty-third street and board the Twenty-third-street cross-town car. On said cross-town car he would exhibit to the conductor his transfer entitling him to connect with the Sixth-avenue line. The Twenty-third-street conductor would either collect the transfer and issue another to the Sixth-avenue line or else would permit the passenger to retain in his possession the original transfer issued by the Ninth-avenue line, said transfer being collected finally by the conductor of the Sixth-avenue line. In the embodiment of the invention illustrated, wherein the transfer is issued

by the Broadway line, the Broadway conductor would punch in the column A the name of the separated line and the name of the connecting line to which the passenger would transfer in order to reach the separated line.

The column C contains suitable matter indicating the hour and the quarter of an hour before which the transfer must be presented on the last line which the passenger is to traverse. In the particular embodiment of invention illustrated the column C is divided into two parts by a series of numerals or symbols indicating the hours from one to twelve, one part of the column being marked "A. M." and the other part "P. M." A dark belt, such as 1, partially obscures the ante meridiem portion of the column C adjacent to the numerals "1" to "6," indicating the ante meridiem hours of darkness, and a similar belt 2 partially obscures the post meridiem portion of the column C adjacent to the numerals "6" to "12," indicating the post-meridiem hours of darkness. By providing a dark belt, which but partially obscures each portion of the column C, a white field is left to be punched by the conductor. It will be observed that said white field of each portion of the column C is marked with suitable lines indicating the quarter-hours.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that a transfer has been provided by means of which a passenger may traverse a plurality of separated lines, the conductor of the issuing line merely indicating by suitable punches in the column A the separated line which the passenger is finally to reach and the intermediate or connecting lines which the passenger must traverse before arriving at said separated line. In some cases, where the rules of the line so provide, the conductor may punch only the separated line which is to be reached finally, leaving the passenger to exercise his discretion in selecting the inter-

mediate line or lines to which he will transfer in reaching the separated line. It will be understood that in each instance the conductor punches in the column C the time before which the transfer will be used. It will be understood, furthermore, that a new series of transfers is issued each day, as usual, and that therefore the proper date is stamped on each transfer.

If desired, the central column B may contain matter indicating that the transfer is not good after the time punched in the column C. In the embodiment of invention illustrated the inscription "Not good after" is placed adjacent to the column C, as indicated.

The transfer which has been described in the particular matter which it contains and in the particular arrangement of such matter constitutes an improvement over prior transfers of a similar character.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

A transfer containing matter indicating the name of the issuing line, matter indicating a plurality of separated lines connected by intermediate lines, matter indicating the intermediate lines, a column divided into two parts by symbols indicating twelve hours, one part of the column being marked "Post meridiem" and the other "Ante meridiem," a dark belt partially obscuring the post-meridiem part of the column adjacent to the post-meridiem hours of darkness and a dark belt partially obscuring the ante-meridiem part of the column adjacent to the symbols indicating the ante-meridiem hours of darkness.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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