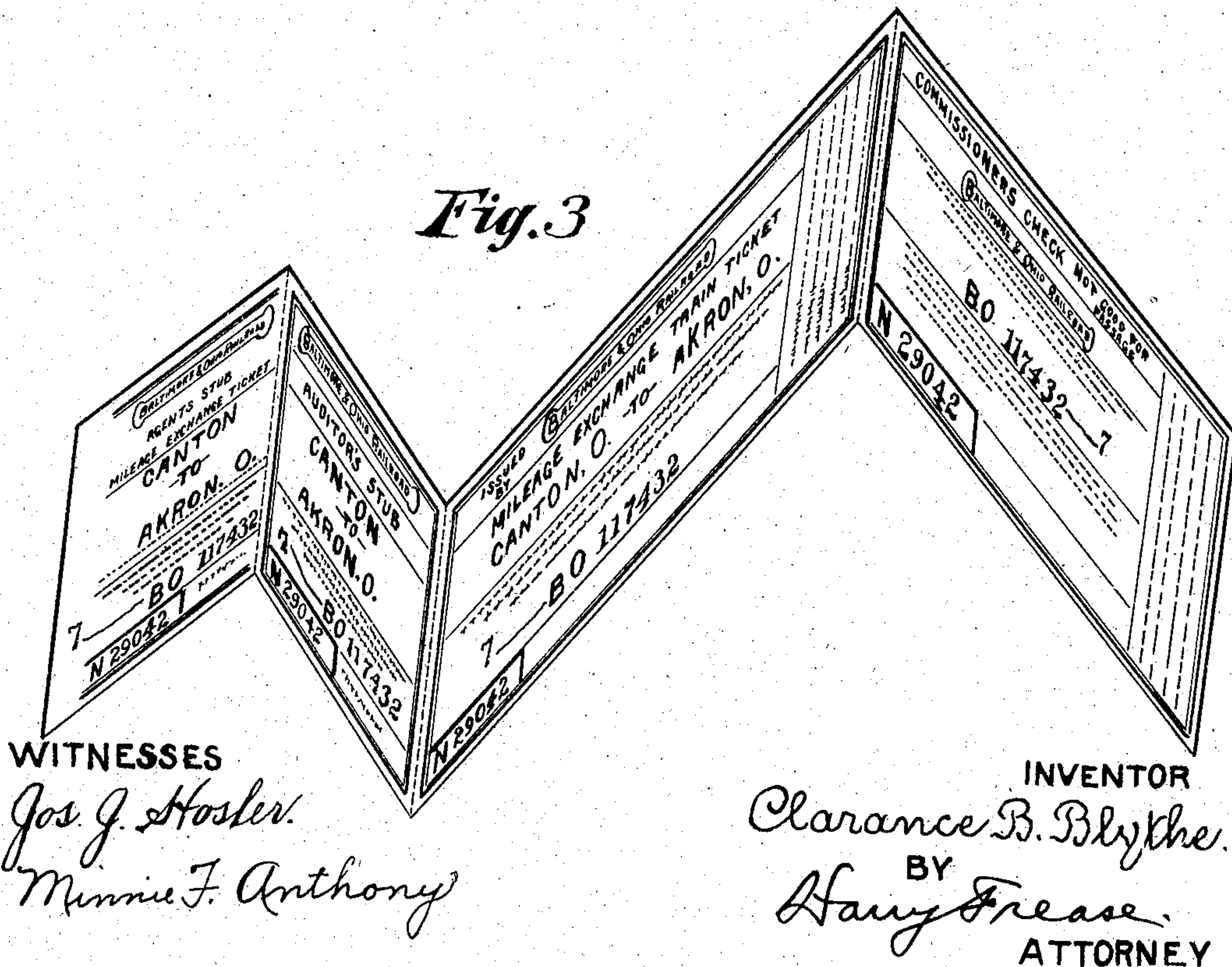
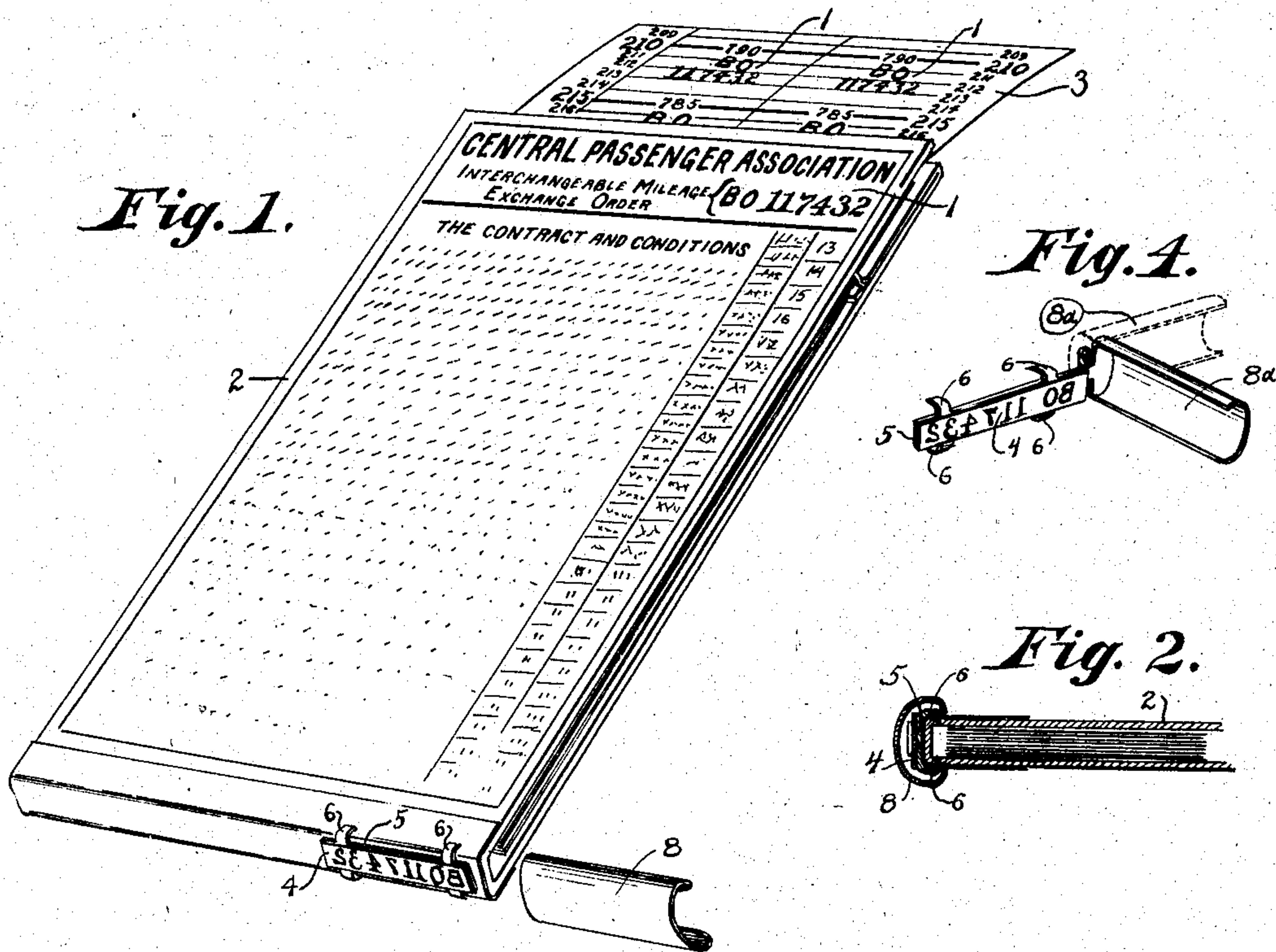


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## MILEAGE EXCHANGE-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLARANCE B. BLYTHE, of Mineral City, county of Tuscarawas, and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and  
5 useful Improvement in Mileage Exchange-Books, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a railroad mileage-book containing a folded strip having a certain number of miles designated thereon—as, for instance, from one to one thousand—and especially to that system of books and tickets used by the Central Passenger Association, in which the proper number of miles are detached from the book by the agent and ex-  
15 changed for a ticket covering the points of travel. For the purpose of proper accounting each book issued by the respective railroads or systems comprising the association is marked by a serial number and usually by initials indicating the issuing road or system, and, furthermore, for the same purpose the blank for the ticket to be issued is usually composed of several sections detachably joined  
25 together—as, for instance, an agent's stub, an auditor's stub, the ticket proper, and a commissioner's check—and in issuing the ticket the agent is required to record in each section the serial number and also the indicating-initials, when the same are used, of the book from which the mileage is detached on which the ticket is issued. The time consumed by the agent in making these entries causes a very serious delay, especially as many such  
35 tickets are usually called for shortly before the departure of a train and at a time when many travelers are awaiting attention, and frequently a passenger must depart without his ticket or else the train must be held until the ticket can be properly issued. This difficulty is almost entirely obviated by the use of a rubber stamp attached to the book containing the serial number and initials of the mileage-book, whereby the several sections of the  
45 ticket can be quickly marked without any liability of error. A convenient way of applying such a stamp and of shielding the same is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a mileage exchange-book with the stamp attached thereto, showing the shield removed therefrom; Fig. 2, a fragmentary cross-section of the end of the book through the stamp, showing the shield applied thereto; Fig. 3, a perspective  
55 view of the ticket-sections partly folded on the lines of detachment; and Fig. 4, a detached perspective view of a modified form of the stamp, showing the cover hinged thereon.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts  
60 throughout the drawings.

The serial number 1 with the accompanying initials is usually marked at a prominent place on the cover 2 of the book and also at intervals on the mileage-strip 3, and the stamp 4,  
65 of rubber or other suitable material, with the same designating characters thereon is attached, preferably, on the folded or back edge of the book, and a convenient way of attaching the same is by mounting the stamp on the  
70 base-plate 5, having the clips 6 bent over the edges and into the sides of the book, although it is evident that this particular manner of attaching the stamp is not essential. The stamp is preferably located at or near one side of  
75 the book for convenience in properly positioning an impression on the ticket; but it is also evident that this particular place of attachment is not essential for the proper and  
80 convenient use of the device.

The exchange-tickets are usually printed with all the information, including the starting-station and destination for important points thereon, so that when the agent is called upon to issue a ticket on mileage detached  
85 from the improved book he can quickly record the serial number on the ticket by inking the stamp on the pad usually at hand and then impressing it on the various sections of the ticket-blank, as at 7. In this manner the  
90 serial number, together with the initials, can easily be imprinted on the four several sections of the ordinary blank in less time than is required for writing the same in one section of the blank. This is more readily ap-  
95 preciated when it is remembered that the serial number frequently contains six figures and the initials two or more letters, so that



some eight or more characters are frequently required to be entered in each section of the ticket.

After the stamp has been used it may be  
5 cleaned by rubbing it on a blotter or sponge, if desired, to remove adhering ink, so that the same will not soil the pocket of the owner, or the shield 8 can be applied over the stamp for the same purpose. A convenient man-  
10 ner of making such a shield is to bend a piece of sheet metal C shape in cross-section, with the corners rounded and the normal distance between the inturned edges somewhat less than the thickness of the book. Such a shield  
15 is applied by entering it endwise over the edge of a book to the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1 and in section in Fig. 2, and the spring action caused by expanding the shield acts to hold it in place, and as the  
20 edges fit inside of the stamp-clips the shield is held from being easily removed directly outward. When a detachable shield is used, the owner of the book can remove it before handing the book to the agent and then re-  
25 place it when the book is returned. The shield 8<sup>a</sup> may also be hinged on the stamp-

plate, as shown in Fig. 4, in which case it is turned back for use, as shown by broken lines in the same figure.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to 30 secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of a mileage exchange-book having a serial designation, a stamp thereon adapted to imprint the same designa- 35 tion, and a shield adapted to be applied over the stamp.

2. The combination of a mileage exchange-book having a serial designation and a stamp thereon adapted to imprint the same designa- 40 tion.

3. The combination of a mileage exchange-book having a serial designation and a stamp on the back edge thereof adapted to imprint the same designation.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 45 to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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