

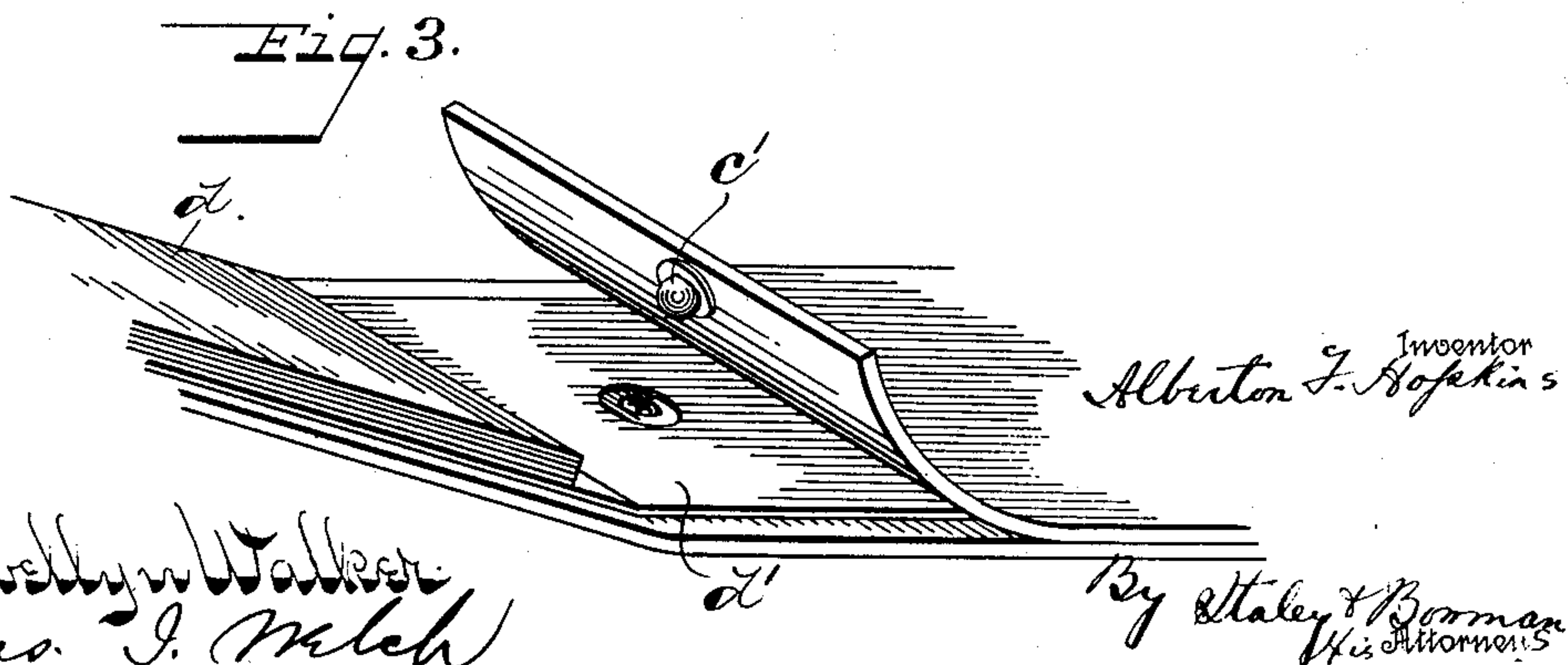
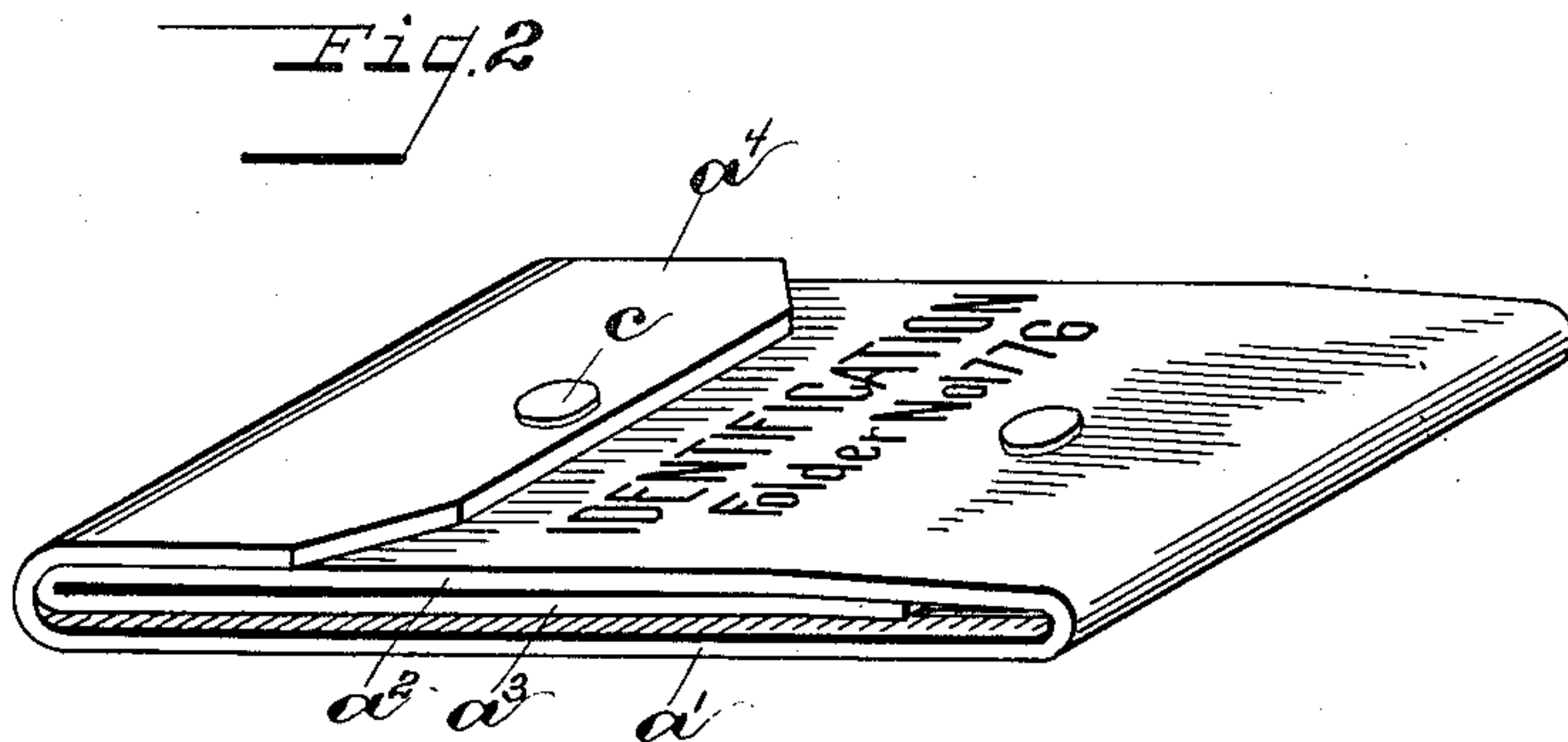
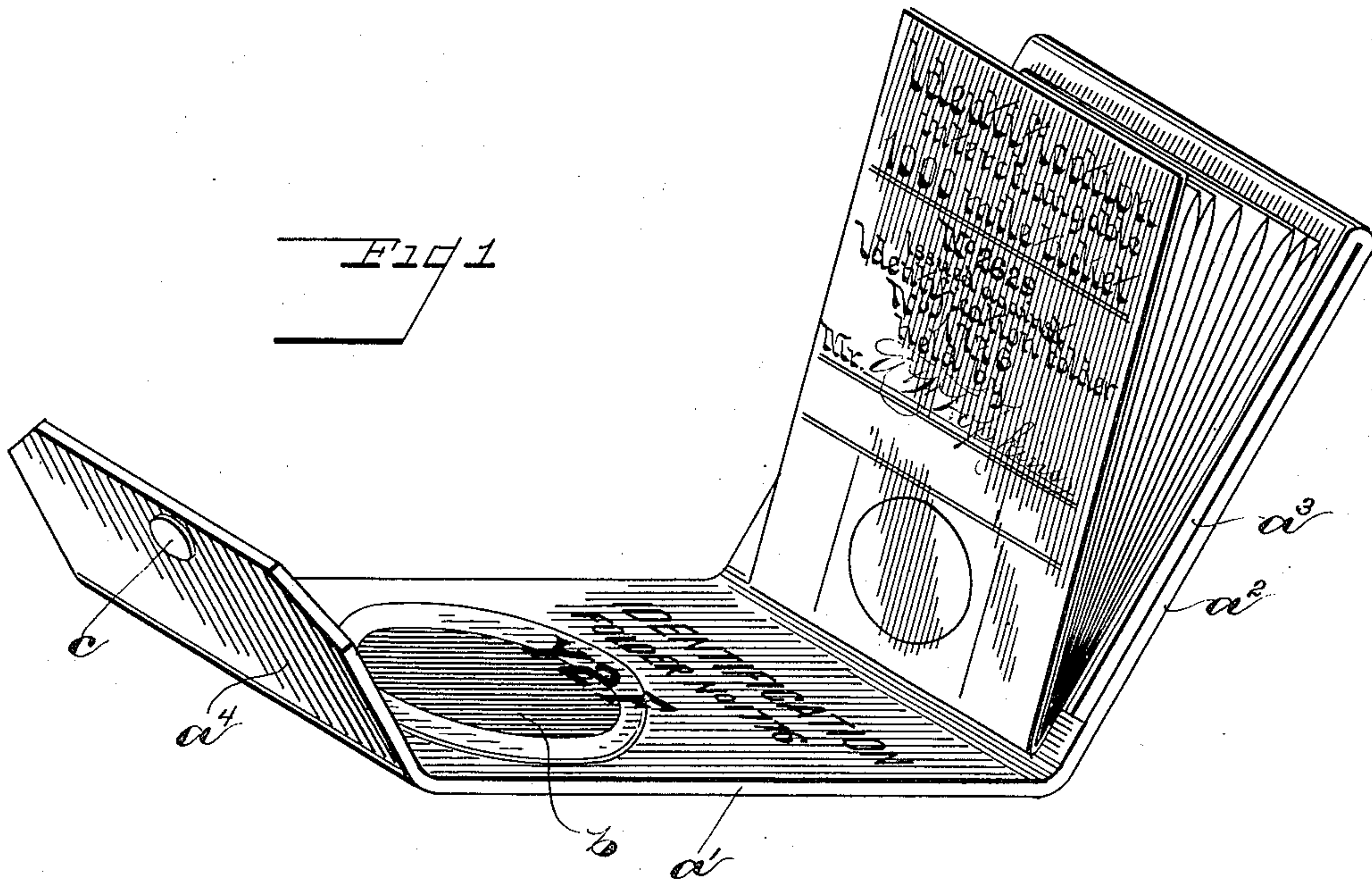
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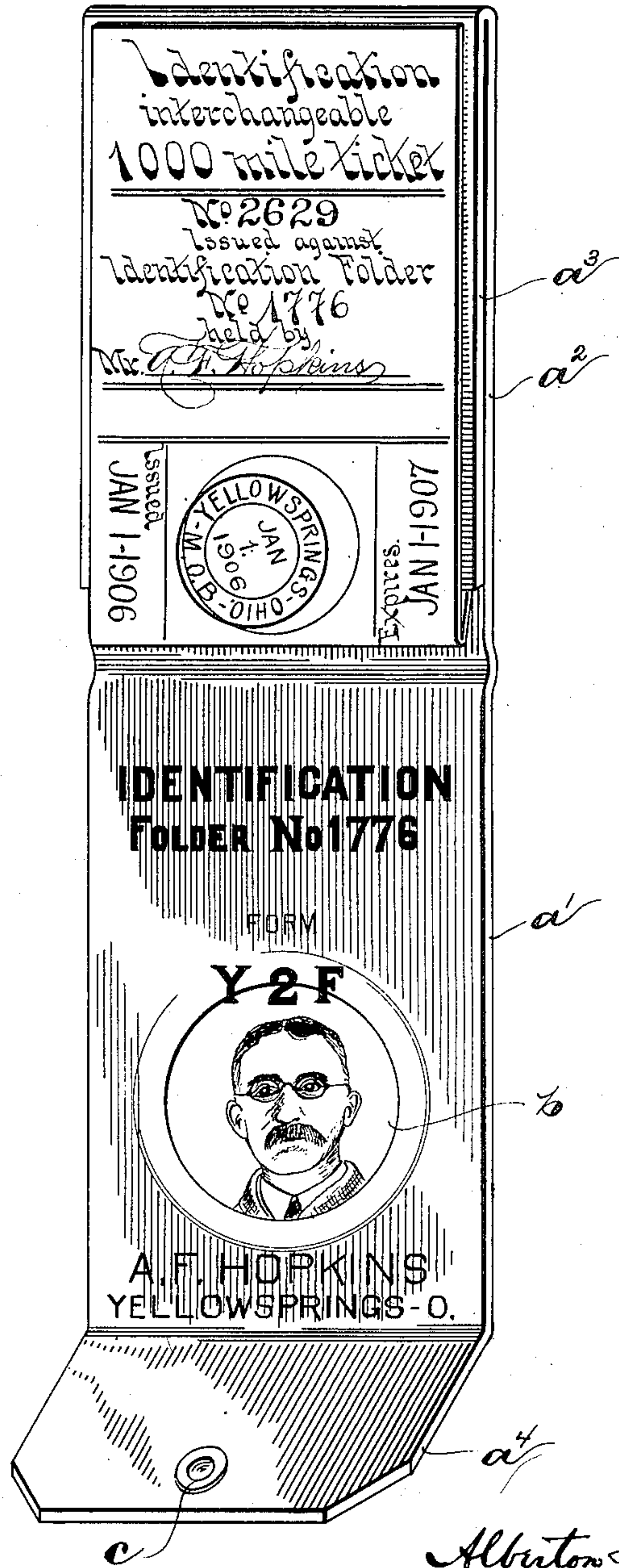
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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERTON F. HOPKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Yellow Springs, in the county of Greene and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Identification Devices for Business Transactions, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices used for the purpose of identification in business transactions, such as the use of railway tickets, letters of credit and other transactions where the identification of the holder of the device is desired.

The object of the invention is to provide a device in the nature of a folder which is adapted to be used in connection with any form of certificate or credit memorandum in which the identification of the holder of said certificate or credit memorandum is desired. I attain these objects by the constructions and arrangement of parts set forth in the accompanying drawings in which
Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved identification device shown in connection with what is known as a mileage ticket for railways, the device being shown open. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same closed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a portion of the same showing the manner of attaching the mileage ticket. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the same also shown open.

Like parts are represented by similar characters of reference in the several views.

In the constructions shown in the drawings and in the preferred construction of my device, I make my identification device in the nature of a folder adapted to be folded over and inclose the certificate or other device for which identification is desired. Means are also preferably provided for attaching or inclosing this certificate, and as the means for accomplishing this would vary considerably, I will describe the means shown in the drawings in connection with a mileage book, it being understood that the same general arrangement could be employed with various other devices for which identification is desired.

In the said drawings, is shown a folder preferably of leather or other flexible material and consisting of folds or flaps, a' , a^2 , a^3 and a^4 . The parts a' and a^2 constitute the opposite folder sides of the device, and the parts a^3 and a^4 are employed, respectively, for attaching the article to be identified and for inclosing the folder. The main portion, a' , of this folder is provided with a receptacle, b , for a photograph of the person to whom the identification folder is issued, and this receptacle is preferably arranged so that the photograph is placed therein and secured by adhesive material or otherwise so that it can not be removed without defacing the folder. In addition to this the folder has a number and a place for the name of the person to whom it is issued.

The flap, a^4 , is preferably provided with a fastening device, c , adapted to fasten on the part, a^2 , of the folder when the same is folded and thus completely inclose the certificate for which the identification is required. The flap, a^3 , of this folder is also preferably provided with a fastening device, c' , but is adapted to turn on the inside instead of on the outside of the part, a^2 , and to be secured thereto so as to hold the certificate or other device for which identification is necessary. This is preferably arranged as shown in Fig. 3; the certificate or mileage book, d , having a strip or attaching part, d' , adapted to slip under the flap, a^3 and between the flaps a^2 and a^3 ; the fastening device being, if desired, adapted to extend through this attaching part, d' , so as to join the two firmly together. The mileage strip or certificate may be of any desired form. It will, however, contain the name and number corresponding to the identification folder and such other identifying marks as may be desired and when placed in the folder the same may be folded up and secured as shown in Fig. 2.

An identification folder of this kind may be used with a number of different certificates. That is, assuming it is to be used with railway mileage books, the user of such books will supply himself with an identification folder which contains his name and photograph and such other information as may be desirable. Upon purchasing a certificate of credit or other device, such, for instance, as a railway ticket or mileage book, this certificate is placed within the folder and given the same name and number and other identifying marks as the folder, and the two devices are presented together when the certificate is to be used.

Assuming that the device is to be used in connection with railway transportation or mileage, the folder and mileage certificate are handed to the conductor or other official, who sees that the identifying marks of the certificate correspond with those of the folder and that the photograph thereon corresponds to the person presenting the same, whereupon the certificate is used until exhausted. Another certificate may then be purchased and used in the same way with the same identification folder. It would also be possible and practicable to sell one certificate to apply to a number of folders; for instance, where it was desirable to sell certificates for railway travel for different members of the family, if the certificate bears the different numbers and the persons whose photographs are carried by the several folders and identified thereby are present, each of them could be applied to the same certificate.

This device furnishes a complete check upon business transactions of the kind for which it is intended to safeguard and avoids the necessity of securing different identification means each time a new certificate is issued.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. An identification folder consisting of four principal parts adapted to be folded together and separable means to secure said parts together to form an inclosing casing, 5 said folder bearing a photograph and other identifying marks, in combination with a certificate with which it is adapted to be used, and detachable means for holding one part of the folder over a portion of the certificate so that it may be attached or detached, the separable means for 10 holding the parts together being adapted to permit the opening and closing of the folder to expose the certificate without detaching the same from the folder, substantially as specified.
2. An identification folder consisting of four principal 15 parts adapted to be folded together, means for detachably securing said parts in their folded position to form an inclosing casing, a photograph and other identifying marks on said folder, in combination with a mileage ticket bearing identical marks with said folder, separable parts on 20 said folder to secure said mileage ticket therein by embracing a part of said mileage ticket between the separable parts of said folder, said separable parts being independent of the means for detachably securing the parts of the folder in their folded position, whereby access may be had

to the coupons of said ticket for detaching the same without detaching the ticket from the folder, substantially as specified. 25

3. The combination of a mileage ticket having covers hinged at one end and inclosing a mileage strip of detachable coupons, an identifying folder consisting of a strip of 30 flexible material folded transversely of its length to form four folds or flaps, two of said flaps being adapted to embrace one of the covers of said mileage strip, and means for detachably securing said parts of the folder and the mileage ticket together so as to detachably secure said 35 mileage ticket in said folder, the other parts of the folder being folded over the mileage strip to inclose the same, and detachable means for securing the said folder in its folded position, and entirely inclosing said mileage ticket, 40 and identical marks, including a photograph, on said mileage ticket and said folder, respectively, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of March, A. D. 1906.

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