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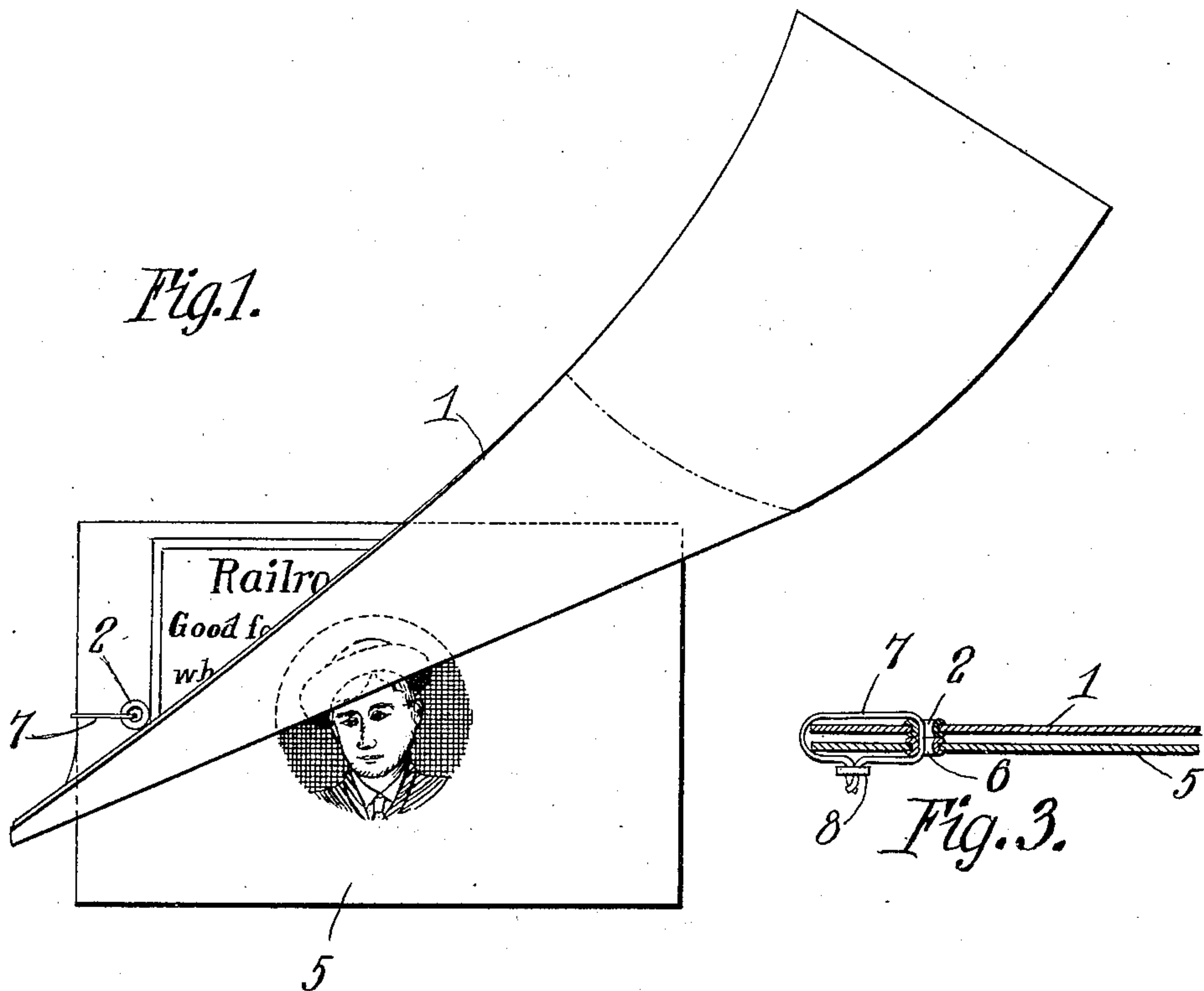


Fig. 2.

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	Name _____
	Address _____
	In case of accident notify _____

The destination of my ticket is _____	
Signature of conductor _____	

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOMER C. BUSBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Montgomery, in the county of Montgomery and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fraud-Detecting Devices for Tickets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a fraud detector for railroad, steamship and other tickets.

The object of the invention is to provide means for attachment to a ticket to prevent the person buying it from transferring it to another and thereby defrauding the ticket seller.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a railroad ticket, embodying this improvement; Fig. 2 represents a rear elevation thereof; and Fig. 3 represents a detail sectional view.

In the embodiment illustrated, the ticket 1 is made in the usual way, except that it is provided at one edge, preferably at the end, with an aperture 2 formed as hereinafter described, the eyelet may also be made of ordinary card board, if desired.

When a person wishes to purchase a railroad or other ticket, he goes to the office provided with a photograph of himself, or of the person who is to use the ticket, developed directly on cardboard, or a tin type, or in any manner to prevent the photograph from being detached, which could be done if a photograph were used that was developed on paper and then pasted on a card. The ticket agent then takes the photograph 5 and places it on or behind the ticket 1 with the edges of the card and the ticket at one end arranged flush with each other, punches an eyelet hole 6 therein simultaneously with the aperture 2 in the ticket and then attaches it to the return portion of the ticket 1, by means of a wire 7, which is passed through the registering eyelets 2 and 6 in the ticket and photograph and around the end thereof, and the ends of this wire 7 are then secured together by twisting and sealing, as shown at 8, so that they cannot be detached one from the other without detection, and they remain fastened together until the conductor takes up the last portion of the ticket, or if it be a

pass, the photograph will remain attached until the pass expires. The loop so formed extends around the portions connected to prevent longitudinal shifting of one member relatively to the other to permit pivotal movement thereof to expose the photograph on the card.

Under the system now employed, when a railroad conductor takes up a passenger's ticket, he places a piece of cardboard or a check with the passenger's destination written thereon on his hat or other suitable place, but errors frequently occur and the passenger is sometimes forced to pay a second fare to get to his destination. In order to prevent the occurrence of such errors, and to serve as a means of identification in case of wrecks or other accidents, when the ticket is purchased, the agent pastes on the back of the photograph a blank 10, which is designed to contain the name and address of the user, his destination, and a line for the signature of conductor when he takes up the ticket. This photograph attached to the ticket thus serves to protect the passenger as well as the ticket seller, and the securing means being in plain view, will immediately disclose the fact if the ticket were tampered with.

It will be understood that this device may be used on mileage books as well as on passes, railroad, and other tickets.

I claim as my invention,—

The combination with a railroad or other ticket, of a card having the photograph of the purchaser printed directly thereon, said ticket being superposed on said card, said card having an aperture therein registering with an aperture in said ticket, and a flexible element passed through said registering apertures and extended around the ends of said ticket and card and having the ends thereof connected by a seal, said element forming a loop around the ends of the portions connected to prevent longitudinal shifting of one member relatively to the other and to permit pivotal movement of said members to expose the photograph contained on the card.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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