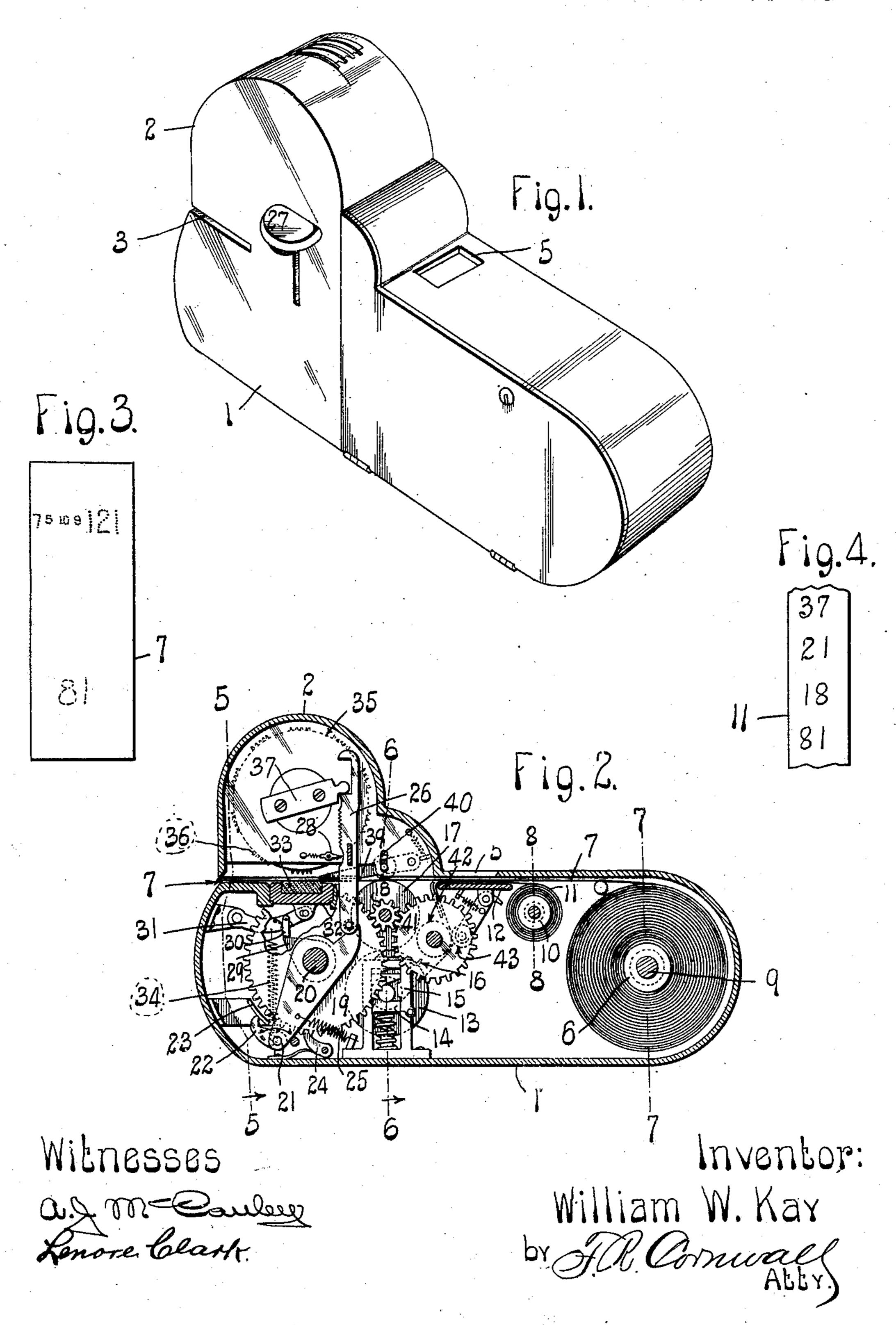
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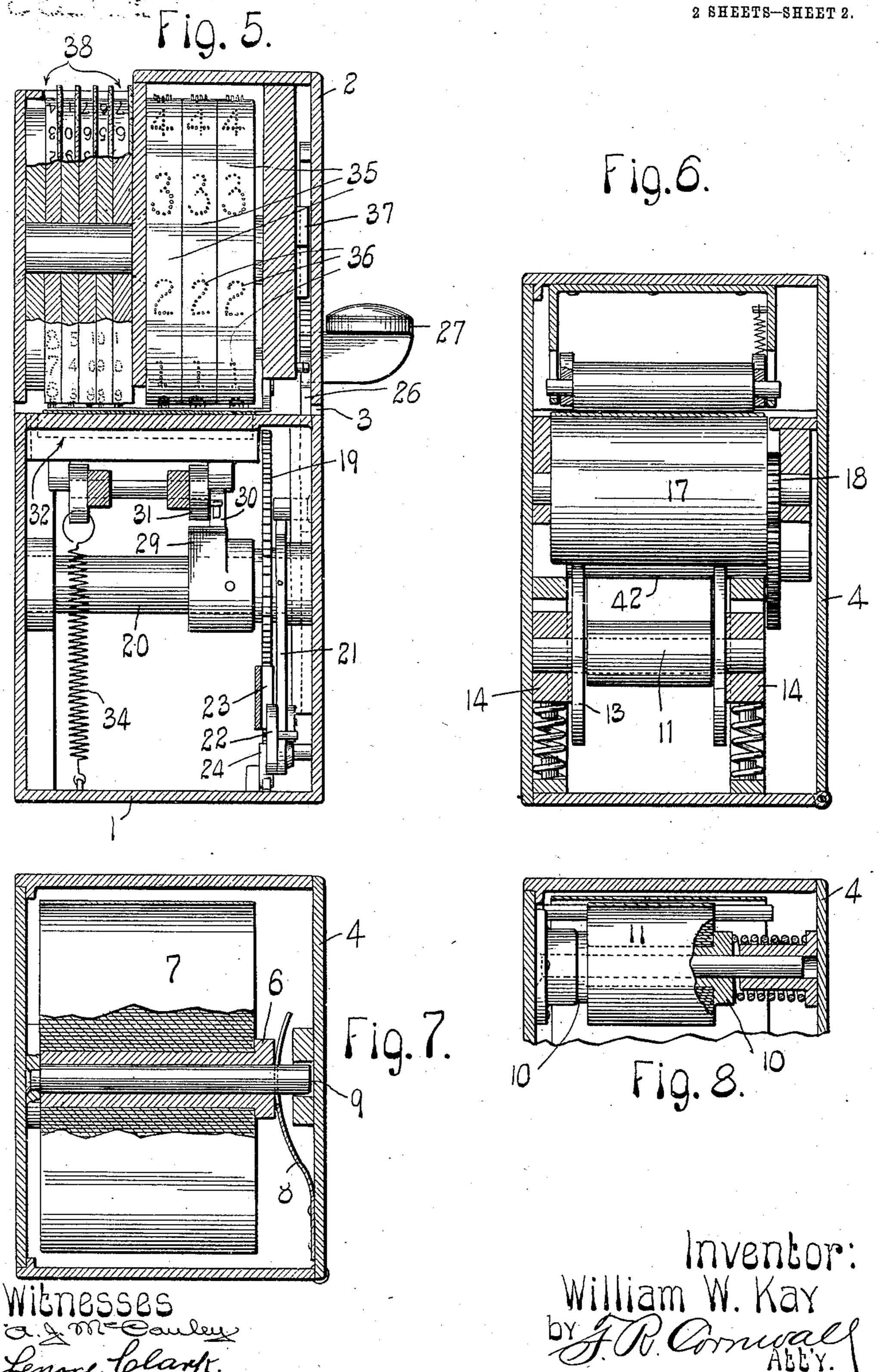
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. KAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Conductors' Cash-Fare Registers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the same; Fig. 3 is a detail view of the hat check or receipt issued by the device; Fig. 4 is a detail view of a portion of the permanent record retained in the device; Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross sectional view on line 5—5, Fig. 2; Fig. 6 is a cross sectional view on line 6—6, Fig. 2; Fig. 7 is a cross sectional view on line 7—7, Fig. 2; and Fig. 8 is a cross sectional view on line 8—8, Fig. 2.

This invention relates to an improvement in conductors' cash fare registers of that character illustrated in U. S. Letters Patent Nos. 809,377 and 809,378, granted to me January 9th, 1906.

My present invention consists in a simplified construction of register, in which the ticket-canceling devices at the time of canceling said ticket also mark the cancellation number upon a hat check, together with the date and train number, so that said hat check, when issued, will correspond in these particulars to the canceled ticket or cash fare receipt. A permanent record is kept of the point of destination, which record also appears on the issued hat check.

By the use of my invention, a traveling auditor can at any point and at any time check up a train, all of whose passengers must be accounted for, according to the condition of the conductor's register.

To briefly illustrate the use of my invention: The conductor, in "working" a train, is supposed to receive transportation of some character from each and every passenger, whether this transportation be in the form of ticket, mileage, cash fare, trip pass, annual, etc. Separate records are kept of annual transportation, or other forms of

passes which are not taken up and canceled or receipted for. My invention is intended, 55 primarily, to keep an accurate account of all forms of transportation in the way of mileage, tickets or cash fares, in which the railroad company is financially interested. To begin with, certain wheels in the device are 60 adjusted to record the number of the train and the date. Other consecutive numbering wheels may be started at any point to carry on a series of numbers. When the conductor lifts a ticket, mileage, or issues a cash fare 65 receipt, he places the ticket, or the like, in the mouth of the punch and operates the handle, which causes the ticket to be canceled by having printed thereon, or perforated therethrough, the train number, the 70 date, and the serial number of the cancellation. These numbers are also recorded upon a hat check, which is issued either to the passenger or placed in a bracket for the inspection of the traveling auditor.

Hat checks are preferably in the form of a continuous web or paper in the machine, and after they are marked, are fed from the machine where they may be severed.

A permanent record is kept of the point 80 of destination for which each hat check is issued, the number of the station appearing on said record and on said hat check.

In the drawings, 1 indicates the casing of the machine, which is provided with an 85 overhanging head portion 2.

3 is the mouth of the machine in which the ticket or the like to be canceled is inserted.

4 is a door by which access may be gained 90 to the interior.

5 is an opening in the top wall of the casing through which the conductor may inscribe the station which is the destination of the passenger to or for whom the hat check 95 is issued.

6 is a spool (see Fig. 7) on which is arranged a web of paper 7 to be issued and severed in the form of hat checks. A spring 8 mounted on the door 4 bears against spool 100 6 to produce retarding friction. Spool 6 is mounted on a fixed post 9 extending from the back plate of the machine.

10 is a spool on which is mounted a record strip 11, said record strip passing under the 105 strip 7 and over platen 12, which platen is

arranged under the opening 5. The under side of strip 7 is coated with pigment, so that when the conductor inscribes the number of station of destination on strip 7, the 5 record thereof will be made on strip 11.

Strip 11 is wound upon a receiving spool 13 (see Fig. 6) whose axle is mounted in spring-pressed boxes 14 held in their guideways by hinged portions 15 (see Fig. 2), 10 which hinged portions are locked in position by spring latches 16. The purpose of these spring-pressed boxes is to force the disks constituting the heads of spool 13 up against the surface of a driving cylinder 17, which 15 driving cylinder is provided with pinion 18 at its end meshing with a gear 19. Gear 19 is mounted on shaft 20, on which shaft is pivotally mounted a pawl carrying lever 21. Pawl 22 carried by this lever, normally rests 20 on a track plate 23, whereby, upon the initial movement of the lever, the pawl will not engage the path of gear 19, but will permit lever 21 to move through an arc of a circle equal to the length of pawl 22 over the 25 track 23, before the lever 21 becomes engaged with the gear 19. A spring 25 restores the lever 21 to normal condition.

The upper end of lever 21 is provided with a shoulder, against which operates a roller 30 or lateral projection on the lower end of an operating bar 26, which bar is provided with a handle 27 extending through a vertical slot in the casing, as shown in Fig. 1.

28 is a pawl coöperating with teeth or ser-35 rations on bar 26 to compel a full stroke.

When bar 26 is depressed, shaft 20 is rocked, but, as before stated, wheel 19 is permitted to remain idle during the initial depression of bar 26, during which time the 40 ticket is canceled and a record made on the hat check of the train number, date, and serial number.

Printing impression is made from the recording mechanism as follows: 29 indicates 45 a rock arm fixed to shaft 20 (see Fig. 5). which rock arm normally lies under a pawl 30 pivotally mounted on a lever 31. The inner end of lever 31 is connected to a platen support 32, in which is mounted a 50 platen 33, preferably made of felt or other suitable material. This support 32 is guided vertically in its movement by suitable ways in the top casing or housing. When the bar 26 is depressed the arm 29 is moved up-55 wardly from the position shown in Fig. 2. and carries with it pawl 30 and lever 31. In this manner the platen is lifted, forcing the ticket against the recording devices, to be canceled, and the hat check against said 60 recording devices, to receive impressions of the numbers before referred to. As the arm 29 moves upwardly, it moves from under the pawl 30, whereupon a spring 34 restores the platen to normal condition. When the arm

65 29 is returned to its home position, pawl 30

is idly vibrated, being moved forwardly by arm 29 until said arm passes under said pawl.

The recording devices above referred to consist of three wheels 35 (see Fig. 5), con-70 stituting a counting mechanism on the peripheries of whose walls are puncturing points 36 arranged to indicate numbers. To the units wheel of this counting mechanism is arranged an arm 37 which coöperates 75 with the bar 26, whereby, when said bar is depressed, the units wheel is advanced one number at a time, so as to print consecutive numbers on the tickets and hat checks. The construction of this counting mechanism 80 forms no part of my present invention, as the same is already described in my aforesaid Patent No. 809,378. The counting mechanism shown in my present invention, however, is closed against inspection and 85 operation except through the depression of the bar 26. I prefer to have the counting mechanism sealed in the machine, because I have found it is unnecessary to restore the counting wheels to zero, as the office can 90 make a record of the number at the time it issues the machine, and the proper officials will thus know the first number of the series on each trip.

38 indicate manually positioned wheels 95 mounted alongside of the counting wheels 35, one of which, with large printing characters being used to designate the train number, while the others, with the small printing characters, may be adjusted to record 100 the date as shown in Fig. 3, wherein "7" indicates the seventh month, July; "5", the day of the month; and "10", the year 1910.

39 indicates the spring-pressed lever which is used to force the ticket and hat check off 105 from the puncturing needles as the platen is moved downwardly. This lever carries an idle roller 40, which holds the hat check against the cylinder 17, and when said cylinder 17 is rotated upon the last half of the 110 depression of bar 26, it will issue the hat check containing the record of the transaction.

The cylinder 17 drives the spool 13 frictionally at a higher rate of speed than is 115 necessary to wind up the permanent record. In order to always keep the record strip taut and to control the feed of the permanent record, I gear through wheel 41 a cylinder 42 to be driven at the same time that the hat 120 check is being issued, whereby a predetermined portion of the record strip is wound on the receiving spool. A spring-pressed idler 43 holds the record strip against the cylinder 42, so that frictional contact will 125 cause said record strip to be forcibly driven forward by each operation.

I am aware that minor changes in the construction, arrangement and combination of the several parts of my device can be made 130

and substituted for those herein shown and described without in the least departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a casing having an opening through which inscriptions may be manually made on a check, checkissuing mechanism, means for canceling a ticket and for recording identification marks on the check before it is issued, said issuing mechanism feeding said check forwardly be-15 youd the point where the inscription has been made thereon.

2. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a casing having an opening through which inscriptions 20 may be manually made on a check, checkissuing mechanism, ticket canceling mechanism operable simultaneously therewith, means for recording identification marks on the check, and means for winding a per-25 manent record strip on which is recorded the manual inscription only, said record strip being wound simultaneously with the issuance of said check.

3. In an apparatus of the character de-30 scribed, the combination with a casing having an opening, means for canceling a ticket and for feeding a check past said opening through which the station of destination is manually inscribed on said check, and means 35 for recording serial numbers on said checks.

4. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with means for feeding a check past an opening where the station of destination may be inscribed 40 thereon, means for recording the train number and date upon said check, and at the same time canceling a ticket, or the like, with said numbers, and means for making a permanent record of the station of destination 45 numbers only.

5. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a casing having a ticket-receiving aperture, and an opening through which the station of destination 50 may be manually written on a check to be issued, ticket - canceling devices in the form of puncturing devices arranged to represent numbers indicative of the train number, date and serial number, means for feeding a check 55 to be punctured with said numbers at the time said ticket is canceled, means for effecting said puncturing operation before said check is issued, said means finally issuing said check, and means for retaining a per-60 manent record of the station of destination written on said issued check.

6. In an apparatus of the character described, mechanism for feeding a strip of paper a predetermined distance coöperating 65 with mechanism for feeding another strip

of paper from an independent source of supply a relatively shorter distance, a rewinding device for the last mentioned strip of paper, and yielding means tending to drive said rewinding device at an excessive 70 speed.

7. In an apparatus of the character described, mechanism for feeding a strip of paper a predetermined distance coöperating with mechanism for feeding another strip 75 of paper from an independent source of supply a relatively shorter distance, a rewinding device for the last mentioned strip of paper, and yielding means tending to drive said rewinding device at an excessive 80 speed, said driving means being actuated by the first mentioned paper-feeding mechanism.

8. In an apparatus of the character described, a roll for feeding a strip of paper 85 a predetermined distance, means for actuating said roll, mechanism for feeding another strip of paper from an independent source of supply a relatively shorter distance, a rewinding spool for the last men- 90 tioned strip of paper, and means for yieldingly forcing said rewinding spool into engagement with said feeding roll.

9. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with check feeding 95 mechanism, of means for perforating or indenting the check, means for moving the check into engagement with indenting device, and means for holding the check out of engagement therewith while the check- 100 feeding mechanism is operating said means coöperating with the check being issued.

10. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with check-feeding mechanism, of means for perforating or in- 105 denting said check, a platen adapted to move the check into engagement with said indenting devices, and yielding means for holding the check out of engagement therewith while the check-feeding mechanism is operating 110 said means coöperating with the check being issued.

11. In an apparatus of the character described, a manually operable actuating device, a rock shaft actuated thereby, a spring 115 for restoring said rock shaft to normal position, means for actuating paper feeding and issuing mechanism operated by said rock shaft, a frictionally driven winding spool cooperating with said paper feeding mecha- 120 nism, wheels having raised characters on their periphery, a platen, means operated by said rock shaft for moving said platen so as to force the paper into engagement with said wheels, and means for holding the 125 platen away from said wheels while the feeding mechanism is operating.

12. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a numbering wheel for canceling tickets by recording con- 130

secutive numbers thereon, means for simultaneously placing the train number and date on said tickets, means for issuing the check, and means for feeding a record strip on 5 which the consecutive number is recorded, a spool on which said strip is wound and means operated by the check-issuing mechanism for operating the spool at a higher rate of speed than said record strip is fed.

10 13. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a casing having an opening through which the point of destination of the ticket being canceled may be manually inscribed on a check, numbering 15 wheels for canceling tickets by recording consecutive numbers thereon, means for simultaneously placing the train number and date on said tickets, means for recording upon said check the said consecutive num-20 ber, train number and date impressed upon said ticket and issuing said check at the time said ticket is canceled, and means for feeding a record strip on which the consecutive number and point of destination only are ²⁵ recorded.

14. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a casing having an opening through which the point of destination of the ticket being canceled may 30 be manually inscribed on a check, numbering wheels for consecutively numbering tickets to be canceled, means for recording the train number and date upon said tickets as they are canceled, means for issuing said check 35 at the time of canceling its complementary ticket, said ticket also bearing the consecutive cancellation number, train number and

date of cancellation borne by the ticket, and means for making a permanent record of the several points of destination inscribed 40

upon said tickets as they are issued.

15. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a casing having an opening through which the point of destination of the ticket being canceled may 45 be manually inscribed on a check, means for canceling tickets by recording consecutive numbers thereon and means for issuing checks bearing said consecutive numbers as said tickets are canceled, said checks con- 50 taining the manual inscription of the station of destination of their respective complementary tickets.

16. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination with a casing hav- 55 ing an opening through which the point of destination of the ticket being canceled may be manually inscribed on a check, means for canceling tickets by recording consecutive numbers thereon, means for issuing checks 60 bearing said consecutive numbers as said tickets are canceled, said checks containing the station of destination of their respective complementary tickets, and means for keeping a separate record of said destination of 65 said tickets.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this 16th day of February, 1909.

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