

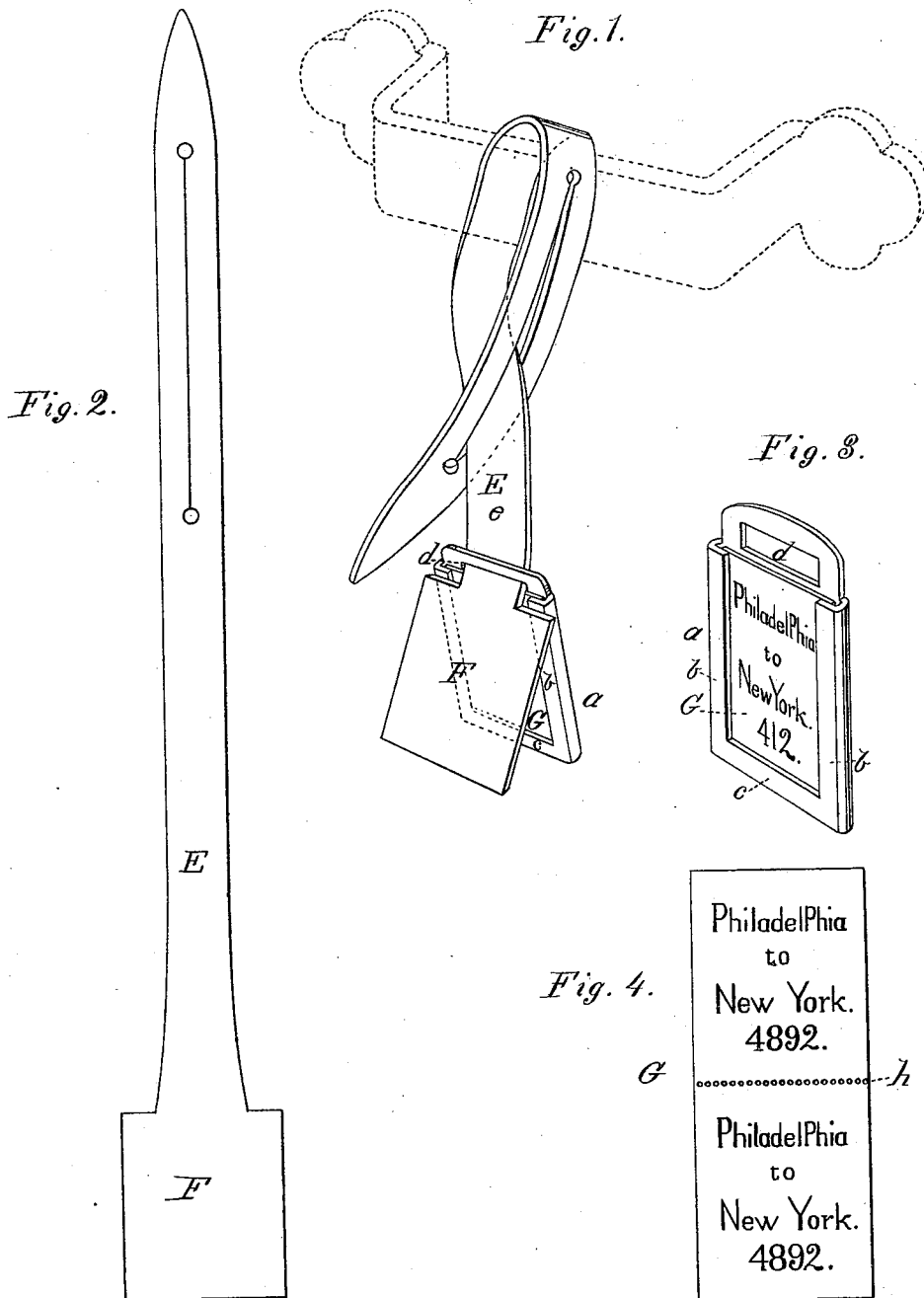
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. RUSSELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Check-Holders and Checks for Baggage; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention in perspective. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the strap, showing the enlarged face-flap. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the check-holder with the check in it. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the check with its duplicate.

This invention has relation to check-holders and checks for baggage; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter *a* designates the body of the check-holder, which is preferably made of sheet metal, and is formed with side flanges, *b*, turned inward or toward each other and an end flange, *c*, turned upward at the lower end of the holder. The upper end of the holder extends beyond the lateral flanges, and is made with a transverse slot, *d*, in line, or nearly in line, with the upper ends of the lateral flanges. Through the slot *d* passes the strap *E*, which is formed with an enlarged end or flap, *F*, of sufficient size to cover the face of the holder and protect the check therein from injury. This flap may have an end slot of sufficient width to receive the narrow end of the strap, and in this manner the flap

may be secured in place sufficiently for the purposes in view.

The check *G* is an elongated piece of card or paper, having its ends printed in duplicate, with the name of the railroad issuing it, a number, and the names of the places from which and to which the piece of baggage is to be transported. Each check is separable in the middle, a transverse line, *h*, of perforations being made to facilitate this operation. It is intended that one end of the check shall be of proper size to be inserted in the check-holder. The other end or duplicate portion is to be given to the passenger or person owning the baggage and constitutes his receipt. These checks are designed to be kept in racks or cases, and must be arranged in small compartments therein in strict order, so that they can be found at once when needed. A large number of holders will not be required with these checks, as the holders can be in constant use, whereas under the present system of checking baggage the checks are idle until returned to their proper stations.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the flanged check-holder *a*, having the transverse slot *d*, of the strap *E*, having the enlargement or flap *F* at its end, adapted to cover the face of the holder and the check in the same, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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