

(No Model.)

H. W. SHARPLESS.
STORE SERVICE TICKET.

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113		113		113		113	
Amt of Sales.		Cashier.		Examiner's Check.		Sharpless & Sons.	
\$	Cts.	\$	Cts.	\$	Cts.	\$	Cts.
A		B		C		D	
No. 20		No. 20		No. 20		No. 20 Cash Recd	

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. SHARPLESS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tickets for Store-Service; and I do hereby 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which forms a part of this specification.

This invention is a ticket specially intended for that class of stores in which cash-carriers are employed as a substitute for cash-boys, but adapted also to be used with other systems of store-service; and it consists of a divisible ticket, constructed, as fully described hereinafter, so as to maintain a perfect record of all transactions and afford a check whereby to detect mistakes and prevent fraud.

The drawing represents one of the tickets, which may be printed in loose sheets or upon slips or sheets bound together, and consists of four or more sections, A B C D, separated by rows of perforations, or otherwise constructed to permit one section to be readily detached from the other. Each section has at one point a number or letter, as 113, which indicates the number of the sale or transaction, and also another number, letter, or other symbol, as 20, indicating the salesman who uses such ticket, the tickets of each salesman all having his special number or symbol. The section A is ruled and lettered in any suitable manner to indicate the total amount received from the sale, which amount is put upon the section by the salesman, and, where the tickets are bound together, remains in the book as a stub. The section B is ruled like the section A, and this section B, when sent with section C to the cashier, is retained by him after comparison with the other section C. Each section C and D is ruled in sections to show the quantity, article, and price, the salesman entering upon

each a number to indicate the quantity of article sold, the name of such article, and the price, and the section D has also a space wherein are placed figures showing the total amount of money received from the customer. The section D is torn from the section C and given with the goods to the packer, who wraps up the goods and attaches or places the section D upon the outside of the package, while the connected sections B and C are sent with the money received to the cashier, who detaches the section B, retains it, and returns the section C to the salesman with the change. The salesman, on receiving the change and section C, hands the former to the customer and the latter to the packer, who compares sections D and C, and on finding them to be alike retains section C as his check and hands the bundle and section D to the salesman, by whom they are delivered to the customer, who can in a moment ascertain if the proper amount received has been credited and the correct change given. Where additional safeguards are required, other sections may be added.

It will be evident that the divisions, headings, rulings, &c., will vary somewhat with the character of the business in which the ticket is employed. Without limiting myself, therefore, to the precise features shown,

I claim—

A ticket for store-service, consisting of a sheet having four separable sections, A B C D, all with numbers indicating the number of the sales and designation of the salesman, all the sections adapted to receive figures indicating the value of the sale, and the sections C and D, in addition, being divided to receive memoranda of the number and character of articles sold, substantially as set forth.

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

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