

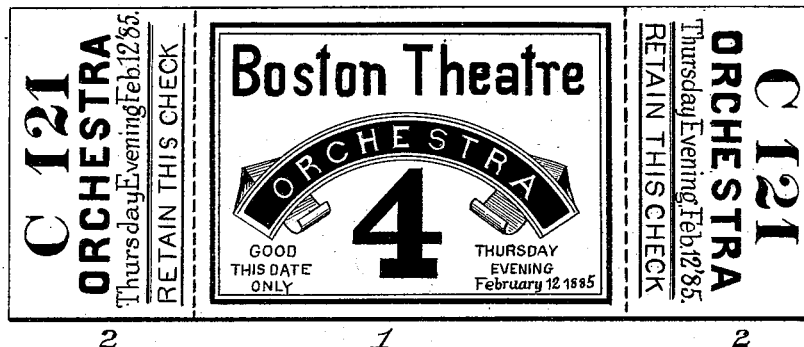
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COUPON TICKET.

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COUPON-TICKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. PORTER, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Coupon-Tickets, of which improvement the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to obviate the delay and inconvenience occasioned in separating reserved-seat coupons from admission-tickets at theaters or other places of amusement; and to this end my invention consists in an admission-ticket provided with a reserved-seat check or coupon on each of its ends, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawing the figure is a front view, in elevation, of a coupon ticket embodying my invention.

In the employment of the ordinary coupon-tickets for reserved seats at theaters, concert-halls, and other places of amusement, delay and annoyance to visitors and inconvenience to door-keepers are occasioned when many persons are seeking admittance, by the necessity of the door-keeper or ticket-taker detaining those who present tickets for a party of two or more, and necessarily those succeeding them, while he examines and turns the several tickets of each lot in the same direction, so that he may tear off the coupons to be returned to the ticket-holders to secure the seats engaged by them, the body of the ticket, which serves only as entitling the holder to admission, being retained by the ticket-taker when the holder passes in.

To obviate the objection above recited and reduce, as far as may be, the delay necessary to prevent the admittance of unauthorized persons, I provide a coupon-ticket having a reserved-seat check or coupon, 2, at each end

of its body 1, said coupons being separated from the body of the ticket by lines of punctures or indentations, so as to mark their limits and render them readily detachable, and being of substantially similar shape and size, so that when two or more tickets are simultaneously presented to the ticket-taker, as in most instances is the case, he can immediately detach the coupons from whichever end of the lot of tickets that may be nearest his right hand without stopping to examine, reverse, and arrange them, as is now the case, and can return without delay the remaining portions of the tickets to the person presenting them.

One or more of my improved tickets being handed to a ticket-taker, it is immaterial which coupon he detaches, as both are marked with the same seat-number, and by the removal of the coupons from one end of the ticket or tickets he is enabled to correctly maintain his own record of admission, as well as to deliver to the holder the proper warrant for obtaining the seat or seats previously engaged by him. A ticket presented with one coupon detached would indicate the holder to be entitled to admission only, and not to a reserved seat, the right to the latter being evidenced only by the presentation of the ticket with both its coupons attached.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An admission-ticket having a reserved-seat ticket or coupon at each end of its body, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

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