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RAILROAD TICKET.

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Fig. 1.

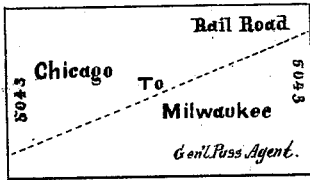


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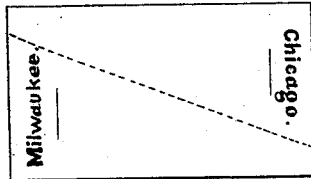


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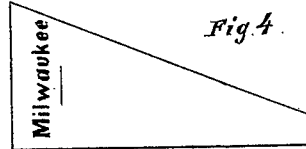


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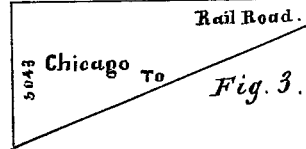


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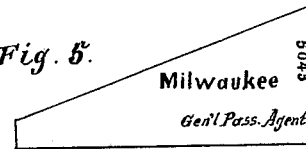
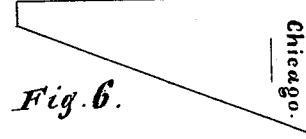


Fig. 6.



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IMPROVEMENT IN RAILROAD-TICKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN G. JOHNSON, of Milan, Erie county, State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Railroad-Tickets, of which the following is a full description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the face, and Fig. 2 the back, of my ticket; Figs. 3 and 4 the face and back of one half, and Figs. 5 and 6 the face and back of the other half.

It is customary for railroad-conductors to punch or otherwise cancel tickets which they receive from passengers. Conductors, however, sometimes fail to do this, and tickets which should be canceled and returned are, it is said, frequently used a second time, occasioning considerable loss to the railroad companies.

The object of my invention is to provide a railroad-ticket by the use of which the companies will be more completely protected against the losses above mentioned, and this I accomplish by means of a ticket adapted to be separated into two parts, the ticket being so printed and made that when so separated each part will indicate the place of departure and the destination of the traveler, the intention being that, in use, the conductor shall take and retain one-half of the ticket and give the other half to the traveler, to be held as a conductor's check, or in place thereof, thus also dispensing with the conductor's checks now in use.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents the face of my ticket, on which must be printed the name of the station where sold, being the place of departure, and the name of the place of destination of the passenger; and these names are to be so printed that the ticket can be separated into two parts, on one of which will be the name of the place of departure, and on the other the place of destination. In the drawings "Chicago" is the place of departure, and "Milwaukee" the place of destination. The tickets should be consecutively numbered as usual, except that when divided the same number should be upon each half.

Other suitable matters, such as the name of the railroad company selling the ticket, and the name of the general passenger agent, may be printed on the face of the ticket.

Upon the back of the ticket must be printed

the name of the place of departure and the destination of the passenger, so arranged that when the ticket is divided into two parts that half of the ticket which has the place of departure on its face will have the place of destination on its back, and that half which has the place of destination on its face will have the place of departure on its back. It will be most convenient to print these upon the back across the ends, as shown in Fig. 2.

In order that the ticket may be separated into two parts readily, I puncture it or cut it partly through, preferably along a diagonal line, as shown by dotted line in Figs. 1 and 2.

Upon the back of the ticket may be printed any suitable instructions or other matter. Such instructions, for example, may direct the conductor to separate the ticket into two parts, one to be retained by him, the other to be given to the passenger as a check.

In use the conductor, when he receives the ticket from a passenger, must separate it into two parts, retaining that half which has the place of destination upon its face and the place of departure on the back, and giving to the passenger the other half as a conductor's check, which, if printed as directed, will have the place of departure on the face and the destination on the back; and these parts having been so separated become useless as tickets, and cannot be again sold or used. The conductor can put his own mark, in any way, upon that part of the ticket retained by the passenger. Before the passenger leaves the train the check must be taken up as usual.

In Fig. 3 I have shown the face of one half of the ticket, and in Fig. 4 the back of the same half; while Fig. 5 shows the face of the other half, and Fig. 6 the back thereof.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

A railroad-ticket, having the names of the place of departure and of destination both upon the face and back thereof, arranged substantially as described, whereby, when cut or separated into two parts, each part will show the name of the place of departure on one side and that of destination on the other side, as and for the purposes set forth.

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