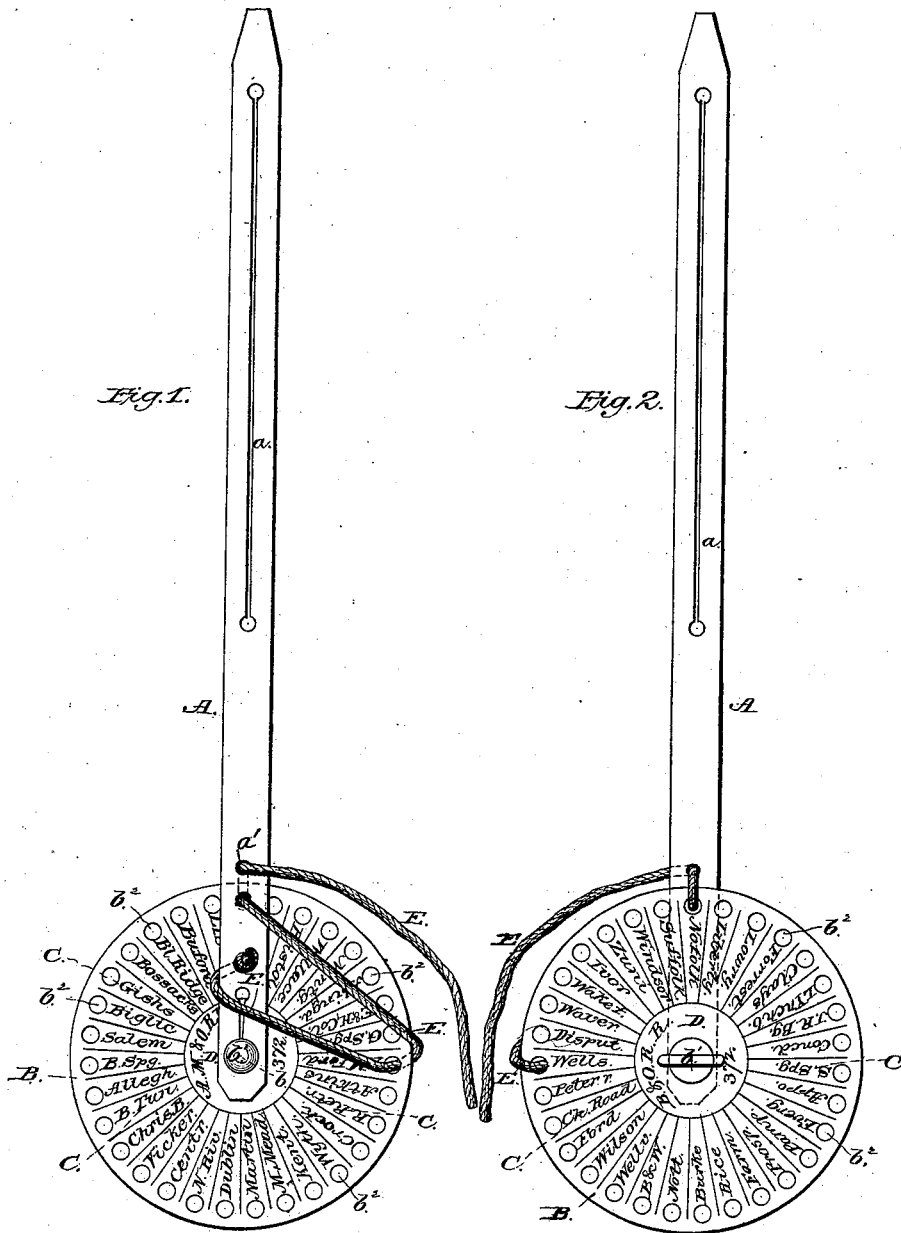


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IMPROVEMENT IN BAGGAGE-CHECKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. GUY, of Nottoway Court-House, in the county of Nottoway and State of Virginia, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Station-Index Baggage-Checks; 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 the face of my station-index baggage-check, and Fig. 2 is a view of the reverse side of the same.

My invention relates to a check for baggage, the object being to have the check clearly and readily denote both the station at which the baggage was received and also its destination, avoiding the necessity of hunting for an address-card in most unreasonable positions, written in most unintelligible hieroglyphics, as is often the case, on trunks and the like.

The check consists of a circular plate of suitable material, to which is attached a removable strap adapted to be secured to a trunk through the handle, as is usual in such cases.

A circular disk of metal or other material, perforated at the center to receive a stud or other means of attachment to a check-strap, is provided near its periphery with any number of holes. Radiating from the center toward these outer perforations are letters, numbers, or other distinguishing characters, designating different stations along the line of the railroad, such designations being upon one or both sides, different routes being used on such sides, if desired. A cord is secured to the strap at one end, the other extremity or free end being adapted to pass through one of the holes near the periphery, to designate the station where the baggage was received; from thence through the strap and another hole in the disk, to designate the destination of the said baggage; and finally through a hole in the strap and pulled taut. This operation brings the designated destination on a line with the plane of the strap, the receiving-station being designated at any position around the surface of the disk.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the strap, slotted at *a* and perforated at *a'*, and to which is removably attached a circular plate, B, perforated at *b*, in the center, to receive the securing-stud *b'*. Near the periphery of the plate B are perforations *b''*, and radiating from the center toward such perforations are words or letters C, stamped or otherwise formed on or attached to the disk, to designate stations along the line of the railroad. Sufficient space is left in the center, D, to designate the name of the road, and figures setting forth the distance in miles between the termini of the road; or the class of baggage or freight, or other desirable marks, may be there affixed.

E represents a cord, secured at one end to the strap A, and adapted to pass through the apertures *b''*, for the purpose set forth.

Different routes may be used on the same check—as, for instance, on one side “B. & O. R. R.,” and on the other “A. M. and O. R. R.”

The operation of my invention as set forth is obvious.

I am aware that perforated disks with radiating letters or words are not broadly new.

I am also aware that several such disks have been loosely secured together, and a cord or tape passing through the perforations would indicate both the point of receipt and destination of baggage, and that a single plate with the attaching-strap threaded through it has been used; but such constructions are not sought to be covered in this application.

In my invention one disk, the strap, and cord, as shown, secure the required result.

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

In combination, the disk B, provided with words or letters C, perforations *b''*, and stud *b'*, the strap A, having the attaching-slot, slot *a*, and perforations *a'*, and the cord E, secured to the strap, all constructed and operating substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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

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