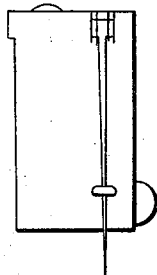


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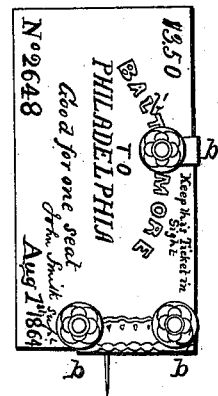
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## RAILROAD TICKET-HOLDER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 46,469, dated February 21, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, J. O. HARRIS, of the city of Ottawa, in the county of La Salle and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Instrument for a Railroad Ticket-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a thin plate or piece of metal from one-half of an inch to an inch in width and from an inch to an inch and one-half in length, provided at one end with a clasp or socket marked *b b* in Diagram 1 of the accompanying drawings. This clasp or socket *b b* extends nearly or quite across the width of the instrument or said plate. This clasp or socket is intended to and will hold firmly in position one end of the railroad ticket issued to the passenger. The other end of the instrument or plate is provided on the same face with a clasp or spring, indicated in Diagram 1 of the annexed drawings by *b' b'*, which last-mentioned clasp or spring secures the railroad ticket of the passenger at the other end of the instrument. This instrument is fastened to some exposed part of the clothing of the passenger by means of a common pin and hook, as represented in Diagram No. 2 of the accompanying drawings, *C G* being the pin fastened by the hook *f*.

The advantages of this instrument are then when the instrument is fastened, as aforesaid, and the ticket placed in the same, the ticket is secure and safe, being held by means of the said socket and clasp or spring, as above de-

scribed, and is always in reach or view of the conductor of the railroad-train upon which the passenger, is traveling and can be taken up by the conductor without disturbing the passenger, and can also be taken up by the conductor without detaining him, as passengers generally do in finding their tickets. The instrument being also of less dimensions than the ticket, the ticket reaching out beyond the metal of which the plate is made, the conductor can punch or cut the ticket without removing it from its place. Diagram No. 3 of the accompanying drawings represents the reverse or back view of the instrument; Diagram No. 2, a longitudinal view, and Diagram No. 1 represents the instrument as holding a railroad ticket according to the design or use for which the instrument is made.

I do not intend to limit myself to the pin as a mode of attaching my invention to the clothing of the passenger, but the same may be done by any other suitable means, as by a hook or clasp.

Having now fully described my improved ticket-holder, I will specify what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the herein-described plate, the socket or clasp *b b*, and the spring or clasp *b' b'*, arranged and operating substantially as and for the purposes herein shown and set forth.

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