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*Identifying R.R. Ticket.*  
*N<sup>o</sup> 47,798. Patented May 23, 1865.*

*Fig. 1. A*

ERIE RAILWAY

COMMUTATION, No. .... *B*

Between ..... and .....

For ..... Months, ending ..... 186

SOLELY FOR THE USE OF

Whose Age is ..... Years

Height ..... Feet ..... Inches

Form, .....

Complexion, .....

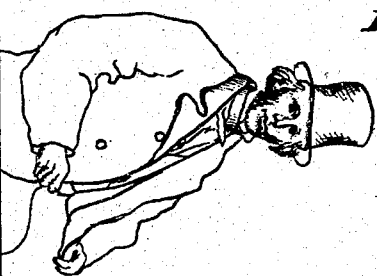
Hair, ..... *C*

Eyes, .....

THE IDENTIFYING TICKET.  
 Approved according to act of Congress, in the year 1861,  
 by the Hon. Commissioners of the Erie Railway, of the  
 Southern District of New York.

*Fig 2*

*D*



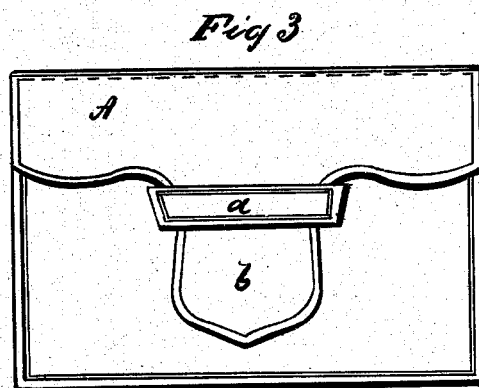
THIS TICKET EXPIRES *E*

On the First of ..... 186

And is held subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Company.

To be shown to Conductors when required, and at its expiration  
 returned to the General Passenger Agent's Office,  
 Room No. 9, Erie Building, New York.

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## IDENTIFYING-TICKET FOR RAILROADS, &c.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 47,798, dated May 23, 1865.

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNING S. CHITTENDEN, of Bergen county, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Identifying-Ticket for Railroad Season-Tickets, and for other Purposes; and I declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention in book form, showing the first two pages within the cover. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the last two pages. Fig. 3 shows the ticket-book as closed and folded together, for convenience in carrying.

Like letters of reference indicate similar parts in the several figures.

My invention consists in a new and useful mode of manufacturing railroad and other tickets intended to be "not transferable," by the use of which the person to whom they belong can be easily identified by the conductor, or other person whose duty it is to know that the ticket is presented by the rightful owner thereof, and in whose name it has been issued.

Under the present system of railroad commutation or season tickets there is no security either to the company by whom they are issued or to whom they may be issued, in case of a ticket being lost or stolen, whereas by my system they may be renewed if lost by or stolen from the owner, by him simply presenting a new likeness and description of himself, and the person who comes into possession of the lost or stolen ticket cannot use it because it contains a likeness or photograph and description of its previous owner. Tickets also under the present system are easily counterfeited by any printer.

It has been known in many instances to the railroad-companies, that two or more persons

have used the same ticket at different times, simply because there was nothing upon the ticket by which to identify its rightful and proper owner.

To enable others to use and manufacture my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

The ticket and descriptions of the person to whom it may be granted are secured upon the inside of a leather or flexible cover, A, which is provided with a cross-strap, *a*, and tongue *b*, for claspings or holding the covering when folded shut, as in Fig. 3.

The first page, B, has upon it the name of the company issuing the ticket, its recorded number; between what two places its owner travels, the time for which it is granted and the time of its expiration, and the name of the person to whom it is issued.

The second page, C, has upon it a description of the person to whom it is granted, his age, height, form, complexion, color of hair and eyes, also signature of the person who receives the pay therefor for the company.

The third page, D, contains a photograph of the person possessing the ticket in his or her usual traveling apparel.

Page four (marked E) contains a notice of expiration of the ticket, and other regulations which may be thereon at the option of the company issuing it.

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

The combination of the several parts herein described to form an indentifying railroad or other ticket, substantially as herein set forth, and for the purposes described.

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