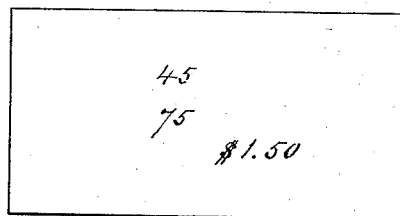
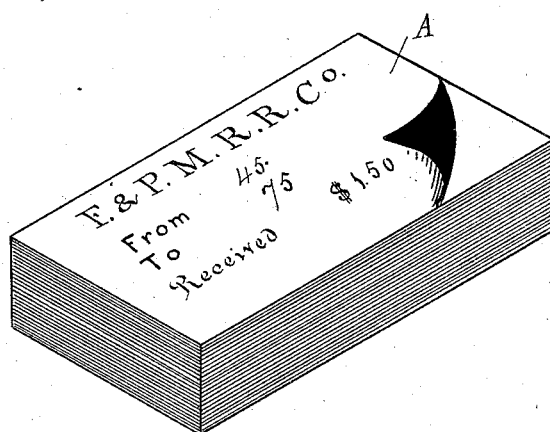


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BACKUS, of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Conductors' Checks; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the manufacture of conductors' checks of that class which are issued by the conductor to the passenger paying his fare on the train; and it consists in the
15 peculiar construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, A represents a
20 block composed of cards of proper size, interleaved with carbon paper colored upon but one side, all being of the same size and secured together upon one or two edges in the usual way of blocking blank paper.

25 In the drawing the uncolored side of the carbon paper is presented with figures as made by the conductor, giving the numbers of stations to and from which the passenger is entitled to a seat, and the amount paid. By
30 the side of the block is shown a check to be given to the passenger, which is a duplicate of the carbon paper. When this check is

made the conductor tears off the carbon piece, which he retains, and tears off the check from the block for the passenger. In his trip-report
35 the conductor accounts for all the missing checks from the block by his duplicate on the uncolored side of the carbon paper. This carbon paper may be made of any color desired, the word "carbon" in this connection
40 being simply used as a common method of speaking with relation to duplicating-paper, and of course it makes no difference what kind of pencil or pen is employed in the operation. By making these blocks—say with
45 fifty checks or cards and a corresponding number of carbon sheets—any deficiency in the returns of the conductor can be at once detected by counting the number of checks left in the block.

50 I am aware of Patent No. 285,794, and make no claim to the construction shown therein as forming part of my invention.

What I claim as my invention is—

A book or block composed of a number of
55 sets of leaves, each set being composed of a bottom thick leaf and a top leaf of carbon colored on the under side only, substantially as shown and described.

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