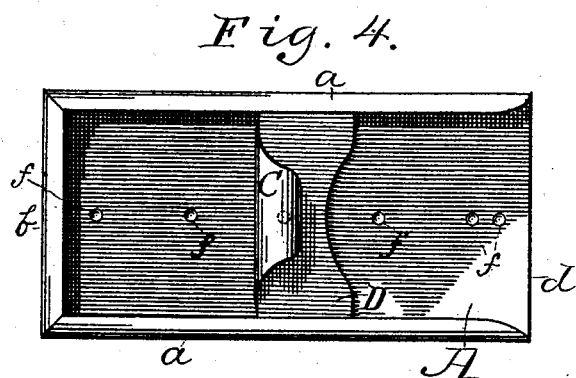
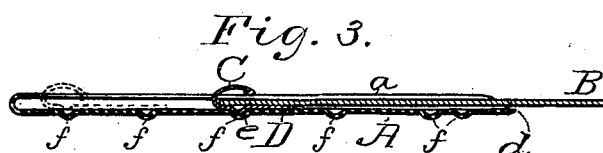
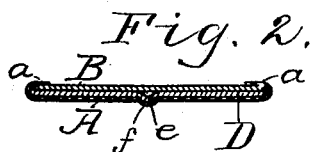
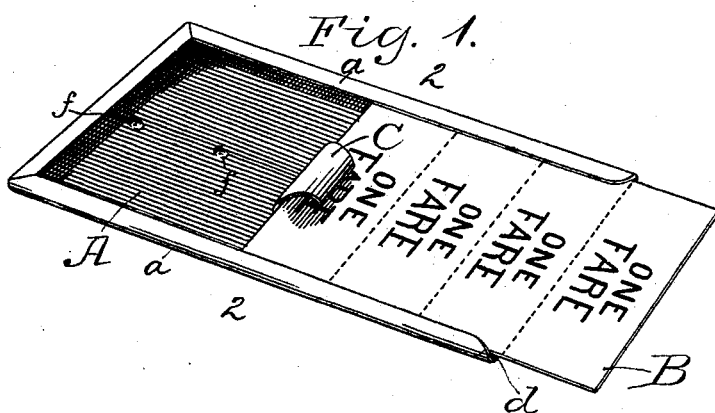


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GUSTAF JULIUS BORGSTRÖM, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide a holder for passenger tickets, particularly coupon tickets, which are so extensively used to pay fare on the street cars

My holder is so constructed, that, instead of the ticket being folded up in almost any manner and jammed into the pocket among other matter, so that they are difficult to find, and when found have to be unfolded and straightened out, all that it is necessary to do is to take the ticket holder from the pocket and with the finger move a slide, which shoves the coupon out of the embrace of the holder so that it can be easily torn off without affecting the remainder of the ticket, which latter is thus protected from injury and will be straight and clean; substantially as hereinafter fully described, and as illustrated in the drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section through the same taken on dotted line 2, 2, of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal central section through the holder, and, Fig. 4 is a plan view thereof with the tickets removed.

In the drawings A represents a holder, which consists of an oblong plate of thin sheet metal or other suitable material, and of suitable dimensions. This holder has its longitudinal side edges *a*, and the edge of one end bent so that they overhang the plate and are capable of holding within their embrace the edges of the coupon tickets B, so as to prevent their removal except out of the open end *d* of said holder.

The tickets are placed in the holder by pushing them down through the open end under the said overhanging edges. They could be shoved out by hand, but this would not be satisfactory, because of the reason that fre-

quently they would stick, and the effort exercised to push them out would not be sufficient to overcome the resistance without defacing or otherwise injuring said tickets. This is particularly the case when the overhanging edges are brought sufficiently close to the inner surface of the plate, of which said holder is made, that the tickets would be held sufficiently firm to prevent their independently working out of said holder. I have, therefore, provided a slide D, which consists of a plate of a width slightly greater than the width of the ticket, and of a length corresponding to about the width of the coupon. Its side edges come under and are guided, when said slide moves toward or from the open end of the holder, by the overhanging side edges thereof. It is provided with a spring clamp C, which may be attached thereto or made a part thereof, and which extends centrally from the rear edge of said slide, and is bent double and then turned in toward so as to touch the outer surface of said slide. When the ticket is to be placed in the holder the end edge thereof is inserted under the extremity of the spring clamp and then shoved into the holder, as shown in the drawings. This slide, as thus constructed, affords a good purchase for the finger or thumb when it is desired to push the ticket or a portion thereof out through the holder.

As shown in the drawings, the ticket holder has a coupon ticket in it. As intimated in the statement, it is this kind of a ticket which my improved holder is best adapted to hold and preserve. When it is desired to remove a coupon from a ticket of this kind, it will not be necessary to shove the whole ticket out of the holder, but only such portion thereof as will enable the one coupon to be removed. This is done by bending the coupon back and tearing it apart from the remainder of the ticket upon and over the edge *d* of said holder, which latter may be sharpened for the purpose if desired. In order to gage just how far it is necessary to move slide D forward, each time it is desired to remove a coupon from the ticket, I have provided the front surface of the holder, preferably, about its

center of length with a series of circular or other suitably shaped indentations *f, f*, which are separated a distance apart corresponding to the width of a coupon. The under surface of the slide *D* is provided with a protuberance *e*, which is located in longitudinal register with the series of indentations *f*, which it is designed to engage with. Now, the first indentation is made near the closed end of the holder, under that point indicated by the protuberance *e*, when the slide has been pushed back as far as it will go toward the closed end of said holder. The remainder of said indentations are located an equal distance apart (corresponding to the width of the coupon) until the indentation is reached by the protuberance *e*, where but one coupon will remain in the embrace of the holder. The next indentation, after this last mentioned one, is but one half the distance removed therefrom that separates the others. This is done for the reason that when the last coupon is reached it is only necessary to let it project beyond the edge *d* sufficient to afford a finger grasp to pull it out with.

In order to protect the edges of a ticket held by the slide, I can, if desired, bend upward the side edges of the same, as shown in Fig. 2.

If desired I could connect the overhanging side edges of the holder next the open end thereof by a bridge *g* the outer edge of which would serve as a sharp-edge to assist in tearing the coupon from the ticket. Of course this would require the bending of the coupon forward and tearing it off instead of to the rear over the edge *d*, as heretofore described.

As the design and dimensions of the parts of my invention concern merely the æsthetic tastes of the purchasing public, and do not affect the spirit of the invention, I desire to be considered as at liberty to change the de-

sign and dimensions, as illustrated in the drawings, whenever occasion demands it.

What I claim as new is—

1. The combination with a holder consisting of a rectangular plate having guides formed along its longitudinal side edges, of a slide consisting of a plate the side edges of which move in said guides which is provided with a spring clamp for clamping one end of a coupon ticket, and which is otherwise so constructed that it can be gaged to move a given distance within the length of said holder each time it is moved, and there retained.

2. The combination with a ticket holder consisting of a rectangular plate having guides formed along its longitudinal side edges, of a slide consisting of a plate the side edges of which move in said guides, said holder having a longitudinal central series of indentations in its inner surface and said slide having a protuberance on its under surface which as said slide is moved engages said indentations thereby gaging the distance it is necessary to move said slide, as set forth.

3. The combination with a holder consisting of a rectangular plate having guides formed along its longitudinal side edges, of a slide consisting of a plate the side edges of which move in said guides and which is provided with a spring-clamp whereby the inner end of a ticket can be clasped to said slide, said holder having a longitudinal central series of indentations in its inner surface, and said slide having a protuberance on its under surface which engage said indentations and thereby gage the distance it may be necessary to move said slide, as set forth.

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