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## COMBINED TICKET-HOLDER AND THEATER-SEAT DIAGRAM.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEIGH B. TRAFTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Limestone, in the county of Aroostook and State of Maine, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Ticket-Holders and Theater-Seat Diagrams, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined ticket holder and seat indicator for theaters, halls, auditoriums, and the like, whereby the tickets can be conveniently arranged with reference to the seats shown on the diagram or indicator, thus enabling the ticket seller to easily and quickly obtain the desired tickets to be sold and also enabling him to ascertain, at a glance, the seats remaining to be sold.

The invention has for one of its objects to provide a device of this character which is of simple and inexpensive construction, reliable and efficient in use, and convenient to manipulate.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a box or cabinet which is divided into a plurality of ticket compartments or tills laid out after the plan of the rows of seats in the orchestra, orchestra circle, balconies, etc., the tickets or tills being lettered to correspond with the rows of seats of the theater.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character having a lid which contains a plan or diagram of the seats of the theater from which the patrons can select the seats desired and the ticket pockets or tills of the cabinet are arranged correspondingly with the rows of seats on the diagram or plan so that the ticket seller can quickly select the desired tickets.

With these objects in view and others, as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention comprises the various novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described hereinafter and set forth with particularity in the claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates one embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a sectional view of the device taken on line 1—1, Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device showing the lid removed. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on line 3—3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary plan view of the lid and diagram thereon.

to designate corresponding parts throughout the views.

Referring to the drawing, A designates a cabinet or box constructed of wood or other suitable material and of such size as to be conveniently portable and this box is divided into sections corresponding to the various parts of the theater, hall, or the like, having seats, as for instance, orchestra, orchestra circle, balcony, gallery, etc. In the present instance, the cabinet is formed with an orchestra section *a* and a gallery section *b*, and each section is provided with groups of pockets or tills 1 which are laid out after the fashion of the seats of the theater or hall for which the device is to be used, and between the groups of pockets are strips 2 which bear characters such as letters for designating the various pockets or tills of the respective groups, the letters corresponding with the letters of the rows of seats of the theater. The portion of the cabinet that corresponds to the stage is divided into compartments 3 which may be used for receiving money. The wall at one end of the cabinet is extended vertically and to this extended portion is hinged a lid 5 which folds down over the cabinet. This lid is held in an inclined position by a prop 6 located in the cabinet or box at one side thereof and mounted to tilt on a pin 7 that passes through a slot 8. This prop holds the lid at such an inclination that the patrons can readily see the diagram of seats arranged on the top of the lid and at the same time the cabinet is held open so that the seller can conveniently reach the tickets asked for. In setting the prop, it is merely necessary to raise the lid and press downwardly on the front end of the prop so as to swing the same to the position shown in Fig. 1, where the lid will be propped open. The lid is constructed in the form of a frame the same consisting of a bottom plate 7 over which is spread a printed chart, diagram or plan 8 of the theater seats. The rows of seats are designated by letters to correspond with the pockets and the seats of the rows are numbered as shown in Fig. 4. The side pieces 9 of the lid are provided with grooves 10 for receiving a slide or cover 11 for protecting the glass 12 when the device is not in use.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing

the advantages of the construction and of the method of operation will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described  
5 the principle of the invention, together with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative, and that such changes may be  
10 made when desired as are within the scope of the claims appended hereto.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. A combined ticket holder and seat  
15 indicator for theaters and the like comprising a cabinet, a cover for the cabinet, a diagram of the seats on the outer face of the cover, ticket pockets in the cabinet arranged in correspondence with the rows of seats

shown in the diagram, and a propping device 20 in the cabinet for holding the cover open in inclined position.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination of a cabinet, a lid hingedly mounted thereon, a diagram or seat indicator 25 on the lid, ticket compartments in the cabinet lettered to correspond with the rows of seats on the indicator, the said pockets being arranged in accordance with the rows of seats of the indicator, and a cover for protecting 30 the indicator when the device is not in use.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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