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(54) **Improvements in or relating to continuous wallet assemblies.**

(57) A continuous wallet assembly primarily for retaining airline tickets comprising a web of paper with a longitudinal fold line to permit the web to be folded longitudinally and the assembly being provided with transverse tear off perforations at wallet length intervals to divide the web into individual wallets and provided with transverse lines of securing to join the folded parts of the web together at positions adjacent to the lines of the tear off perforations to provide a wallet closed at one end and open at the other end and having each one of the folded wallets of the assembly provided on its outer wall with printed data areas to receive printed information relating to the intended contents of the wallet.

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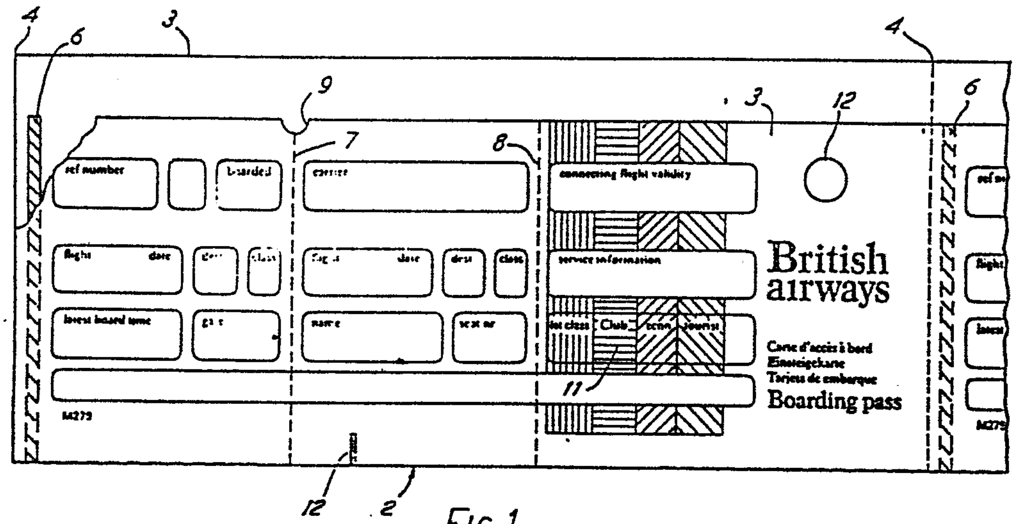
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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO CONTINUOUS WALLET ASSEMBLIES

This invention has reference to wallets and has particular but not exclusive reference to wallets capable of receiving information on an outer face of the wallet and the wallet being capable of receiving and retaining documents, for example an airline ticket and which wallet is capable of constituting an aircraft boarding pass.

It is a common practice for passengers in an airport to have an air ticket removed from a book of air tickets and retained in a wallet which constitutes an airline ticket wallet. This airline ticket wallet comprises a front and back sheet capable of receiving the removed ticket and the front sheet is printed with areas to receive hand written information relative to the flight.

It is an object of the present invention to provide an improved document wallet.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a wallet capable of receiving an airline ticket and also capable of receiving imprinted information on an outer face of the wallet. It is a further object of the present invention to

provide a continuous assembly web made up of a plurality of wallets and to which wallets information may be applied as in a print unit and from which wallet parts may be selectively detached.

According to the present invention a continuous wallet assembly comprises a web of paper with a longitudinal fold line to permit the web to be folded longitudinally and the assembly being provided with transverse tear off perforations at wallet length intervals to divide the web into individual wallets and provided with transverse lines of securing to join the folded parts of the web together at positions adjacent to the lines of the tear off perforations to provide a wallet closed at one end and open at the other end and having each one of the folded wallets of the assembly provided on its outer wall with printed data areas to receive printed information relating to the intended contents of the wallet.

A continuous wallet assembly in accordance with the present invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings wherein Fig. 1 illustrates a wallet assembly partly cut away.

As shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings a continuous wallet assembly comprises a web 1 of paper preferably of good quality printing cartridge paper capable of being fed as a web through a print unit and of providing a good printing surface. The web is folded longitudinally about a longitudinal perforation fold line 2 to form two continuous wall portions

3. The front wall portion is narrower than the rear wall portion but the two wall portions may have the same width. The web 1 is divided into wallet lengths by lines 4 of transverse perforations in both the front and rear wall portions. The perforations in the front and rear wall portions overlap. These lines of overlapping transverse perforations enable the continuous wallet web to be folded into a pack. Transverse lines 6 of adhesive are provided parallel to and adjacent to the lines 4 of transverse perforations to secure the wall portions together adjacent to the lines 4 of transverse perforations.

The front wall portion (but not the rear wall portion) has two transverse lines 7 and 8 of perforations each of which extends from the longitudinal perforation fold line 2 to the edge of the wall portion to enable parts of the front wall of the assembly to be detached by tearing along line of perforations 7 or 8. The web is cut by a guillotine mechanism in the printing machine through which the continuous wallet web is fed. Depending upon the application to which the continuous wallet web is applied the positions of the perforation lines may be varied.

The longitudinal fold line 2 comprises a line of tear off perforations for most of its length but comprises a continuous cut part between a position adjacent the transverse tear off perforation line 7 and a position beyond the tear off perforation line 8. The continuous cut part of the fold line enables the part of the front wall 3 of the web to be readily

detached from the remainder of the web by tearing across the perforation lines 7 and 8 whereupon the central part of the front wall 3 between the lines 7 and 8 may be removed. It will also be apparent that if the perforation line 8 has already been torn across to detach the outer part of the wallet web it is not then necessary to tear off such line 8. In order still more to facilitate the tear off of the perforation line 7 the end of the perforation line 7 terminates in a half moon cut away portion 9.

The continuous wallet web assembly is designed for feeding through an I.E.R. Printer which applies data to the web assembly. This printer may be used by airlines for applying data to individual airline tickets or airline ticket folders. After feeding through the printer the assembly is divided into wallet lengths by tearing across the respective perforation lines 6 in the front wall and rear wall portions of the assembly. When the wallet web assembly is to be used as an airline ticket wallet the assembly is fed through the printer and information about the air journey of a particular traveller is applied to the respective wallet lengths of wallet web assembly by the printer. A single ticket wallet is detached from the wallet web by tearing across the perforation line 6. It will be apparent that each wallet detached has two walls secured together by a line of adhesive 6 adjacent one side end of the wallet (as shown in Fig. 1 adjacent the left hand side of the wallet) whereas the other side end of the wallet is open. A ticket or one sheet of the ticket referring

to a particular journey is inserted into the ticket wallet and handed to the traveller as a combined boarding pass and ticket. When boarding the air plane the outer right hand end portion 8 of the front wall of the ticket is detached by tearing along the line 8 of perforations and presented to the traveller to enable him or her to identify his or her seat on the aircraft and to give other information as may be required. It may be required at a stage between issuance of the wallet and boarding the plane to detach an intermediate part only of the wallet by tearing along the lines 7 and 8 of perforations and the intermediate part may be removed because the fold line at that part comprises a continuous cut part.

The outer face of the front wall of the assembly is printed with data areas in the respective parts of the front wall as may be required. The boarding pass may be printed with coloured block lines 9 representing the various classes of travel so that a mark may be applied in the data area 11 associated with the class of the traveller other data areas may refer to different aspects of the ticket or travel facilities. Thus for example the first area representing first class may be in red, the second area representing club may be in blue, the third area representing an economy class may be in fawn and a further area representing a further economy class may be in green. The front wall also bears a sensing mark 12 for the purpose of energising a cut-off mechanism in the printer to enable the wallet to be detached from the wallet web at a position adjacent to each line 4 of

cross perforations.

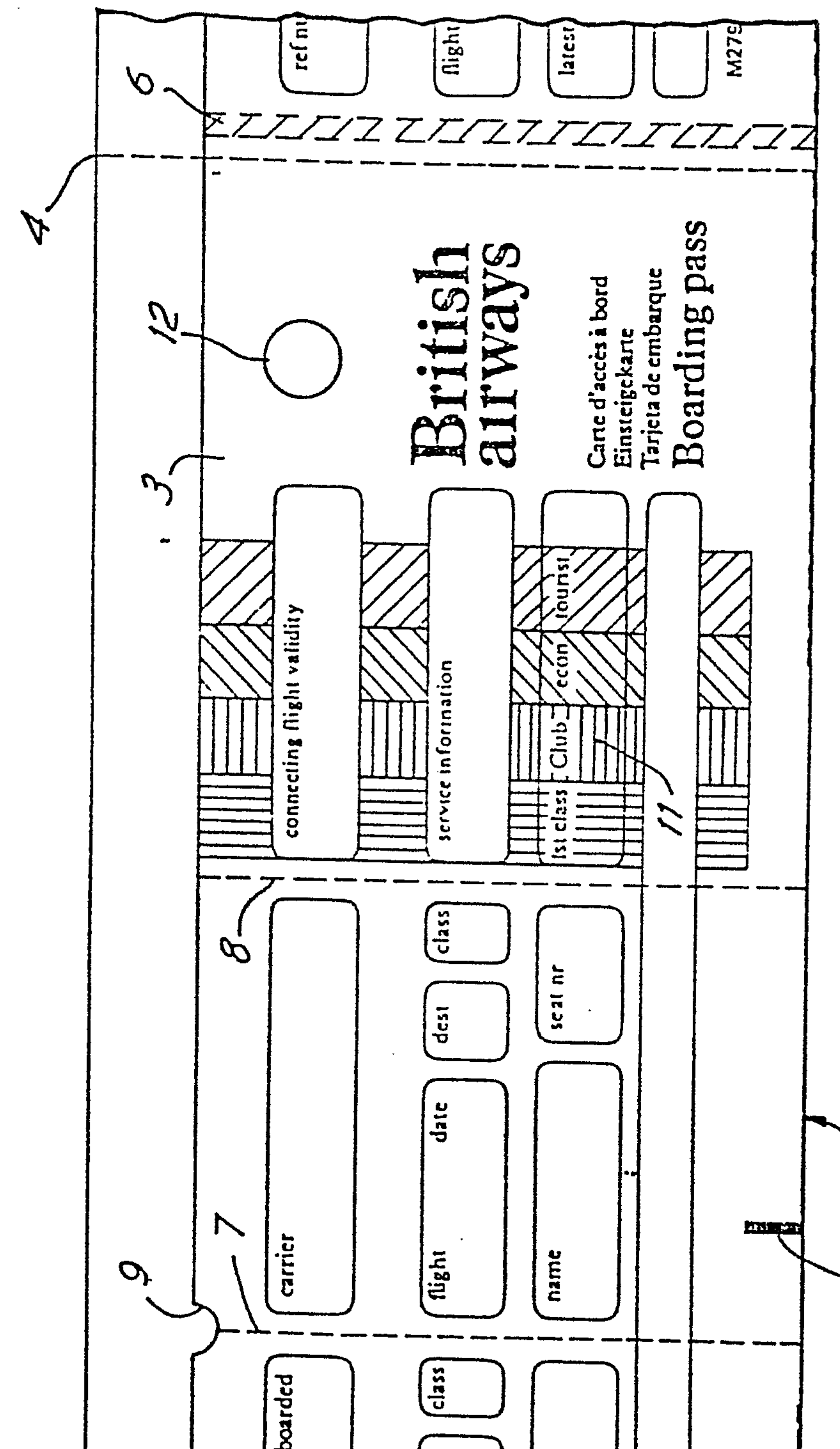
A circular hole 12, is formed in the front wall of the assembly. This enables anyone inspecting the wallet to be assured that there is a ticket in the wallet without removing the ticket from the wallet. It also enables a detached wallet to be located on a hook or the like on which a traveller's coat is hung to enable an airline steward easily to identify the passenger who owns the coat.

CLAIMS

1. A continuous wallet assembly comprising a web of paper with a longitudinal fold line to permit the web to be folded longitudinally and the assembly being provided with transverse tear off perforations at wallet length intervals to divide the web into individual wallets and provided with transverse lines of securing to join the folded parts of the web together at positions adjacent to the lines of the tear off perforations to provide a wallet closed at one end and open at the other end and having each one of the folded wallets of the assembly provided on its outer wall with printed data areas to receive printed information relating to the intended contents of the wallet.

2. A continuous wallet assembly according to claim 1 having additional transverse tear off perforations intermediate the transverse perforations to divide the web into wallets and wherein the longitudinal fold line comprises a line of perforations with a continuous cut part between the additional transverse perforations to permit the intermediate part of the wallet to be detached.

3. A continuous wallet assembly arranged substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.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