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POCKET SAVINGS BANK.

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Fig. I.

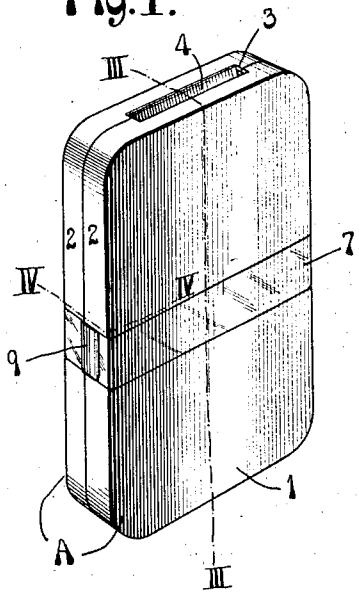


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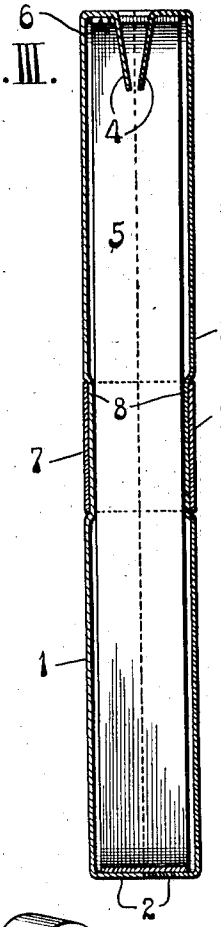


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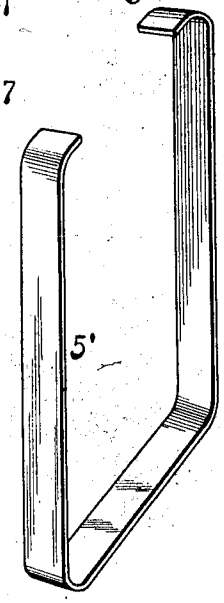


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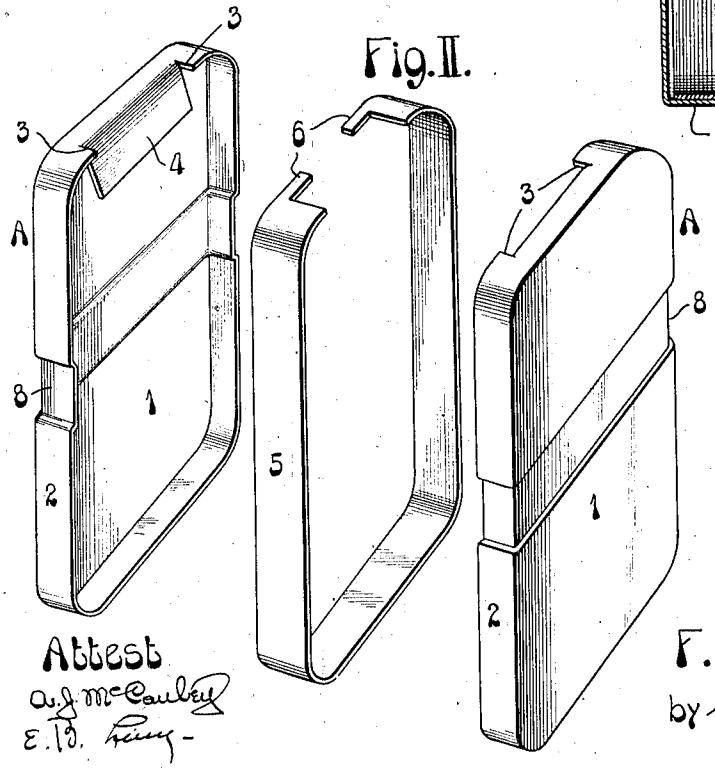
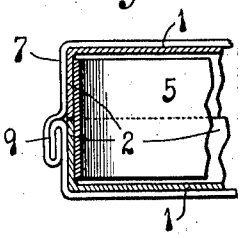


Fig. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK WESTERBECK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Savings-Banks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a pocket savings bank which may be conveniently carried in a pocket by the user and serve as a depository for coins dropped thereinto, the invention having for its object the production of a pocket savings bank that may be manufactured at a minimum of expense, that may be securely bound before being put into use, and that has a simple guarding means at the inlet.

My savings bank is one intended more particularly to be used by customers of savings institutions, the intention being that a bank shall be used but once, discarded when opened by the savings institution and replaced by a new bank furnished in lieu of the old one; hence, the necessity for inexpensiveness of the bank as contemplated by my improvement will be apparent.

Figure I is a perspective view of my bank. Fig. II is an enlarged perspective view of the casing members sections and the stay member, these parts being shown separated from each other ready for assemblage. Fig. III is an enlarged longitudinal section taken on line III—III, Fig. I. Fig. IV is an enlarged cross section taken on line IV—IV, Fig. I. Fig. V is a perspective view of a modification of the stay member utilized between the casing sections of my bank.

In the drawings: A designates the casing sections of my bank, these casing sections being two in number and of like construction. The casing sections may be made of any suitable stiff material, but are preferably of sheet metal, and each section comprises a side member 1 having an edge flange 2, which extends continuously throughout the side member, the two sections being of uniform dimensions so that the edges of their flanges may fit or abut against each other when the sections are placed together, whereby a box like structure is formed. The edge flange 2 of each section is cut at two separated points in one of the walls of the bank forming sections, as seen at 3, and the material between the points at which the flange is cut is bent inwardly, thereby producing a tongue 4, which is preferably of greater length than the length of tongue that would be provided by cutting the tongue from the flange only, this greater length being secured by including in the blanks from which the sections A are formed an excess of material which extends beyond the main edge of the flange forming portion of the blank.

The tongues 4 extend and converge inwardly from the points at which they are joined to the flanges of sections A, from which they are in part produced; and, when the sections are assembled, they incline toward each other to furnish an inwardly narrowing inlet into the bank comprising the sections A as its main members, through which coins may be deposited in the bank, the tongues serving as guard members to prevent extraction of the coins, due to their inner ends being arranged in juxtaposition to each other.

Inasmuch as the edges of the flanges of the sections A abut against each other and said sections are, therefore, not engaged or interlocked to prevent lateral movement of one relative to the other, it is necessary to provide means for preventing such lateral movement. Such movement is prevented by a stay member 5, formed from a single strip of stiff material, preferably sheet metal, and the configuration of which is similar to the configuration of the sections A, so that said stay member will fit between the casing sections and against the inner walls of the edge flanges 2 of said sections, the stay member having separated ends which abut against the ends of the guard tongues 4 at the inlet into the bank. The stay member, as shown in Fig. II, is provided with end tongues 6, which may seat back of the inlet guard tongues of one of the sections A, so that said stay member will be retained in position when first introduced into said section; but, if desired, the tongues 6 may be dispensed with, and the stay member therefore made in the form shown in Fig. V; such stay member being here designated 5′.

It will be apparent that when the stay member 5 has been introduced into one of the sections A to occupy a position therein in contact with the inner wall of the edge flange of said section, the other section A may be readily fitted onto said stay mem-

ber, and with the edge of its flange in contact with the edge of the flange of the first mentioned section and the stay member, thereby interposed between the sections, will then act to hold the sections from lateral movement relative to each other, notwithstanding the fact that the sections are assembled with the edges of their flanges merely abutting against each other. The sections A may be held from separation in any suitable manner; but I preferably provide for their being so held by placing a securing band 7 around the sections, this securing band being arranged in a depressed seat 8 formed in each section, which permits of the band being arranged flush with the walls of the sections, as seen in Figs. I and III. The ends of the band may be joined by a crimped or folded joint, as seen most clearly at 9, Fig. IV. When my bank is to be opened, the ends of the securing band may be uncrimped or unfolded or are broken and the sections A and stay member 5 may be easily separated for the removal of the coins deposited in the bank.

I claim:—

1. A pocket savings bank comprising two matching casing sections; each having a side member formed with an edge flange and a guard tongue and abutting against each other, a stay member fitting within and between the casing sections and having its ends spaced apart to receive the guard tongues between them and a securing band surrounding and binding the casing sections together.

2. A pocket savings bank comprising two matching casing sections formed with depressed band seats; each having a side member formed with an edge flange and a guard tongue and abutting against each other, a stay member fitting within and between the casing sections and having its ends spaced apart to receive the guard tongues between them, and a securing band seated in the band seats and surrounding and binding the casing sections together.

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