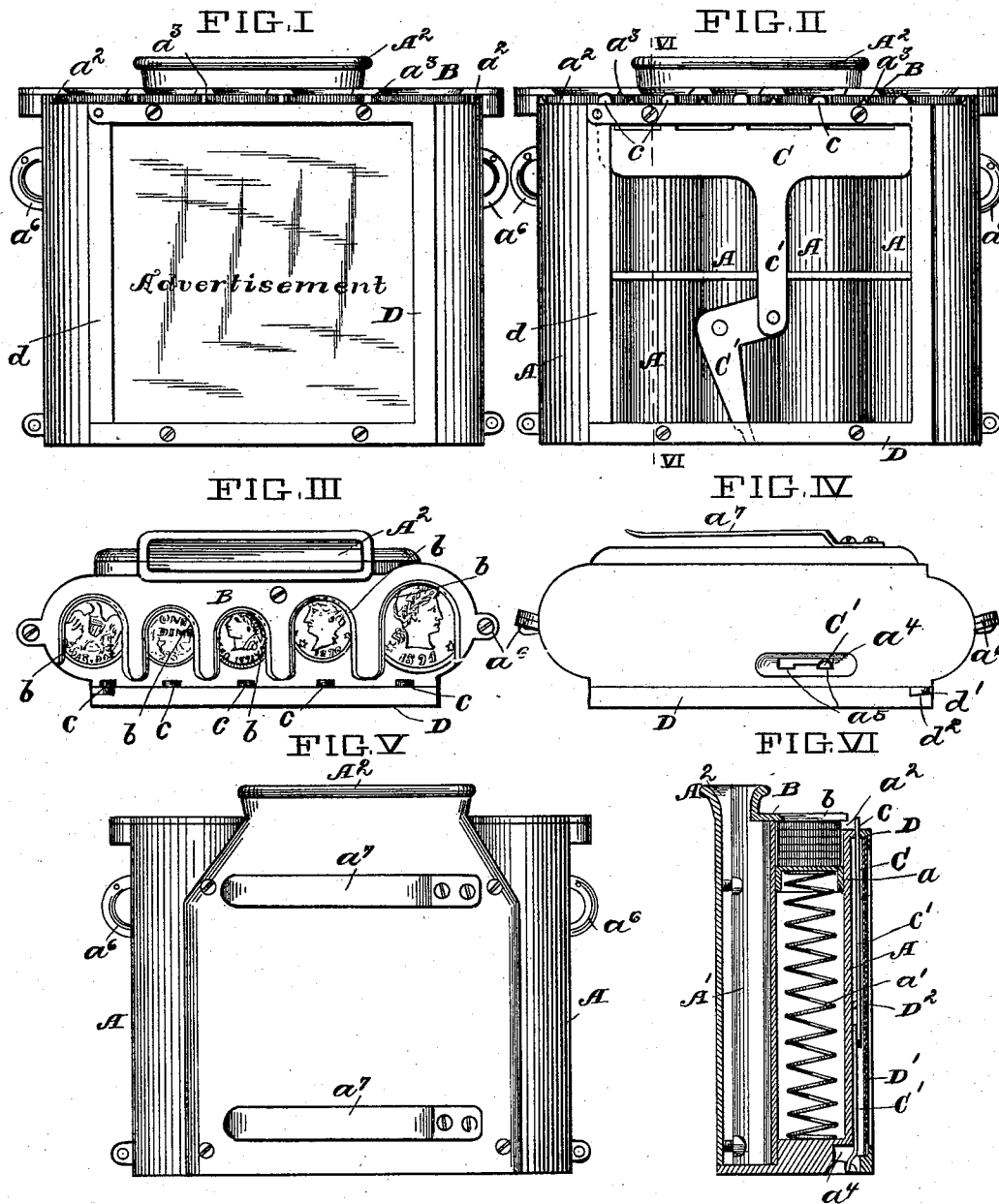


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK B. WAGNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Holders, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained, and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

In the annexed drawings, Figure I represents a front view of my improved coin-holder; Fig. II, a front view of the holder, showing the advertising-card removed to disclose the locking device for the coins; Fig. III, a top plan view of the holder; Fig. IV, a bottom plan view of the same; Fig. V, a rear view of the holder, and Fig. VI a vertical section on the line VI VI in Fig. II.

The holder consists of a series of cylindrical barrels A, each of a diameter capable of receiving a stack of coins of the denomination desired to be carried in the holder, and each barrel having its lower end closed and its upper end open.

In the holder illustrated in the drawings one end barrel is of a size to hold half-dollars, the other end barrel of a size to hold quarter-dollars; one barrel holds dimes, one barrel holds five-cent nickels, and one barrel holds one-cent pieces. Each barrel has a follower a , against which the lowermost coin in the stack rests, and a spring a' serves to force the follower and the stack of coins above it upward. The forward portions of the upper edges of the barrels are cut away for about the thickness of a coin, and the openings a^2 thus formed are separated by straight partition-flanges a^3 , which guide the uppermost coin in each barrel through said openings and prevent the uppermost coin in one barrel from slipping into the adjoining barrel. A top plate B covers the upper ends of the barrels, and has finger-slots b open at their forward ends and of sufficient size to admit of the thumb or finger being drawn over the upper end of each barrel to remove a coin. A bar C is guided to slide at the front of the barrels and has a number of locking-fingers c upon its upper edge, which fingers project to prevent the uppermost coins from being

removed through the guide-openings a^2 of the barrels when the slide is raised. An arm c' projects downward from the slide and has one arm of a bell-crank lever C' pivoted to it, said bell-crank lever being fulcrumed upon the forward side of the barrel structure and having its downwardly-extending arm projecting through a slot a^4 in the casing of the coin-holder, where it may be rocked to engage one of two notches a^5 in the edge of the slot to hold the locking-slide in its raised or lowered position, the arm of the bell-crank lever, which thus forms a finger-piece, having sufficient spring to be disengaged from the notches and to again spring into either one of them.

A flanged frame D is secured upon the front of the casing of the holder, and one side d of said frame is pivoted at one end, so as to be swung out to admit of the insertion of a card D', bearing an advertisement, other printed information, or whatever matter may be desired to display, and a transparent pane D², which protects said card. The free end of the pivoted side is cut away and beveled, as at d' , to fit into a similarly-shaped recess d^2 , formed by cutting away and beveling the inner side of the end of the adjoining frame side piece, the dovetail fit thus provided serving to detachably secure the free end of the movable side.

A money-receptacle A' is formed in the casing of the holder to the rear of the coin-barrels, and a funnel A² is formed at the top opening into said receptacle for the purpose of freely guiding money or tokens into the receptacle. This coin-holder is principally intended to be used by street-car conductors or other persons engaged in collecting money or tokens, and for the purpose of rendering the device conveniently portable the casing is provided with ears a^6 , to which a strap or cord may be attached for suspending the device from the neck, and two spring-tongues a^7 are horizontally secured, each by one end, to the back of the casing, which tongues may be inserted inside of the overlapping front of the vest or coat of the person carrying it for the purpose of preventing the holder from swinging by the person's movements and of keeping the holder conveniently presented for making change from the same.

In practice, assuming the coin-holder to be used by a street-car conductor and suitably suspended, as above described, the conductor can place fares or money given him in excess of the exact fare or fares in the rear receptacle and can draw the coins sufficient for the exact change required to be returned to the passenger from the several coin-barrels, each of which has been filled with a stack of the proper coin at the beginning of the trip. As each denomination of change-coin is placed in a separate receptacle, change may be made with great ease, and one coin of each denomination will always be ready for removal.

When the holder is not in use, the locking-fingers are raised, whereby all surreptitious removal of coins by dishonest persons may be prevented without obliging the conductor to watch the holder.

I therefore particularly point out and distinctly claim as my invention—

A coin-holder consisting of a series of coin-holding barrels, A, arranged side by side and having the forward portions of their upper

edges cut away to form discharge-openings a^2 , for the coins, and having partition-flanges a^3 at their open upper ends between their adjoining sides, a top plate B secured over the open upper ends of the barrels and formed with finger-slots b , corresponding with said barrels and having open ends over the coin-openings, spring-followers a , in the barrels, a transverse bar C, arranged to move parallel with the longitudinal axes of the barrels and provided with locking-fingers c , projecting at the coin-openings, a finger-piece C' , connected to move the transverse bar to project the locking-fingers across the coin or away from same, and a receptacle A' , at the rear of the barrels and provided with a funnel-shaped opening, A^2 , at its top, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing to be my invention I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of July, A. D. 1895.

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