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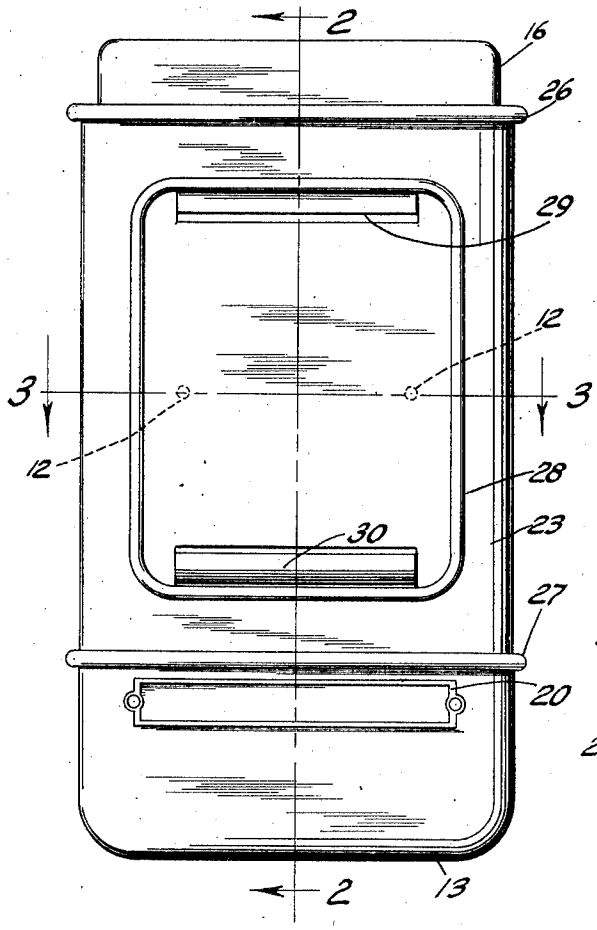
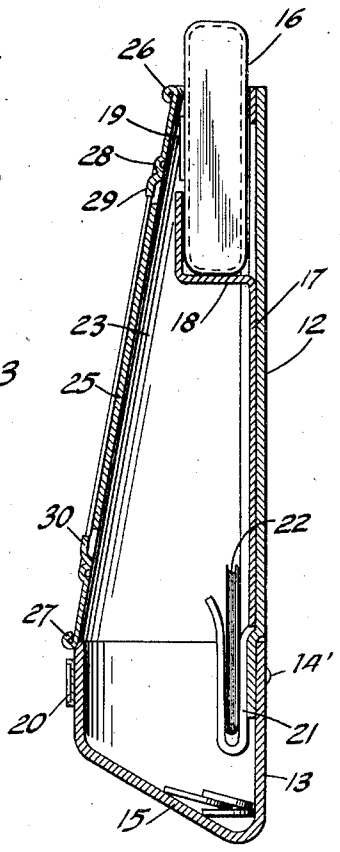


FIG. 2



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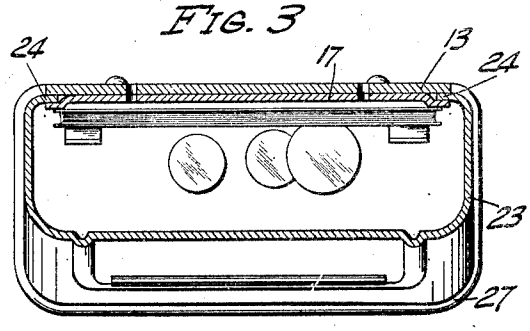


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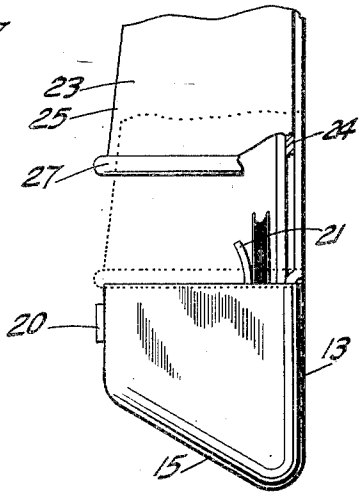
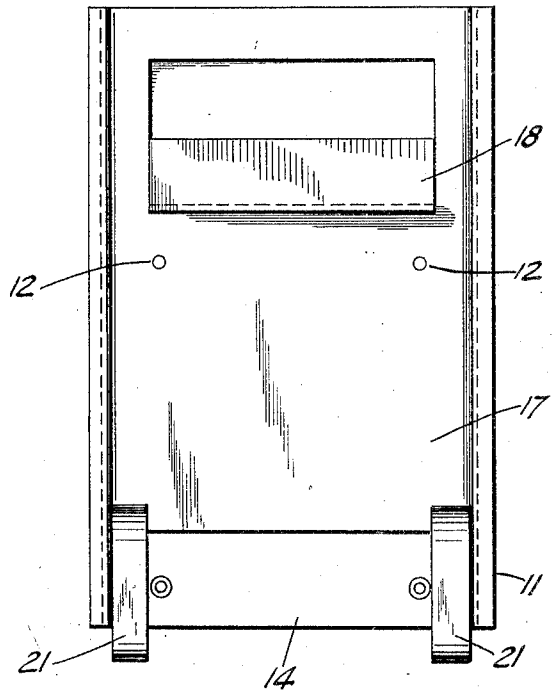


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This invention relates to a budget bank device, and especially to a device that is conveniently arranged for a housewife to use as a savings bank as well as a depositary for small sums of money.

It is accordingly one of the objects of our invention to provide a fixture that can be supported conveniently for example on the wall of a room or a cupboard, and that provides a support not only for a small savings bank, but also a card or form for keeping a record of daily expenditures, as well as a drawer or container for small sums of money.

It is another object of our invention to provide a neat and attractive device of this character, and especially one that effectively conceals the money compartment.

Our invention possesses many other advantages, and has other objects which may be made more easily apparent from a consideration of one embodiment of our invention. For this purpose we have shown a form in the drawings accompanying and forming part of the present specification. We shall now proceed to describe this form in detail, which illustrates the general principles of our invention; but it is to be understood that this detailed description is not to be taken in a limiting sense, since the scope of our invention is best defined by the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a device embodying our invention;

Figure 2 is a sectional view, taken along plane 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a sectional view, taken along plane 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary view showing how the cash compartment can be uncovered; and

Figure 5 is a front view of that member which forms the back of our device.

In general, the device includes a back member 11 that is made preferably from thin sheet metal, and that can be fastened to a wall or cupboard by fastening devices passing through apertures 12. The lower end of this back carries a coin drawer 13, as by the aid of rivets 14′. In order that the back present a smooth surface to space it close to the wall, the lower portion 14 thereof is indented to form a depression accommodating the top rear edge of compartment or drawer 13.

This drawer is preferably so formed that it has an upwardly slanting bottom portion 15, and is rounded at the corners, whereby it is easy to take out any coins or the like that are deposited in the drawer. It is preferably made from thin metal that can readily be drawn into the shape shown.

A small savings bank 16 is arranged to be supported by the structure in a detachable manner; thus coins or other forms of money can be deposited in it and it can be taken to a banking institution for opening it and for depositing the money therein.

This bank is shown in the present instance as substantially rectangular, and is so supported that it extends slightly above the back 11. For this purpose, a sheet metal piece 17 is fastened to back 11, as by spot welding or riveting. At its upper portion, it is cut and bent to form the bracket 18 on which the bank 16 can rest. The bank 16 can be provided with an appropriate name plate 19; and the front of drawer 15 can also be provided with a similar plate 20. These name plates can carry the name and address of any banking institution that agrees to bank the funds collected in bank 16, as is now quite common practice in connection with the distribution of such devices as the present one by banks to individuals who start accounts in the bank.

The bracket forming member 17 is also conveniently formed at its lower end with one or more clips 21 for holding a book 22 or the like. The book can for example serve to explain a budget system.

A cover member 23 is arranged to cover up the back members 11 and 17. It is formed preferably of sheet metal, and is bent to provide a pair of opposed edges 24 (Fig. 3) that are slidable in grooves formed between back 11 and the member 17. This cover has a sloping front 25, and has rolled edges 26 and 27 at the top and bottom in order to present a neat appearance. At its upper

edge, it fits quite closely around the bank 16; and at its lower edge, it engages the top edge of drawer or compartment 13. It can be lifted off the compartment, as indicated in Fig. 4 in order to expose this compartment for depositing in or taking money from it.

The front 25 is provided with a frame 28 formed as by a beading stamped in the cover. In this frame, a card is intended to be located, upon which can be marked the daily expenditures as they occur in the household. In order to hold the card in place, clips 29 and 30 are shown as stamped up out of the material in frame 28 to hold the card at its top and bottom edges. When desired, the card can easily be slipped between the clips or removed therefrom or reversed as occasion demands.

We claim:

1. In a device of the character described, a back member having a groove at each side, means forming a compartment supported by said member adjacent its lower portion, and a cover member having a sloping front face and opposed edges slidable in said grooves and arranged to rest on said compartment.

2. In a device of the character described, a back member, a support for a bank carried by said back member, and a cover member slidably supported on the back member and having an opening at the top through which the bank can be removed and replaced.

3. In a device of the character described, a flat back member, a bracket supported on the back member, one or more clips formed at the bottom of the back member, means forming a compartment having a rear wall in the same plane as that of the back member, and a cover member having a lower edge engaging the upper edge of the compartment and an open upper portion through which an object can be inserted to rest in the bracket or to be removed therefrom.

4. The combination as set forth in claim 3, in which the compartment has an upwardly sloping bottom, and the cover member has a sloping front portion and clips thereon for holding a card.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands.

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