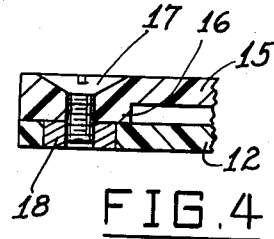
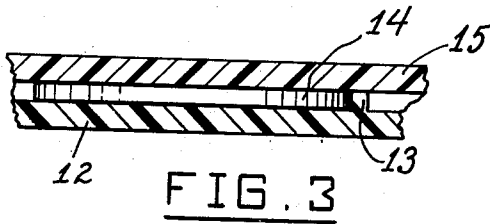
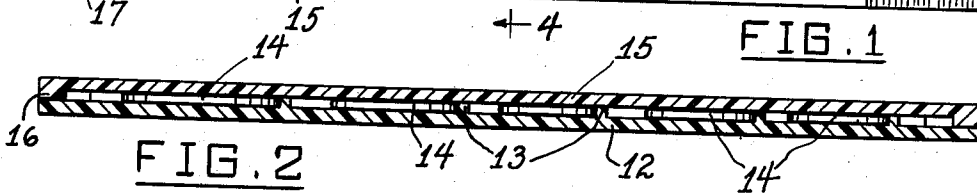
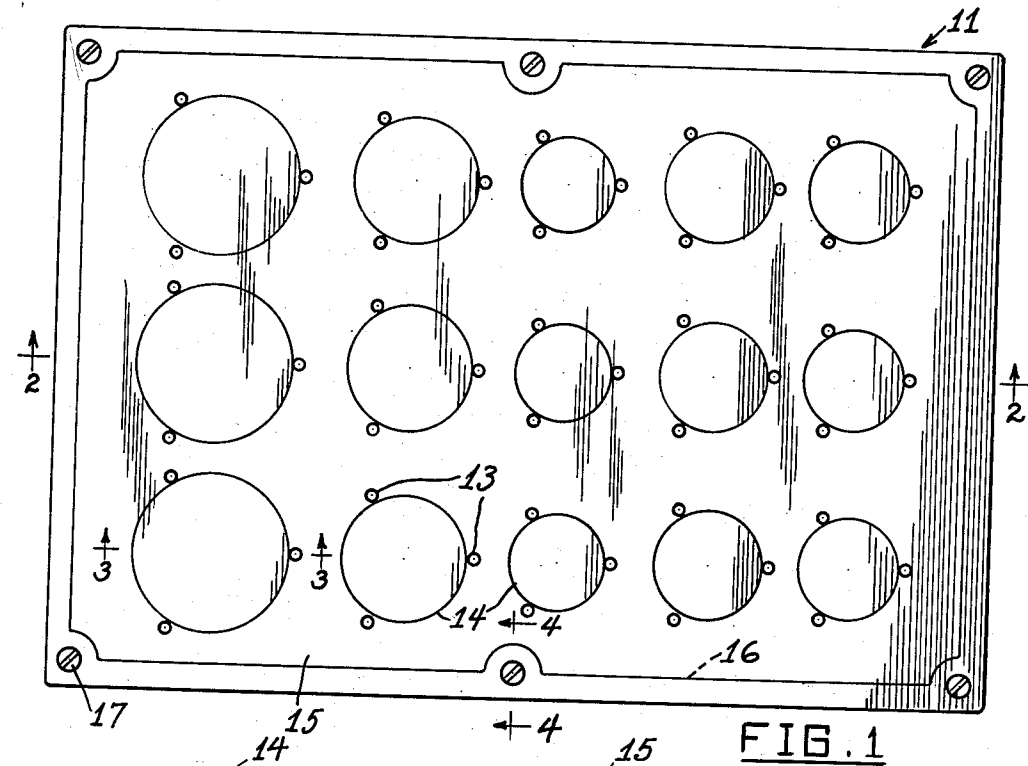


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This invention relates to coin exhibiting devices, and more particularly to an improved coin display device which is adapted to hold a set of coins in a position wherein substantially the entire areas of the coins are exposed to view, said areas including the edges as well as the faces of the coins.

A main object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved display holder for sets of coins, said holder being simple in construction, being compact in size, and providing high visibility of the coins contained therein.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved coin holding and exhibiting device for use by coin collectors, said device being inexpensive to manufacture, being rugged in construction, and being neat in appearance.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved coin holding and exhibiting device which is adapted to hold a set of coins in predetermined spaced relationship in positions allowing substantially unobstructed view of the faces and edges of the coins, said device involving only a few parts and being easy to open for the removal or replacement of the coins therein, the device affording a high degree of protection for the coins against damage by allowing the coins to be inspected or examined without the necessity of handling the individual coins.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description and claims, and from the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of an improved coin holding and exhibiting device constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal vertical cross-sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional detail view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional detail view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawings, 11 designates the coin holding and exhibiting device generally. Said device may comprise, for example, a rectangular base plate 12 of transparent plastic material, such as Lucite or "Plexiglas." The base 12 is integrally formed with spaced groups of upstanding pins 13, each of said groups respectively comprising three pins disposed in equally spaced relation relative to each other on the circumference of a circle substantially corresponding in size to a coin to be received between the pins, such as the coins 14 illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3. As shown in Figure 3, the

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pins 13 are approximately equal in height to the thickness of the coins 14. The pins are arranged in groupings corresponding to the series of coins to be displayed in the holder. Thus, for example, Figure 1 illustrates an arrangement to receive three "mint sets," each comprising a half-dollar, a quarter, a dime, a nickel and a cent. Other base plates may be provided with pins grouped to receive different sets, such as large cents, half cents, half dollars, or the like.

The plate 12 is preferably of sufficient area to allow substantial spacings between the coins, so that the edges of the coins, as well as their faces, will be clearly visible. The pins 13 are of relatively small diameter so as to offer substantially no obstruction to the view of the edges of the coins.

Designated at 15 is a rectangular cover plate of transparent plastic material, such as Lucite or "Plexiglas," said cover plate being formed with the integral depending marginal rib 16 which is substantially equal in height to the pins 13. As shown in Figures 1, 2 and 4, the rib 16 is adapted to engage the marginal portion of the base plate 12 with plate 15 covering the coins 14. The cover plate 15 is detachably secured to the base plate 12 by a plurality of screws 17, preferably having flat heads, as illustrated, extending through apertures formed in the rib 16 and threadedly engaged with the subadjacent base plate 12. As shown in Figure 4, tapped metal inserts 18 may be molded in base plate 12 to threadedly receive the screws 17.

In the typical embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings, fastening screws 17 are employed at the respective corners of the device and at the intermediate portions of its longer sides.

It will be apparent that the cover plate 15 may be readily removed whenever desired by unfastening the screws 17.

With the device assembled as shown in Figures 1 and 2, substantially a full view of both the top and bottom faces of the coins and of their edges is provided. The bottom faces of the coins are clearly visible through the bottom plate 12 and may be examined by turning the holder over. Thus, the sets of coins may be fully examined from all angles without the necessity of removing the coins from the exhibiting device and without the necessity of handling the individual coins.

The exhibiting device is relatively thin but has substantial mechanical rigidity due to the pro-

vision of the marginal rib 16. Therefore, a large number of the devices may be assembled in a relatively small package, whereby a large number of sets of coins may be readily transported or stored, with complete immunity of the coins to damage from abrasion, and without risk of disturbing the arrangement of the coins.

While a specific embodiment of an improved coin exhibiting device has been disclosed in the foregoing description, it will be understood that various modifications within the spirit of the invention may occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore it is intended that no limitations be placed on the invention except as defined by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A device for exhibiting a set of coins substantially in a single plane, said device comprising a flat base member of transparent material, a plurality of spaced groups of pins rigidly secured to said base member and projecting upwardly from its top surface, each group comprising at least three pins arranged around the circumference of a circle and adapted to engage the edge of a coin disposed therein, a transparent cover plate disposed parallel to said base member and being substantially in contact with said pins, said pins being relatively short and of equal height, a depending peripheral rib on said cover plate substantially equal in height to the pins and engaging said top surface of the base member, said pins and rib spacing said plate and base member by a distance sufficient to retain such coins in substantially coplanar relation, and means detachably securing said cover plate to said base member.

2. A device for exhibiting a set of coins substantially in a single plane, said device comprising a flat base member of transparent material, a plurality of spaced groups of pins rigidly secured to said base member and projecting upwardly from its top surface, each group comprising at least three pins arranged around the circumference of a circle and adapted to engage the edge of a coin disposed therein, a transparent cover plate disposed parallel to said base mem-

ber and being substantially in contact with said pins, said pins being relatively short and of equal height, a depending peripheral rib on said cover plate substantially equal in height to the pins and engaging said top surface of the base member, said pins and rib spacing said plate and base member by a distance sufficient to retain such coins in substantially coplanar relation, and means extending through said rib and detachably securing said cover plate to said base member.

3. A device for exhibiting a set of coins substantially in a single plane, said device comprising a flat base member of transparent material, a plurality of spaced groups of pins rigidly secured to said base member and projecting upwardly from its top surface, each group comprising at least three pins arranged around the circumference of a circle and adapted to engage the edge of a coin disposed therein, a transparent cover plate disposed parallel to said base member and being substantially in contact with said pins, said pins being relatively short and of equal height, a depending peripheral rib on said cover plate substantially equal in height to the pins and engaging the top surface of the base member, said pins and rib spacing said plate and base member by a distance sufficient to retain such coins in substantially coplanar relation, and a plurality of threaded fasteners extending through said rib, threadedly engaging the base member and detachably securing said cover plate to said base member.

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