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Fig 1.



Fig 2

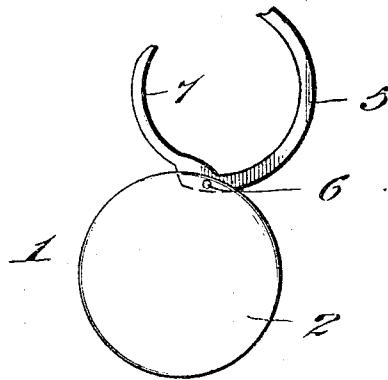
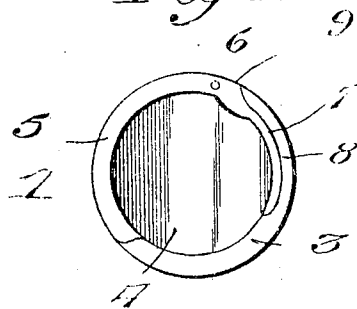


Fig 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK C. HIGGINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fargo, in the county of Cass and State of North Dakota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to stamp-cases, and has for its objects to provide a simple inexpensive device of this character which may be handily carried in the pocket, one which when closed will present a neat attractive appearance, and one which may be readily opened for the removal of the stamps.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character with a closure having an engaging arm or portion adapted when the closure is moved to open position to automatically discharge the stamps from the case.

To these ends the invention comprises the novel features of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an edge view of a stamp-case embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing the closure in open position. Fig. 3 is an elevation showing the case closed and one side wall thereof removed.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the case or receptacle, preferably of circular form in side elevation and comprising a pair of side plates or disks 2, maintained in spaced relation by means of a marginal wall or web 3, thus to produce a compartment or space 4 for the reception of postage-stamps or the like. The wall 3 extends throughout substantially half the circumference of the case, thus to provide a discharge-opening which is normally closed by means of a movable member or closure 5, preferably of the form shown and constituting a continuation of the marginal wall 3, said closure being pivoted adjacent one end upon a transverse pintle 6 and having formed upon its inner terminal an arm or extension 7, adapted when the device is closed to seat within an appropriately-formed recess 8 in the wall 3. It is to be noted that the pintle 6 is spaced a short distance from the adjacent terminal of the wall 3, thus exposing between said parts a portion or section 9 of the inner end of the closure, this exposed rear portion 9 being de-

signed to be acted upon by the finger of the operator for swinging the closure to open position.

In practice, supposing the case to contain a supply of stamps and to be closed, the operator in order to remove the contents presses the rear portion 9 of the closure inward, thus swinging the member 5 on its pivot to open position, as illustrated in Fig. 2. As the closure swings outward the extension or arm 7 travels through the stamp-receiving space 4, thereby moving the stamps to position to be readily accessible, or in the event of the closure being swung fully outward wholly removing the stamps from the case. It is to be particularly observed in this connection that when the closure is in normal position the arm 7 seats in the recess 8 and constitutes a stop for limiting the closing movement of the member 5.

From the foregoing it is apparent that I produce a simple device which may be conveniently carried in the pocket and readily manipulated for discharging the stamps or other contents of the case and one wherein the discharging operation will be performed automatically upon opening the case. In attaining these ends it is to be understood that minor changes in the details herein set forth may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention, it being obvious that the device, which is preferably of a form and size to be used as a pocket-piece, may be of any preferred shape and ornamented as desired.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A device of the class described comprising a body having side walls spaced to produce a chamber, a marginal wall partially bounding the body and presenting a discharge-opening, a pivoted closure for said opening, and an arm carried by the closure and adapted, when the latter swings open, to travel through the chamber and engage and move the contents of the latter outward through the opening.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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