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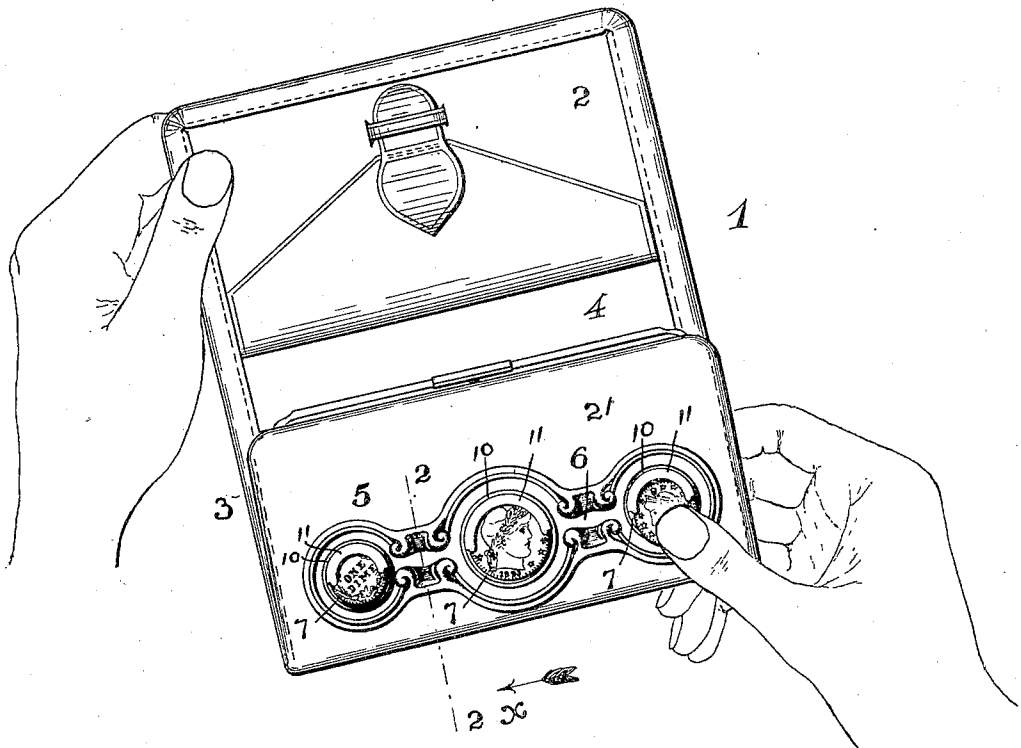


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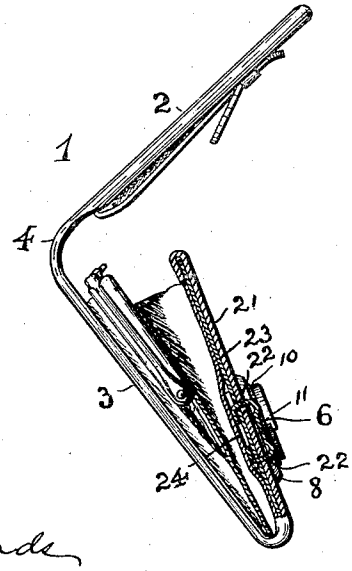


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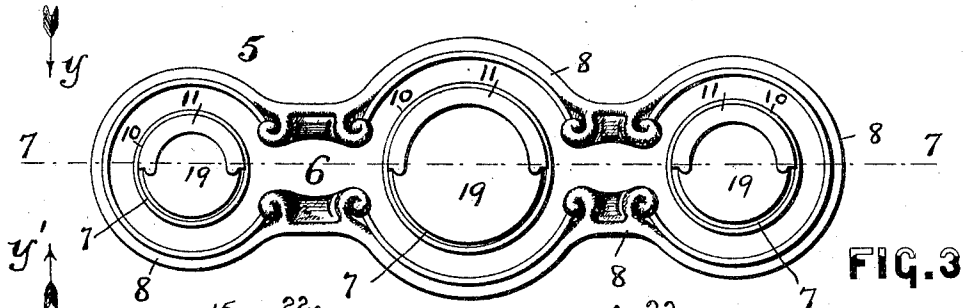


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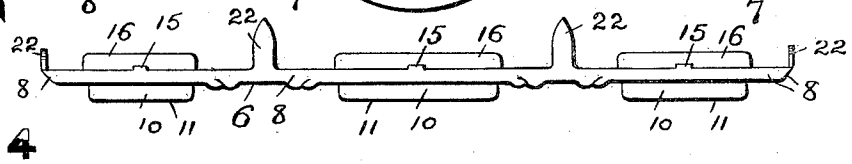


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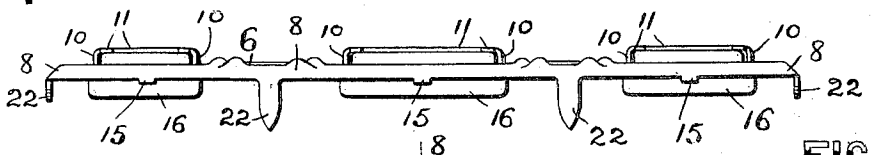


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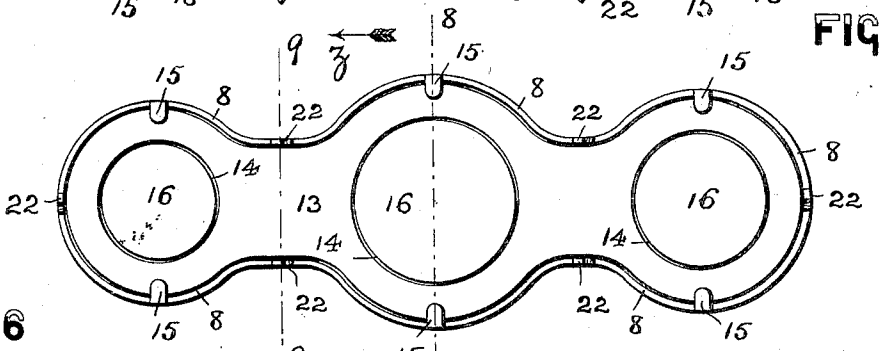


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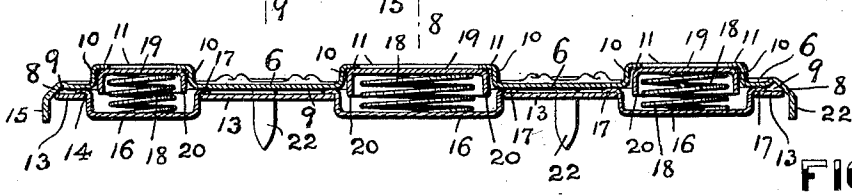


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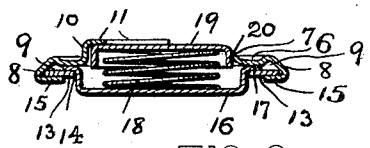


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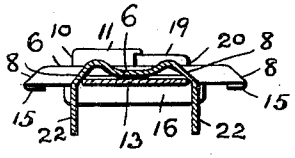


FIG. 9

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN HIERING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Holders for Pocket-Books; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the numerals of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has reference more particularly to improvements in pocket-books; and the invention has for its principal object to provide a novel, simple, durable, and efficient coin holder or receptacle to be attached or mounted upon one of the inner surfaces or flaps of a lady's or other pocket-book with a view of providing, in addition to the pockets of the pocket-book, a receptacle for holding coins of the smaller denominations, which shall be of a very simple construction, that only a single coin is presented to the person at a time when the pocket-book flaps are separated, and the required coin can be readily removed without the necessity of placing the thumb and fingers in the pockets of the book, and thereby avoiding all possibility and danger of spilling or dropping any small change from the pocket-book.

A further object of this invention, therefore, is to provide a convenient device of this kind for the use of ladies traveling on cars and doing business with stores, providing a useful article from which small coins can be extracted without the necessity of opening the body of the pocket-book.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of a coin holder or receptacle forming an inseparable part of the pocket-book, all of which will be hereinafter more fully described, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim, which form a part of the following specification.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying sheets of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of a pocket-book with the flaps or folding members thereof illustrated in their opened relation to each other and representing one of the said flaps or members provided with one form of coin holder or receptacle embodying the principles of this invention; and Fig. 2 is a part side elevation of the parts of the pocket-book and part vertical section of the one flap or member of the book and the coin holder or receptacle, said section being taken on line 2 2 in said Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrow x in said figure. Fig. 3 is a face view of the coin holder or receptacle to be used with the pocket-book, said view being made on an enlarged scale to more clearly illustrate the general arrangement and construction of the several parts of the said holder. Fig. 4 is an edge view of the said holder looking in the direction of the arrow y in said Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a similar view of the said holder when looking in the direction of the arrow y' in said Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a back view of the said holder. Fig. 7 is a longitudinal vertical section of the holder, said section being taken on line 7 7 in said Fig. 3. Fig. 8 is a vertical cross-section of the holder, taken on line 8 8 in Fig. 6; and Fig. 9 is a similar section of the said holder, said section being taken on line 9 9 in said Fig. 6 looking in the direction of the arrow z in said figure.

Similar numerals of reference are employed in all of the said above-described views to indicate corresponding parts.

In the said drawings, 1 indicates any suitable and well-known form of pocket-book, comprising the two flaps or members 2 and 3, which are provided with the usual forms of money-receiving pockets and are joined, as at 4, to enable the folding of the two flaps or members 2 and 3 upon each other and the closing of the pocket-book. Suitably secured upon the face of one of the pocket portions of said flaps or members, as 3, is the coin receptacle or holder 5, the construction of which and its manner of fastening will be presently described in detail.

The general arrangement and construction of the various parts of the said holder or receptacle are more clearly illustrated in Figs. 3 to 9 of the drawings, and said receptacle or holder consists, essentially, of a suitably-or-

namented face-plate 6, which may be of any desirable configuration and ornamentation in outline and may be provided with one, two, three, or more openings 7 for the purposes to be presently set forth. The said face-plate is also provided with a marginal shoulder or bead 8, which is of such depth that a suitable chamber is provided in the back of the said face-plate, substantially as illustrated in Figs. 7 and 8 of the drawings. Surrounding a portion of the circumferential edge of the said opening or openings 7 in said face-plate 6 and extending nearly half-way around said circumferential edge of the opening or openings is an upwardly-extending shoulder 10, which is provided with an inwardly-extending flange 11 for holding the coin or coins in place in the manner to be hereinafter fully set forth. Arranged within the chambered back of the said face-place 6 is a back-plate 13, its marginal configuration corresponding to that of the said face-plate, said back-plate resting directly between the marginal shoulder or bead 8 and being suitably and positively held in place by suitable prongs or fingers 15, extending in a downward direction from the lower edge of the said shoulder or bead 8 and bent over against the outer face of the said back-plate 13, substantially as illustrated. The said back-plate is provided with one or more holes or openings 14, which correspond in shape and in their positions in the said plate 13 to the shape and positions of the holes or openings 7 in the face-plate 6. Arranged within the said hole or holes 14 is a rearwardly-projecting cup or receptacle 16, which is provided with an outwardly-projecting annular flange 17, surrounding its upper and open part, said annular flange 17 being suitably arranged between the inner surfaces of the said face-plate 6 and the back-plate 13, whereby each cup or receptacle 16 is held in a fixed position within the chambered portion in the back of the said face-plate, with the main cylindrical part of the receptacle 16 projecting from the opening in the back-plate and projecting slightly beyond the rear face of the back-plate, as clearly illustrated. Within the said cup or receptacle 16 is a coiled spring 18, which forces a second cup or disk 19, provided with the annular shoulder 20, against the under surface of the inwardly-extending flange 11 when there are no coins in position, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 7, 8, and 9 of the drawings. To secure the coin-holder or receptacle 5 in its proper position upon the face of the pocket portion 21 of the flap or member 3 of the pocket-book, the said marginal shoulder or bead 8 of the face-plate is also provided with downwardly-extending prongs or holding-lugs 22, which are preferably pointed, as shown, and which are forced through the leather piece or lining 23 and then securely bent over against the back of the said lining or leather piece 23, substantially as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The bent-over portions of the said prongs 22 and also any other parts of the back of the coin holder or receptacle 5 can then be covered by the lining or inner piece 24 of the pocket-book, as clearly illustrated in the said Fig. 2 of the drawings.

As hereinabove stated, the said coin-holder may be provided with one or more openings 7 in the face-plate 6 and with one or more of the coin-receptacles within said holes or openings, the usual arrangement and construction of parts being such that the device is capable of receiving three sizes of the smaller denominations of coins, as represented in the present case; but of course it will be evident that this is not essential, and the coin holder or receptacle may be made with only one or with two of the smaller coin-receptacles. The arrangement of the said cup-shaped disk or disks 19 is such that it can be depressed against the tension of the coils of the spring 18, as will be clearly evident from an inspection of the several figures of the drawings, whereby one or more coins can be readily placed in position between the upper surface of each disk 19 and between the lower or under surface of the flange 11, with a portion of the uppermost coin exposed from that portion of the opening 7 in the face-plate 6 which is not surrounded by the shoulder or projection 10 and its flange 11 to enable the placing of the thumb upon the face of the uppermost coin and slide said coin from its confined position within the said coin-holder, all of which is clearly illustrated in and will be understood from an inspection of said Fig. 1 of the drawings.

When the holder 5 is constructed as herein shown, the individual coin-receptacles are of such diameters that one may be used for the reception of ten-cent pieces, another for the reception of twenty-five-cent pieces, and a third for the reception of five-cent pieces, the individual coin-holders being made of such depth that they will hold at least two coins of a denomination in each receptacle.

A pocket-book provided with a coin-receptacle made as hereinabove described will be found very useful as a pocket companion for persons riding on elevated trains and surface cars, and is especially adapted for ladies' uses in shopping as well as for general purposes, for the coin is always ready for use and can be obtained without removing the glove or without the necessity of fumbling in the pockets of the pocket-book for the change, and thereby running great risk of spilling the coins on the floor and losing them.

I am aware that some changes may be made in the general arrangements and combinations of the various parts without departing from the scope of my present invention. Hence I do not limit my invention to the exact arrangements and combination of the parts as herein described and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, nor do I confine myself to the exact details of the construction of any of the said parts.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The herein-described coin-holder, consisting, essentially, of a face-plate and a back-plate, means for securing said face-plate and back-plate together, said face-plate and back-plate having correspondingly-arranged openings, a coin-retaining flange surrounding a portion of the circumferential edge of the opening in the face-plate, and an individual-coin receptacle in the said openings of the face-plate and back-plate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The herein-described coin-holder, consisting, essentially, of a face-plate and a back-plate, means for securing said face-plate and back-plate together, consisting of prongs 15 on the face-plate, adapted to be bent over against the outer face of said back-plate, said face-plate and back-plate having correspondingly-arranged openings, a coin-retaining flange surrounding a portion of the circumferential edge of the opening in the face-plate, and an individual-coin receptacle in the said openings of the face-plate and back-plate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The herein-described coin-holder, consisting, essentially, of a face-plate and a back-plate, means for securing said face-plate and back-plate together, said face-plate and back-plate having correspondingly-arranged openings, a coin-retaining flange surrounding a portion of the circumferential edge of the opening in the face-plate, and an individual-coin receptacle in the said openings of the face-plate and back-plate, consisting, of a rearwardly-extending cup or receptacle 16, provided with a shoulder or flange held in position between the inner faces of the said face-plate and back-plate, a spring in said cup or receptacle 16, and a coin-retaining disk upon said spring, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. The herein-described coin-holder, consisting, essentially, of a face-plate and a back-plate, means for securing said face-plate and back-plate together, consisting of prongs 15 on the face-plate adapted to be bent over against the outer face of said back-plate, said face-plate and back-plate having correspondingly-arranged openings, a coin-retaining flange surrounding a portion of the circumferential edge of the opening in the face-plate, and an individual-coin receptacle in the said openings of the face-plate and back-plate, consisting of a rearwardly-extending cup or receptacle 16, provided with a shoulder or flange held in position between the inner faces of the said face-plate and back-plate, a spring in said cup or receptacle 16, and a coin-retaining disk upon said spring, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. The herein-described coin-holder, consisting, essentially, of a face-plate having a marginal projection or bead forming a chamber in the back of said face-plate, a back-plate within said chambered face-plate, prongs 15 on said marginal projection or bead adapted to be bent against the outer face of said back-plate to hold the same in position, a second set of prongs 22 on said marginal projection or bead for attaching the coin-holder to an article, said face-plate and back-plate having correspondingly-arranged openings, a coin-retaining flange surrounding a portion of the circumferential edge of the opening in the face-plate, and an individual-coin receptacle in the said openings of the face-plate and back-plate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

6. The herein-described coin-holder, consisting, essentially, of a face-plate having a marginal projection or bead forming a chamber in the back of said face-plate, a back-plate within said chambered face-plate, prongs 15 on said marginal projection or bead adapted to be bent against the outer face of said back-plate to hold the same in position, a second set of prongs 22 on said marginal projection or bead for attaching the coin-holder to an article, said face-plate and back-plate having correspondingly-arranged openings, a coin-retaining flange surrounding a portion of the circumferential edge of the opening in the face-plate, and an individual-coin receptacle in the said openings of the face-plate and back-plate, consisting, of a rearwardly-extending cup or receptacle 16, provided with a shoulder or flange held in position between the inner faces of the said face-plate and back-plate, a spring in said cup or receptacle 16, and a coin-retaining disk upon said spring, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of March, 1901.

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