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[54] **COIN DISPLAY DEVICE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A coin display device comprised of three generally pentagonal supports that are interconnected along adjacent sides and their included angle. Each of the supports has a recess for receiving a closure. The closure has nibs therein for frictionally engaging a coin to be displayed.

7 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures

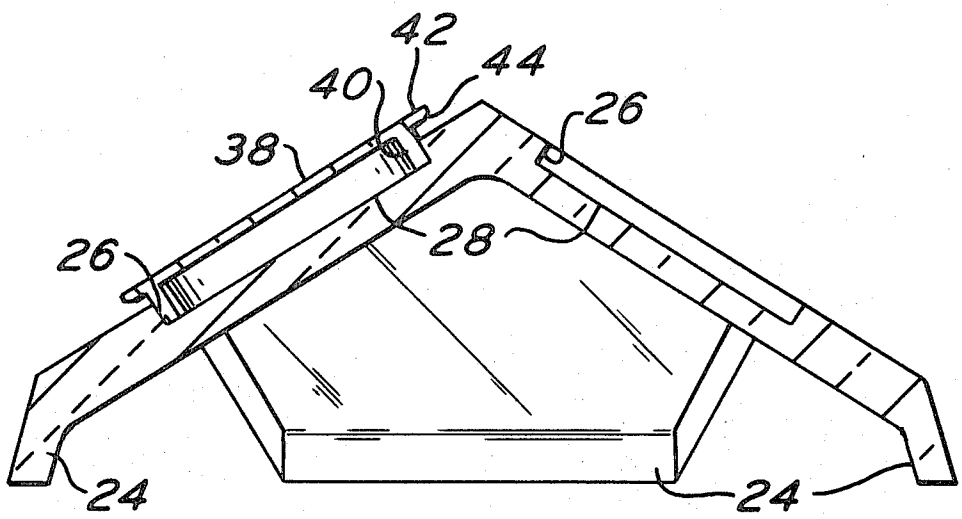


FIG. 1

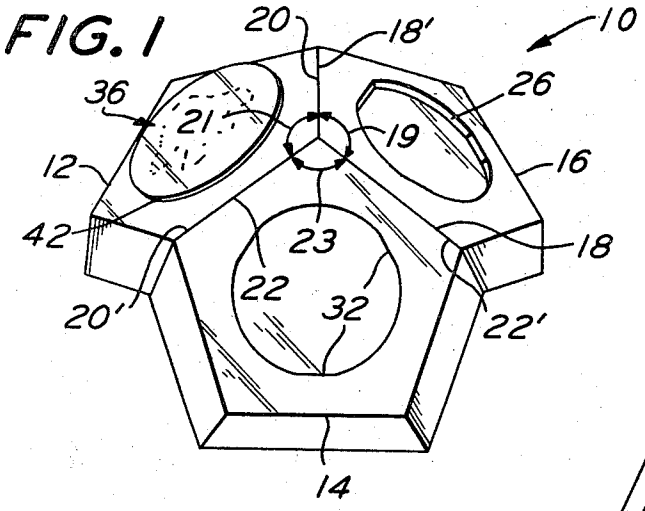
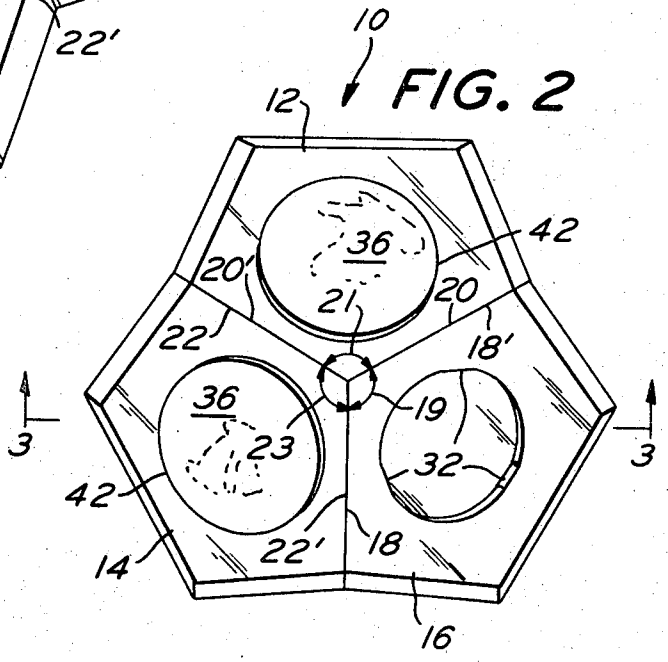


FIG. 2



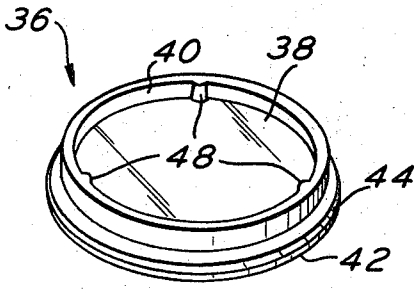


FIG. 4

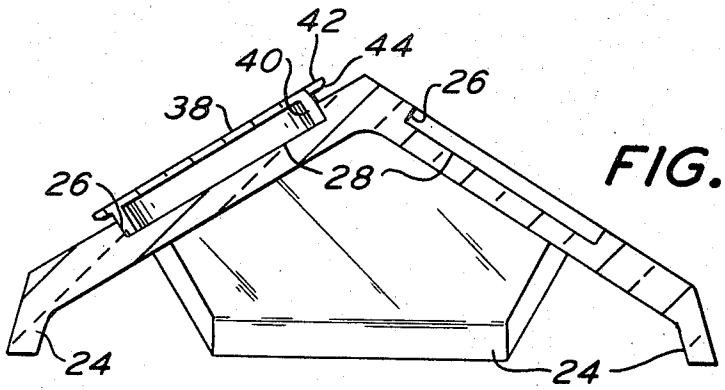


FIG. 3

COIN DISPLAY DEVICE

This invention relates to a coin display device and more particularly to a coin display device for supporting a plurality of coins so that they can be displayed.

The device disclosed herein is a coin holding device for supporting three coins so that all of them are on display.

Each of the coins is carried in a recess in a generally pentagonal supporting surface. The pentagonal supporting surfaces are connected to each other so that a unitary device is created.

A particular construction for holding the coins on the support surfaces is provided. This construction includes a closure for each of the recesses. The closures have depending side walls with means thereon for frictionally engaging and supporting the coins. Thus, when the device is assembled the coins are supported by contact on their perimeters rather than on their faces.

Accordingly, it is an object of this invention to provide a novel and unobvious coin display device.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a novel and unobvious coin display device having provisions for mounting three coins on three separate surfaces thereof.

It is still another object of this invention to provide a coin display device wherein the coin to be displayed is supported on its perimeter.

Other objects and advantages of the subject invention will be apparent from a detailed description of the presently preferred form thereof which follows wherein

FIG. **1** is an oblique view of one presently preferred form of the invention showing one of its surface in plan.

FIG. **2** is a plan view of the device shown in FIG. **1.**

FIG. **3** is a sectional view taken along line **3—3** of FIG. **2.**

FIG. **4** is a perspective view of the closure member used in the device illustrated in FIGS. **1** and **2.**

Reference is now made to FIGS. **1** and **2** for a detailed description of the invention.

In FIGS. **1** and **2,** a coin display device **10** constructed in accordance with a presently preferred form of the invention is illustrated.

The device is comprised of three support elements which comprise generally planar surfaces **12, 14** and **16.** Each of the support surfaces is pentagonal in configuration. The support surfaces are connected to each other along sides **18, 18'; 20, 20'**; and sides **22, 22'.** The sides define included angles **19, 21** and **23.** Thus, when the device is assembled the vertices of all of the included angles are coaxial with respect to each other while the sides form a plurality of junctures.

The display device can be molded integrally or the pentagonal support surfaces may be formed separately and fastened to each other along junctures defined by the aforementioned sides and angles.

In any event, the junctures are so angled that each of the support surfaces slopes downwardly and outwardly from the center of the device so that coins supported thereby are held at a suitable angle for viewing.

Preferably, each of the support surfaces has a leg **24** which depends from that pentagonal side opposite to the aforementioned included angles **19, 21** and **23.**

Referring now to FIG. **3,** each of the support surfaces **12, 14** and **16** has a circular recess formed therein. Each of the recesses includes an annular wall **26** and a bottom wall **28.**

Preferably, suitable friction inducing or interference fit means in the form of chord-like flats **32** are provided at regular spaced intervals around each of the annular side walls **26.**

Preferably, three such chord-like flats **32** are utilized in each of the circular recesses. A lid **36,** best shown in FIG. **4** is provided for each of the aforementioned circular recesses. The lid includes a wall **38** having an annular depending flange **40** supported thereby.

Preferably, a portion of the wall **38** extends radially outwardly beyond the annular flange **40** so that a ledge **42** is defined. Ledge **42** is a circumferential flange. Preferably, the lower surface of the circumferential flange **42** is provided with a chamfered surface **44** so that when the lid is inserted in the circular recess, a tool or other means can be inserted thereunder to facilitate removal. In this regard, it should be noted that the axial length of the annular flange **40** is greater than the axial length of the aforementioned annular wall **26** so that the ledge **42** is spaced from its adjacent support surface **12, 14,** or **16** when each lid **36** is inserted into its respective recess.

The coins which are to be displayed are carried by lids **36.** Thus, each of the annular flanges **40** has suitable coin supporting means on its inner periphery. Preferably, the coin supporting means takes the form of a plurality of inwardly facing spaced portions of the flange **40,** such as regularly spaced nibs **48.** As shown in FIG. **4,** three nibs equally spaced around the annular flange **40** may be provided. Preferably, the nibs are generally triangularly or conically shaped so that a coin to be supported can be pressed thereagainst. Thus, when a coin is inserted into lid **36,** it is held securely by the nibs **48** bearing against its periphery. Thus, neither of the faces of the coin are contacted by any portion of the lid. The lid is placed within one of the recesses so that annular flange **40** is frictionally engaged by the aforementioned chord-like flats **32.**

Thus, the coins are firmly mounted in the display device. However, they can be readily removed if desired.

The support surfaces **12, 14** and **16** may be made of any convenient material, and may be transparent, translucent, or opaque.

However, wall **38** on the lid should preferably be made of a transparent material such as acrylic or the like. Additionally, if desired, the entire device can be made from an acrylic.

While the invention has been described with reference to one particular form, many other forms will be obvious to those skilled in the art in view of the foregoing description. Thus, the scope of the invention should not be limited thereby, but rather only by the scope of the claims appended hereto.

We claim:

1. A coin holder comprising a support, said support comprising a generally planar surface, a recess in said surface defined by side wall means and a bottom wall, said bottom wall closing said recess and being adapted to support a coin in said recess, a closure for said recess, said closure comprising a transparent lid with a substantially annular flange depending therefrom, said flange being telescopically received in said recess in

sliding frictional contact with said side wall means, and inwardly facing spaced portions of said annular flange comprise means for releasably holding a coin therebetween.

2. A coin holder as defined in claim **1** wherein said telescopically sliding flange has at least one raised projection thereon for increasing said sliding frictional contact.

3. A coin holder as defined in claim **2** wherein said recess is circular, said side wall means being annular and said raised projection comprising a transparent chord on said annular side wall.

4. A coin holder as defined in claim **1** wherein the axial dimension of said flange is greater than the axial dimension of said side wall means so that said lid is spaced from said support when said closure is supported thereby, and said lid extends radially outwardly of said flange.

5. A coin holder as defined in claim **1** wherein said surface has a plurality of sides, and said sides define a pentagon.

6. A coin display device comprising three supports, each of said supports being substantially pentagonal in configuration, a juncture on each of said supports defined by two sides and their included angle, said supports being interconnected along said junctures so that the vertices of said included angles are coaxial, a recess in each of said supports defined by side wall means and a bottom wall, a closure for said recess, said closure comprising a lid with a substantially annular flange depending therefrom, said flange being telescopically received in said recess in sliding frictional contact with said side wall, and means mounted on said closure for releasably holding a coin therein.

7. A coin display device as defined in claim **6** including each of said supports having a support leg depending from the side opposite said included angle to rest on a single plane surface.

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