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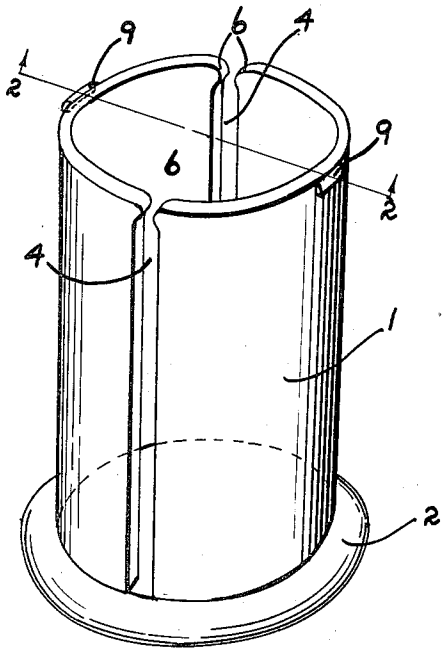


Fig. 1

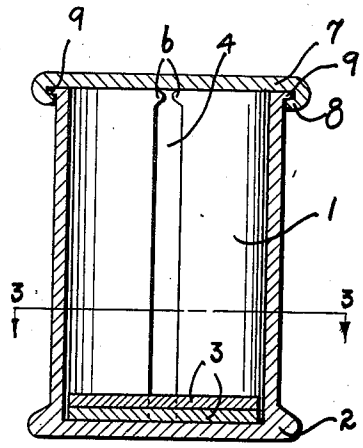


Fig. 2

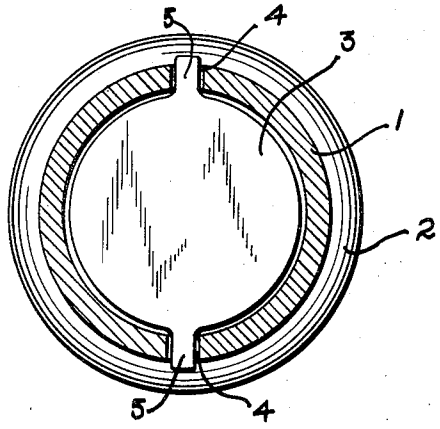


Fig. 3

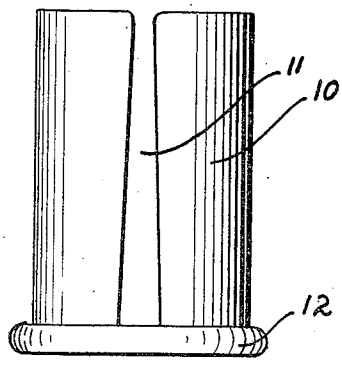


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to a token holder and it is one object of the invention to provide a device in which a stack of tokens of the type used by dairies and other commercial firms and sold to customers for use when purchasing products may be placed and individually removed through an open end of the holder or container when needed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a token holder so formed that when tokens are placed in the holder ears projecting from the tokens will fit into slots formed in the annular wall of the holder, the slots being so formed that while the ears may slide longitudinally thereof free movement of the ears of the slots will be checked and accidental movement of the tokens out of the holder prevented. Therefore the tokens are not liable to fall out of the holder.

Another object of the invention is to provide a token holder having a cap for its upper end which is snapped into place and has engagement under lugs which project from the container so that the cap can not be released without applying transverse pressure to the walls of the container and moving the lugs out of position for engagement by a flange formed about the margin of the cap.

Another object of the invention is to provide a token holder which may be formed of resilient metal, plastic or other suitable material and is simple in construction and cheap to manufacture.

The invention is illustarted in the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved token holder, the cap for its upper end being removed.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken vertically through the holder along line 2—2 of Figure 1 with the cap applied.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken transversely through the token holder along line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Fig. 4 is a side elevation showing a modified form of token holder.

This improved token holder is formed of resilient metal, plastic or other suitable material and has a cylindrical body 1 formed with a base 2 of greater diameter than its annular wall and projects radially therefrom so that the holder will remain upright when set upon a counter, table, or the like. The diameter of the cylindrical body of the holder or container 1 is such that tokens 3 fit snugly therein but sufficiently loose to slide longitudinally in the holder when dropped into

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place or the holder is turned over for removal of the tokens. While the body 1 has been shown circular in cross section to accommodate circular tokens it will be understood that it may be other shapes in cross section to accommodate similarly shaped tokens. At diametrically opposed points the holder is formed with slots 4 which extend the full length or height of the annular wall of the body and are open at their upper ends so that ears 5 which project from the tokens 3 may have movement into and out of the slots through upper ends thereof. Lugs 6 are formed integral with the wall sections at opposite sides of upper ends of the slots and their bosses are rounded so that the ears 5 may be pushed past the lugs into the slots and pulled outwardly from the slots. Since the lugs 6 constrict upper or outer ends of the slots they form stops which will very effectively limit natural sliding of the ears through the slots and thus prevent the tokens from accidentally sliding out of the holder. A cover 7 closes the upper end of the body 1 and this cover is formed about its marginal edge with a flange 8 which is curved inwardly in cross section, as shown in Figure 2, so that when the cover is applied the flange will engage under lugs 9 projecting outwardly from the wall sections of the body and hold the cover in place. Since the lugs 9 have curved outer surfaces and abrupt lower end faces the cover may be pressed against the upper end of the body and snapped into place. When so applied the cover will be firmly held to the body and can not be removed without applying transverse pressure to the wall sections of the body. When such pressure is applied the upper portions of the wall sections are flexed towards each other and the lugs 9 moved out of engagement with the flange, thus releasing the cover and allowing the cover to be easily wtihdrawn from the container or holder.

In Figure 4 there has been shown a modified construction wherein the cylindrical body 10 of the holder is formed with slots 11 extending from the base 12 to the upper end of the body. These slots are tapered or greatly reduced in width toward their upper ends so that at their upper ends they are of less width than the ears of tokens placed in the holder. By this arrangement the tokens may freely slide longitudinally in the holder until the ears reach the upper portions of the slots where side walls of the slots will have frictional grip upon side edge faces of the ears and it will be necessary to grasp protruding ends of the ears and exert pull to entirely withdraw the

token from the holder. A cover may be applied to this form of holder and lugs corresponding to lugs 9 provided to releasably hold the cover in place or no cover provided and resiliency of the wall sections and resulting frictional grip upon the ears of the tokens depended upon to hold the tokens in the holder.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A token holder comprising a body having a base and an annular wall extending upwardly therefrom, the wall being formed of resilient material and having opposed longitudinally extending slots leading from its upper end for receiving ears of tokens stacked in the body and dividing the wall into yieldable sections, and bosses integral with the wall sections and projecting toward each other from opposite sides of upper ends of the slots for engaging ears of tokens in the holder and preventing accidental movement of tokens out of the holder.

2. A token holder comprising a body having a base and an annular wall extending upwardly therefrom, the wall being formed of resilient material and having opposed longitudinally extending slots leading from its upper end for receiving ears of tokens stacked in the body and dividing the wall into sections, and abutments carried by the wall sections at opposite sides of the slots for engagement with ears of tokens and holding tokens in the token holder.

3. A token holder comprising a body having a base and an annular wall extending upwardly therefrom, the wall being formed of resilient material and having opposed longitudinally extending slots leading from its upper end for receiving ears of tokens stacked in the body, said slots being reduced in width toward their upper ends whereby tokens will be held in the carrier by frictional engagement of ears of the tokens with side walls of the slots.

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