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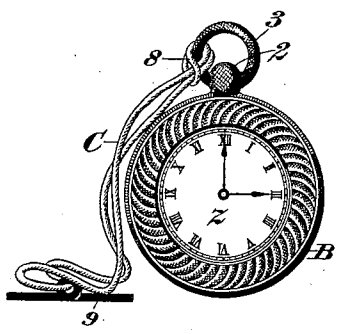
Fig. 1.



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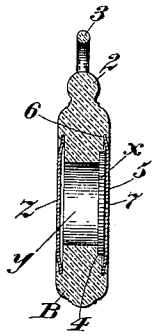

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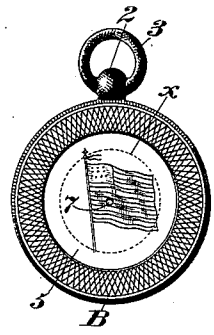

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SCOTT MANCHESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Wethersfield, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Watches and Coin-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toys; and it combines in its construction several different forms of entertainment for children.

The toy is preferably constructed like a watch or timepiece, and it contains in one side a coin-receiving pocket in which one or a number of coins may be secreted and held in place by a seal or cap seated in the device, and said seal or cap is removable, so that the coin may be easily reached by a child by simply prying off the same. The seal or cap has in its center or other convenient point a small-sized opening through which a coin may be discovered without the necessity of removing said seal. To remove the seal, an instrument of suitable kind, such as a pin, is inserted in the opening therein, whereby the same may be readily unseated by slight pressure thereon and as easily reinserted. The device has on the side opposite to that provided with the coin-retaining seal a second cap, which may also be removable, upon which is formed in some suitable manner the representation of a watch-dial, including the usual numerals and hands.

To further enhance the value of the device as a toy, it may be connected to an elastic cord, the latter being looped or otherwise joined at one end to a ring on the watch-body and having a guard or keeper at its opposite end which may be held in the hand.

The device may be propelled from the hand and returned by the elastic chain in a manner similar to the familiar "return-ball," and being made of rubber cannot injure a child.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a face view of the toy. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a transverse central section of the same, the elastic chain not being illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3.

Similar characters designate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

The device includes in its construction a watch-like body portion B, from which the nib 2 extends, said nib having a ring 3, and the ring, nib, and body are preferably molded in a single piece from rubber.

The body portion B, together with nib 2 and ring 3, may be gilded or silvered to resemble a watch, and the opposite surfaces of the body portion B may be ornamented to imitate the usual engraving upon a watch.

The body portion B has in one side thereof the annular pocket 4, whose diameter is of a size to permit a coin of a certain denomination to fit loosely therein, so that said coin can freely drop from the pocket. This coin-receiving pocket is represented in Fig. 3 as being comparatively shallow, it being simply deep enough to accommodate a single coin; but it is evident that it may be made much deeper to receive several coins.

The coin-retaining seal is designated by 5, and it is made of tin or similar bendable sheet metal, so as to be easily removable and insertable, it being adapted to fit tightly within the groove or channel 6, formed in the body portion, and to bear against the coin x when the latter is in its seat, so as to hold said coin in place.

The seal having been removed, the coin x is placed in its pocket 4 in the body portion B, after which said seal is sprung into the annular or circular groove in the body portion to hold the coin in place.

The coin-retaining seal 5 may have in its center or other convenient spot a small opening 7, by which a coin may be discovered, thereby obviating the necessity of removing the seal to establish this fact. If one is found, it is simply necessary to pry off the seal, when the coin can drop from its pocket by inverting the device, after which said seal is reinserted in the groove.

The outer face of the coin-retaining seal 5 may be ornamented, pictorially or otherwise, to any extent, and it is herein represented as having printed on its face a United States flag.

The watch or toy may be suspended from a cord, as C, having a loop 8 at one end, through which the watch-ring 3 passes, said chain carrying at its opposite end a guard-bar or keeper 9.

The cord C is made of elastic material, and

by passing the same between two fingers, with the keeper 9 on the outer side of the hand, the watch B can be propelled and returned by the cord-chain C, and the watch being made of rubber, the hand is not injured by the impact thereof on its return.

The chamber *y* in the body of the toy constitutes a convenient receptacle for confections or coins of a smaller denomination than those adapted to fit in the coin-receiving pocket.

The watch-dial plate, which may also be removable, is designated by *z*.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A toy comprising a watch-like body portion of rubber having in one end a coin-receiving pocket and also having an annular channel outside the pocket, and a metallic disk adapted to be sprung into said annular channel and having an opening by which a coin may be discovered in said pocket.

2. A toy comprising a watch-like body portion of rubber having in one side a coin-receiving pocket; a removable seal fitted to the body portion and adapted to hold a coin in place in said pocket; and an elastic cord connected with the body portion.

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