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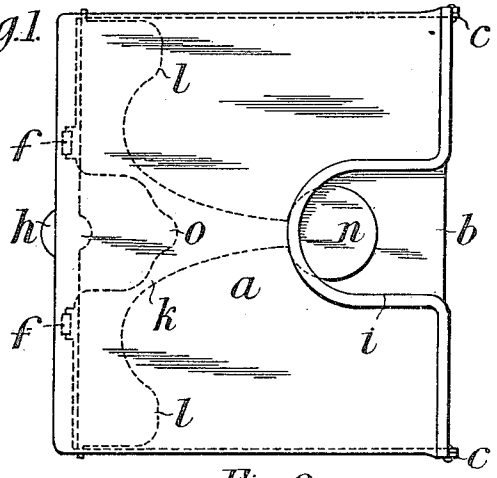


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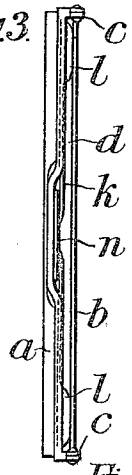


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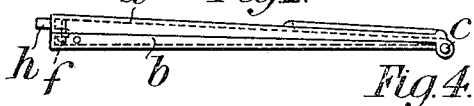


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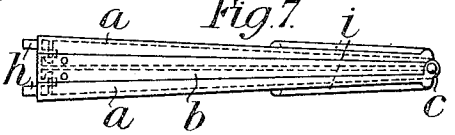


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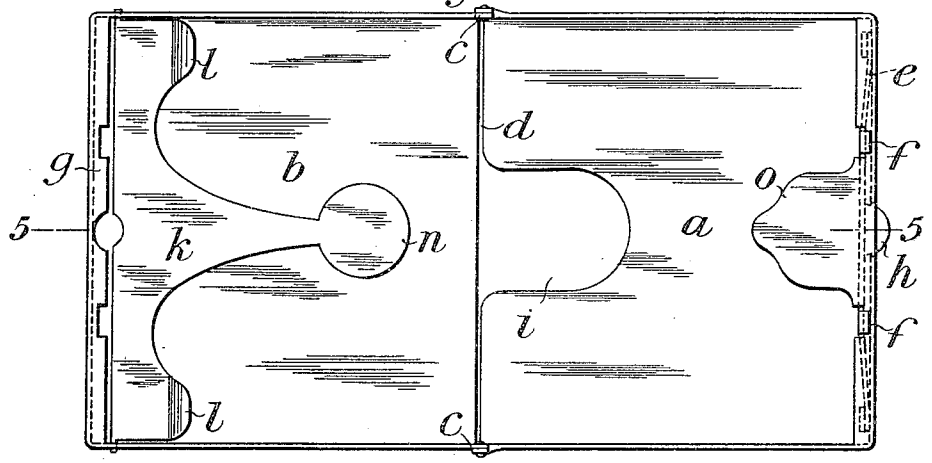


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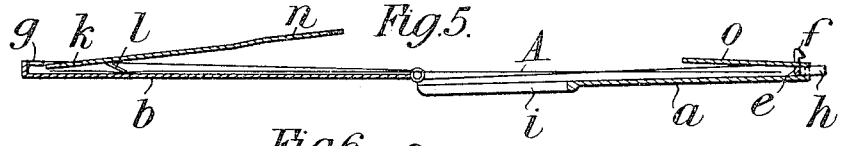
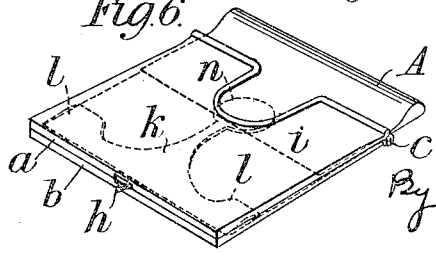


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB FENIGSTEIN, a subject of the Emperor of Russia, residing at 119 Old street, Finsbury, London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cases for Currency and other Notes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cases for currency and other notes and has for its object to provide a case from which the notes can be removed one at a time without the necessity for opening such case.

The case constructed according to my invention is composed of two parts or leaves hinged together and adapted to be closed by a suitable snap or fastening at the free edges.

The hinges or hinge pins are arranged at the sides of the case and between the hinges is formed a slit through which the notes are removed.

Within the case, and attached to one leaf thereof, is a clip for holding the notes at one end, and the said case is of a size adapted, when open, to allow the notes to be laid flat therein, with one end beneath the clip and so that when the case is closed the free ends of the notes will be folded on to the top of the clip, while the centers of the notes will be adjacent to the slit before referred to.

The leaf of the case which when closed lies upon, or adjacent to, the unclipped ends of the notes is formed with an opening, extending for some distance along the case, to allow of the thumb being placed upon the exposed part of the outermost note.

My invention will be readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing; in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved case.

Fig. 2 is a side view, and

Fig. 3 an end view.

Fig. 4 is a plan of the case open, and

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5, Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view illustrating the operation of removing a note from the case.

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of a duplex case for carrying notes of different denominations.

a, *b* indicate the two leaves of the case which are hinged together at *c*, *c* in such a manner that a slit *d* is formed between the two edges, through which slit the notes are to be removed, and the hinges *c*, *c* are so formed that they do not project inside the case so that the width of the slit corresponds to the full internal width of the case. The case itself is advantageously made of wedge shape, the thin edge of the wedge being adjacent to the hinges; this arrangement prevents the free ends of the notes being so tightly pressed together that their removal might be impeded.

The snap or fastening for securing the case may be of any suitable construction; as shown, it is composed of a spring bar *e* attached to the leaf *a* and having upon it two catches *f*, *f* designed to engage with notches in the ledge *g* on the member *b*. *h* is a press for operating the snap.

i is the opening formed in the member *a* and serving to allow the thumb or finger to be placed upon the exposed note to withdraw it.

k is the clip for holding the notes at one end, the said clip being hinged in the sides of the member *b* of the case, as clearly shown in Fig. 4. This clip is provided with two claws *l*, *l* which directly bear upon the notes and with an arm or extension *n* which tends to project outward, as indicated in Fig. 5, so that when the case is closed it acts as a spring to press the claws *l* upon the notes one of which is indicated at A. Furthermore, this extension is advantageously carried forward so that it projects into the opening *i* and will be depressed by the thumb of the user when removing a note.

c is a tongue on the member *a* beneath which the free ends of the notes held by the clip can be placed. In putting the notes into the case the clip *k* is lifted and the notes at one end are placed beneath the same, the other ends of the notes being placed under the tongue *o* as indicated clearly in Fig. 5. The case is now closed so that the notes are folded, a portion of the outermost note being exposed through the opening *i*.

To remove a note the case is held, say, in the left hand while the thumb of the right hand is placed upon the exposed portion of the note, then by drawing the thumb toward the palm of the hand the free end of the note will be rolled or pulled back through the slit, as indicated in Fig. 6.

When one end of the note has thus been removed the projecting part thereof can be grasped to pull the other end of the note from beneath the clip *k* without disturbing the other notes in the case.

If a case is desired for holding notes of different values it may be composed of three members in a manner which will be clearly understood by reference to Fig. 7, the two outermost members *a* being hinged to the intermediate member *b*, and each provided with an opening *i*.

The case may be made of metal or of other material possessing sufficient rigidity, or of a combination of materials such, for instance, as leather or the like with a metal frame.

Claims:

1. A case for currency and other notes comprising two hinged leaves between which the notes are placed in a folded condition the said leaves being so connected that a slit is formed at the hinged side through which the notes can be removed while one leaf of the case is provided with an opening for allowing the finger to be placed upon the note partly exposed in the said opening, for the purpose of withdrawing it, substantially as described.

2. A case for currency and other notes comprising two hinged leaves, a slit formed between the adjacent hinged edges, an opening for allowing the finger to be placed upon a note partly exposed in the said opening, and a clip arranged within the case for holding the notes at one end, substantially as described.

3. A case for currency and other notes comprising the following elements:—two leaves hinged together and made deeper at one end than at the other so that when the leaves are closed together the case will be of wedge shape, a fastening for retaining the leaves in their closed position, a slit formed at the hinged edge of the case through which the notes can be removed, an opening formed in one leaf for allowing the finger to be placed upon a note partly exposed in the said opening, and a clip pivoted in the deep end of one leaf, claws upon the said clip for gripping the notes, and an extension also formed upon the said clip and projecting beneath the opening formed in the other leaf, substantially as described.

4. In a case for currency and other notes, the combination of two leaves or case parts made deeper at one end than at the other, an intermediate frame to which the said leaves are hinged at their shallow ends, a catch or fastening upon each leaf for securing it to the intermediate frame, a slit at the shallow end to each leaf between its outer wall and the intermediate frame, and an opening formed in each leaf for allowing the finger to be placed upon a note partly exposed in the said opening, substantially as described.

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