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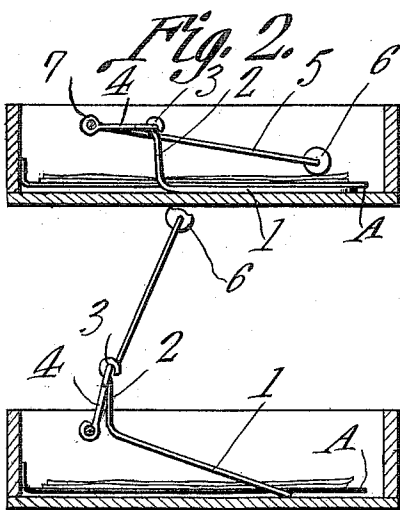
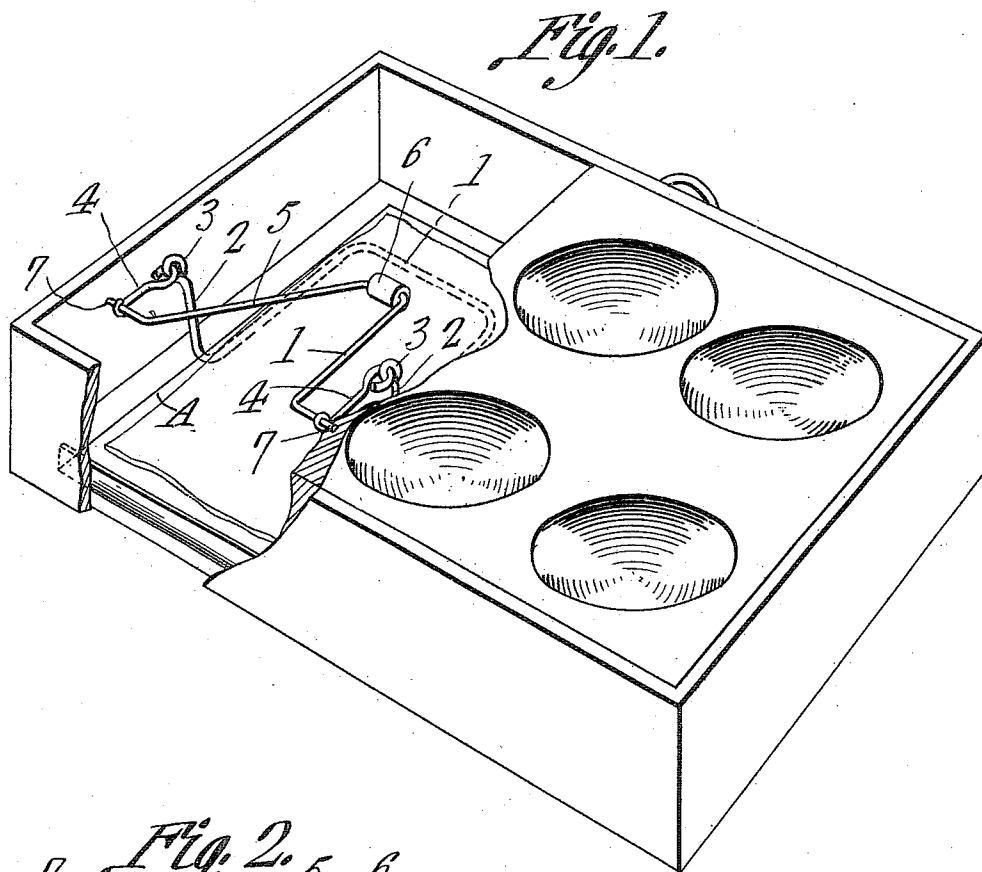
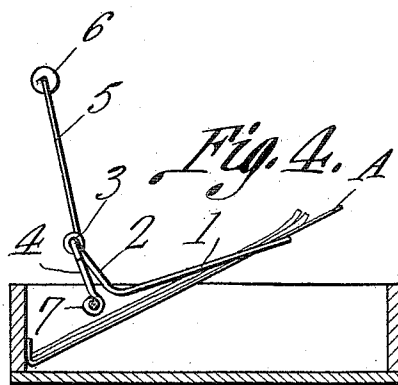


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PATRICK J. MENIGHAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilkes-Barre, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Bill-Holding Attachment for Money-Drawers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a bill holding attachment designed to be used in the money drawer of a cash register or the like, one of the objects of the invention being to provide a simple and inexpensive device of this character which can be easily placed within the drawer and which will operate to hold the bills tightly together and, when so desired, to elevate the bills to a point where they can be easily reached for the purpose of removing one or more of them.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts in and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a drawer having the attachment in position therein, part of the supporting frame being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a section through the drawer and showing the attachment and bills in elevation, the parts being in the position illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the bail elevated. Fig. 4 is another view similar to Figs. 2 and 3 and showing the bills elevated.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a substantially U-shaped supporting frame made of wire or the like and having its end portions extended perpendicularly therefrom as shown at 2 to form arms each of which has a terminal eye 3. These eyes are loosely engaged by arms 4 rigidly secured to or formed integral with the end portions of a substantially V-shaped bail 5. The middle portion of this bail carries a weight 6, preferably cylindrical, and the terminals of the bail preferably project beyond the arms 4, to form trunnions

7 engaging the side walls of the bill compartment of the drawer.

It is to be understood that the attachment, which has been described, is to be placed in the bill compartment of a money drawer and with the frame 1 normally resting upon the bottom of the drawer. A strip A of cardboard or the like is extended between the arms 2 and bears at one end on the middle or intermediate portion of frame 1 while its other end lies close to or is attached to the back wall of the bill compartment. The bail 5 is elevated relative to the frame, this being permissible in view of the fact that the arms 4 pivotally engage the arms 2. Bills can then be placed upon the strip A after which the bail 5 is released and the weight 6 drops on to the bills and firmly holds them, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2.

When it is desired to remove a bill, the weight 6 and bail 5 are swung upwardly, arms 4 pulling upwardly on arms 2 until said arms 2 come into contact with the trunnions 7 as in Fig. 3. Further swinging movement of the bail 5 will then cause the frame 1 to swing upwardly with the terminal 7 as a fulcrum, strip A and the bills thereon being elevated as shown in Fig. 4. The weight 6 will more than counterbalance the bills and the parts can easily be held in elevated position until one or more of the bills have been removed whereupon, by swinging the weight past the center of gravity and releasing it, the parts will fall, by gravity, to their normal positions as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described including a bill supporting element, said element having an upstanding portion, weighted means pivotally connected to said upstanding portion for clamping bills upon the support, said weighted means constituting means for tilting the support.

2. A device of the class described including a bill support having an upstanding portion, a weighted element pivotally connected to said upstanding portion and movable in one direction to clamp bills upon the support, and means carried by said element and cooperating with the upstanding portion to tilt the support when the element is moved in the opposite direction.

3. A device of the class described including a bill support having an upstanding

portion, an element pivotally connected to the upstanding portion, a weight thereon normally bearing upon the bills on the support, and means upon said element for engagement with the upstanding portion to tilt the support when the element is moved in one direction relative to the support.

4. As an article of manufacture, a bill holder including a support having an upstanding portion, a weighted bail adapted to bear upon bills on the support, arms extending from the bail and pivotally engag-

ing the upstanding portion, and trunnions upon the bail for engagement with the upstanding portion when the bail is moved in one direction relative to the support.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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