

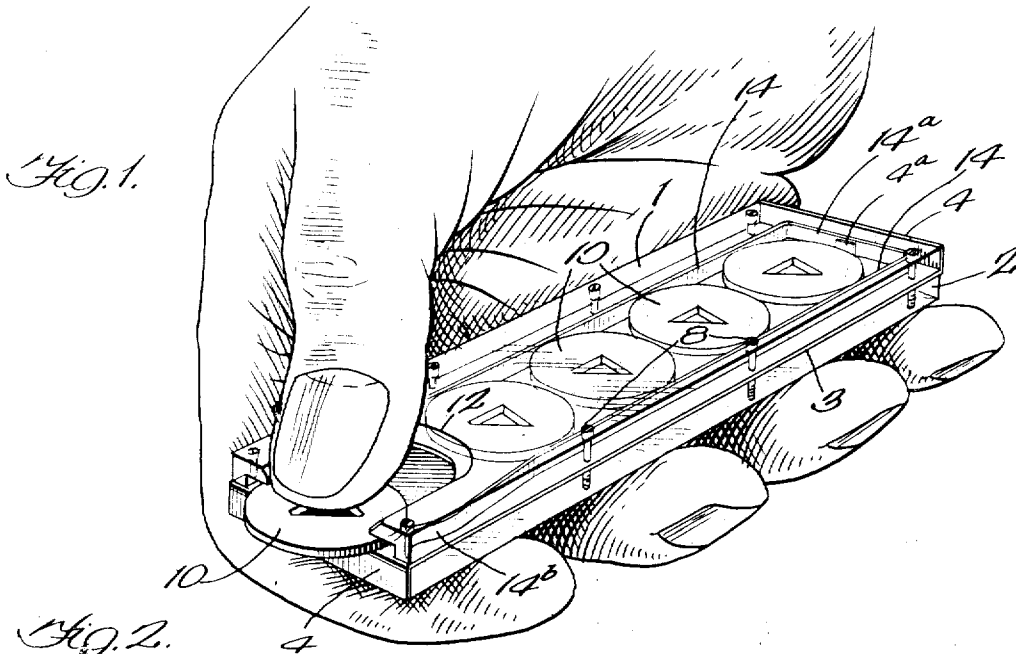
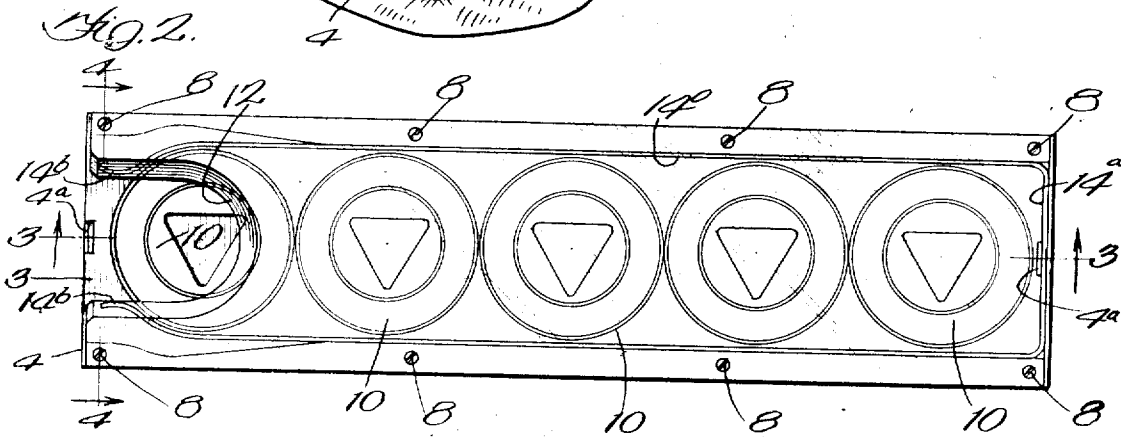
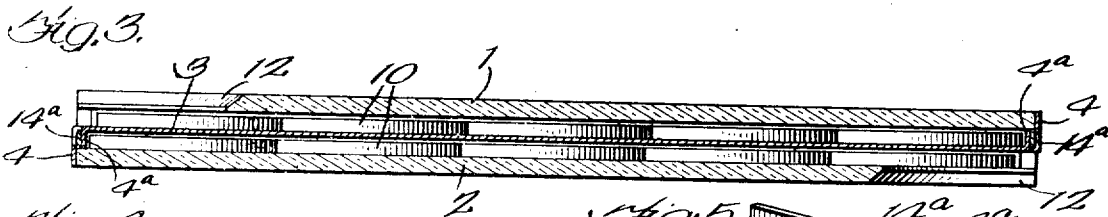
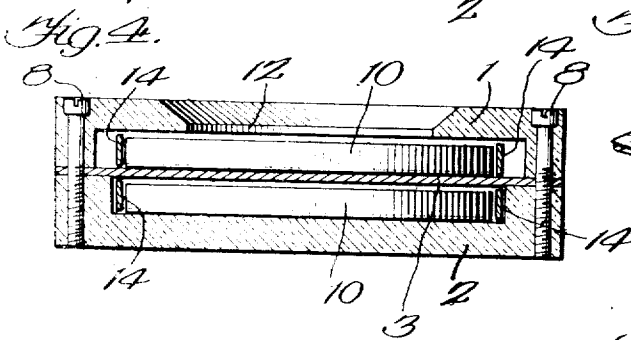
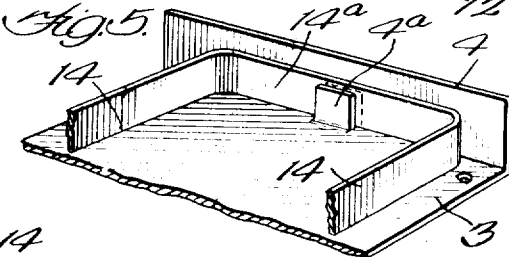
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT M. REID, a citizen of the United States, residing at Colorado Springs, in the county of El Paso and State of Colorado, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Token Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to token holders and the object of the invention is to provide a holder or container in which tokens such as coins or other metallic disks may be conveniently carried on the person and be at the time readily dispensed when required. At the present day it is common in many of the cities of the United States for street railways to charge as fares odd amounts such as six cents, six and one-half cents, seven cents, etc., thus requiring both passengers and conductors to handle odd change. In the case of the fractions of a cent, as for example, where two rides are sold for fifteen cents, it is impossible under our present coinage to make the exact change, and hence has become the custom of some of the transportation companies to issue tokens which may be purchased in lots, for example two tokens for fifteen cents, three for twenty cents, or other combinations. Frequently a reduced rate is offered for buying in quantities, as for example, ten for seventy-five cents. Under such systems the tendency is for passengers to purchase in quantities, but the disadvantage from the passenger's standpoint is that it requires the keeping of a number of tokens which may become mixed with monetary coins in the pocket and hence cause considerable bother and confusion and delay. The object of my invention is to provide a magazine or holder in which such tokens may be contained in quantities and from which they may be instantly removed by a very simple manipulation. In the preferred design the coins or tokens may be delivered by the same hand which carries the holder.

I obtain my object by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a general perspective view illustrating the manner of use of my holder.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the holder showing tokens in place.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal section on the line 3—3, Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a cross section on the line 4—4, Figure 2 and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective showing one manner of mounting the retaining spring.

Like numerals denote like parts throughout the several views.

In the preferred form selected to illustrate the invention the device consists of a rectangular, double-faced container comprised of two strips 1 and 2 of glass, bakelite, celluloid or other transparent or semi-transparent material fastened to a central partition 3. Said partition is preferably of sheet metal, aluminum being desirable on account of its lightness in weight and its ability to resist oxidation. A simple and advantageous form of plate is illustrated, the same having an upturned flange 4 at one end and a downturned flange 5 at the other, these flanges engaging the ends of the glass strips and assisting to hold the latter firmly in position. Studs 8 or other fastening devices may also be used for holding the parts assembled. The glass plates are internally rabbeted or chambered so as to leave a space between the inner surface and the partition 3 for the reception of the tokens 10. The dimensions of the chambers on the opposite sides of the partition are such as to retain the tokens and at the same time permit them to slide freely without jamming in a longitudinal direction.

At the delivery end of each plate of glass a notch 12 is formed, the depth of which is preferably somewhat less than the diameter of the token. Its function is to permit the thumb of the user to engage the token for slipping it out of the open end of the magazine. It has been explained that the tokens are freely slidable in the magazines. I have provided means whereby the tokens are yieldingly held within the magazines and prevented from accidentally escaping from the open ends. These retaining means consist of springs 14 which may be constructed in various ways. A simple and desirable way of making them, however, is here illustrated. In this form the springs are U-shaped, the base 14^a of the spring being at the inner end of the magazine in contact with the flange 4 of the plate 3. This base is held in position by a tongue 4^a struck from the body of the plate, as best illustrated in Figure 5. The sides of the U extend from

one end of the magazine to the other and at the forward or delivery end have inward bends 14^b which yieldingly constrict the mouth of the opening and prevent the
 5 tokens from coming out by accident, but permit them to be removed upon exertion of a slight pressure by the thumb of the user. At the extreme end these springs desirably flare outward slightly to enable the tokens
 10 to be easily slipped into the magazine for loading it. Hence it may be said that the springs have ogee curves at the outer ends for the purpose of yieldingly retaining the coins, and yet permitting the magazine to
 15 be readily charged at the same end from which the tokens are delivered. The sides of the chambers serve as abutments for preventing the sides of the spring from springing outward. Thus the spring is securely
 20 held in position by the aid simply of the walls of the chamber the single lip 4^a and the flanges 4 and 5.

In practice, the user fills the holder by sliding the tokens into one or both of the
 25 magazines. The size of the device will, of course, depend upon capacity and the size of the tokens to be used, but ordinarily the device is about the size of a pen knife and may be readily carried in the pocket. When
 30 a token is required the user simply tilts the rear end upward so that the token will slide to its mouth, whereupon the outmost token is exposed at the end slot 12 and the operator may readily place his thumb upon it and
 35 by slight movement deliver it from the device in spite of the yielding opposition of the spring 14^b. It will be noted that the device is duplex in the sense that two magazines are combined in a single device, one
 40 on each side of the partition plate 3. As the outer parts 1, 2 are transparent the user may see at a glance what supply of tokens he has on hand. The device makes a convenient pocket piece and effectually segregates the tokens from any other coins or
 45 tokens which the user may have in his pocket. Although this device is well adapted for containing and dispensing street car tokens, it is of course, usable for coins, tele-
 50 phone slugs and similar disc-like articles.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A token holder having a central partition plate, cover plates coextensive with the
 55 partition plate and spaced therefrom to afford chambers for containing the tokens, the partition plate being flanged in opposite directions at the end for forming end abutments for the cover plates, additional means
 60 for securing the three plates together, the cover plates having slots at the end for affording access to the end tokens, and means for yieldingly restricting the mouth of the chambers for preventing accidental escape
 65 of the tokens.

2. A token holder consisting of cover plates, a partition plate for properly spacing and separating them, flanged or bent in
 70 opposite directions at opposite ends to form end abutments for cover plates and to aid in holding springs in place, and also provided with tongues struck therefrom for holding springs in place, the cover plates being
 75 recessed on their inner surfaces to form chambers for holding rows of tokens, and being recessed at the open ends of the magazine to allow access to the end tokens, and springs held by said means provided for
 80 them, curving inwardly at the respective open ends of chambers for yieldingly retaining the tokens.

3. A pocket container for tokens consisting of a partition plate having oppositely
 85 extending flanges at the ends and retaining tongues offset therefrom, cover plates coextensive with and suitably spaced from the partition plate to form chambers for holding
 90 rows of tokens and each having an end recessed for exposing a portion of the surface of a token to permit it to be discharged, and U-shaped springs having ogee curves at the outer ends for permitting the tokens
 95 to be inserted and removed from the same end of the holder, these U-shaped springs being held in position by flanges and tongues as shown.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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