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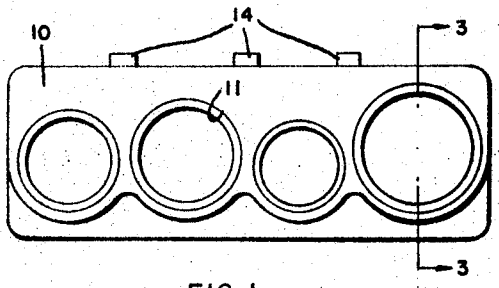


FIG. 1

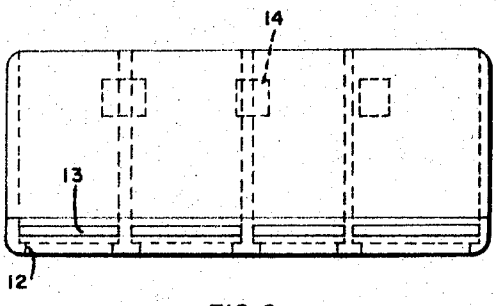


FIG. 2

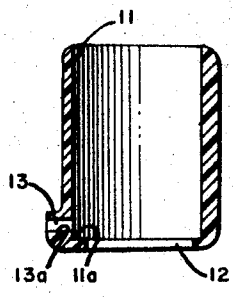


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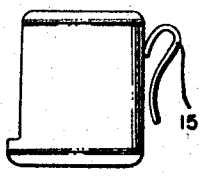


FIG. 4

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A one piece die-cast plastic coin holder having coin retaining compartments provided with finger openings in the bottom wall and slots in the front wall to remove coins from the compartments. The coin slots are located so that the bottom is about one-half the thickness of the coin above the inner bottom wall of the compartment and the finger hole is of lesser diameter than the coin. A coin is removed by inserting a finger in the finger opening and lifting the lowermost coin to align it with the slot and moving the coin through the slot. Means are provided to attach the holder to a support.

Summary of the invention

The present invention comprises a coin holder having a vertically positioned cylindrical chamber slightly larger than the coin for which it is designed and provided with a slot in the front wall adjacent to the bottom wall of the chamber but positioned approximately one-half the thickness of the coin thereabove and including a finger opening in the bottom wall of the chamber so that coins are retained in the chamber and are removable when a finger is inserted through the opening to raise the lower coin sufficiently to align it with the slot.

Description of figures

FIG. 1 is a plan view of the invention,

FIG. 2 is a front detail view of the invention,

FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 1, and

FIG. 4 is a side elevational view showing a clip attachment means.

The coin holder **10** will be made of plastic or cellulose material capable of being die-formed. It will be constructed with one or more chambers **11** or compartments; each chamber to be of the dimension necessary to suit the coin for which the chamber is intended. As examples, the chamber for pennies will be circumferential and will have a diameter of approximately 0.755"; the chamber for nickels will be circumferential and will have a diameter of approximately 0.845". The compartments have a diameter 0.005" to 0.010" larger than the coin for which the compartment is desired. Each compartment will have a sufficient depth to hold several coins with an opening **12** in the bottom of sufficient size to insert one's finger and yet smaller than the size of the coin to be inserted in the compartment so as to prevent the coins from coming through the bottom, and so as to permit one to raise the bottom coin towards a slot **13** in the front of the coin holder which is of sufficient size so that the coin can be extracted. The slot is of a breadth to accord with the coin to be extracted and is about 0.005" greater in height than the coin. The base **13***a* of

this slot **13** through which coins may be extracted will be one-half the thickness of the coin above the bottom **11***a* of the compartment **11**. In other words, the bottom edge of the slot will be one-half the thickness of the coin above the base of the compartment and the top edge of the slot will match the center line of the second coin. With this design, coins will be readily stored in a compartment and will not be able to be removed until a coin is desired to be used, which will require a positive act namely, inserting one's finger in the hole at the bottom and raising the bottom coin to the level of the slot from which the coins can be removed. This coin holder will have attached on its back an adhesive magnet **14** (FIGS. 1 and 2) or clipping device **15** (FIG. 4) which will attach it to any convenient surface so that it can be readily used in obtaining change for parking meters, bridge tolls or other situations where a coin holder is desired which will make particular denominations of coins readily accessible. The coin holder has no moving parts or springs, and may be constructed with or without a lid for the top of the compartments. If there is a lid, it may either have a slit in it through which coins are inserted, or the lid may be of a removable type wherein it is removed and the coins are then inserted and the lid replaced. In connection with the said coin holder, we claim:

1. A coin holder comprising:

(a) a body having top, side and bottom walls and provided with a vertically positioned cylindrical chamber therein, said chamber having a top opening and being of a size to accommodate and retain a coin of a preselected value therein on said bottom wall,

(b) the bottom wall of the body having a finger opening aligned with the chamber but of smaller size so that coins deposited in the chamber do not fall through the said finger opening,

(c) the front wall of the body being provided with a slot aligned with and communicating with the chamber, said slot being of approximately the thickness of the coin to be inserted in the chamber and of sufficient width to pass the coin from the chamber,

(d) the bottom edge of the slot being approximately one-half the thickness of the coin above the inner surface of the bottom wall of the chamber so that coins are normally retained in the chamber but removable therefrom by inserting a finger through the finger opening and raising the lowermost coin one-half its thickness and passing the same forwardly through the slot.

2. The structure of claim **1** wherein the coin holder is of one piece plastic.

3. The structure of claim **1** wherein the compartment is about 0.005" to 0.010" larger in diameter than the coin which it is designed to accommodate and the slot is about 0.005" greater in height than the thickness of the coin for which the cooperating compartment is designed.

4. The structure of claim **1** wherein the body is provided with a plurality of chambers.

5. The structure of claim **1** wherein the body is provided with means for fastening the coin holder to a support.

6. The coin holder as described in claim **1** wherein said coin holder has permanent magnets for attaching to an exterior iron surface.

7. The coin holder, as described in claim 5, including a clip on the back for connecting the coin holder to an exterior surface.

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