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TICKET CONTAINER.

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Fig. 1.

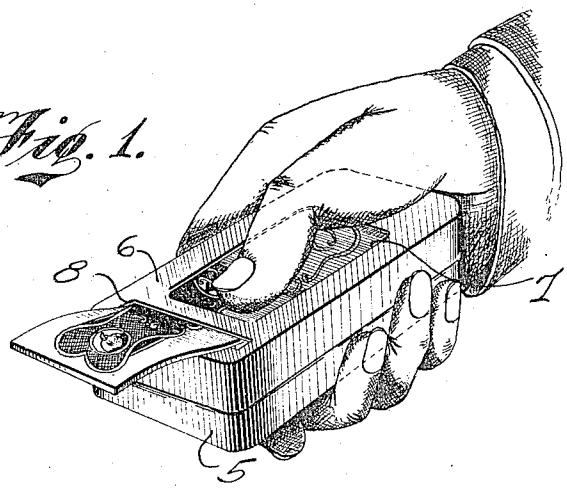


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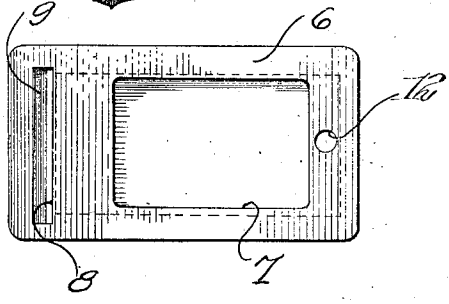


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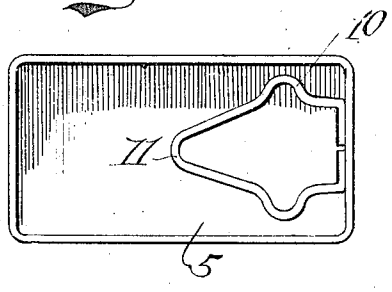
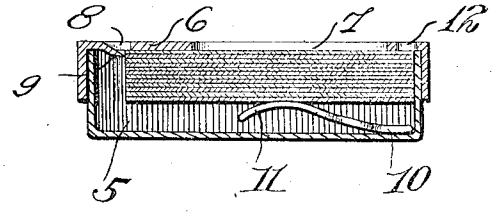


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. KINZIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Containers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in ticket cases, and has for its primary object the provision of a ticket case so arranged that the tickets may be readily removed therefrom by the use of one hand.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which can be readily adapted for use in automatic vending machines placed at convenient points, thus diminishing the duties of ticket agents and contributing to the comfort of the patron.

A further object of the invention is to provide a ticket case of this character which will obviate the necessity of handing the tickets, thus rendering the same clean and sanitary.

A still further object of the invention resides in the provision of a device of this character which is simple in construction, easy and positive in its operation, and which is cheap to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the mode of operation; Fig. 2 is a top plan view; Fig. 3 is a plan view of the ticket receptacle removed; Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 5 designates a rectangular case or receptacle having side, bottom and end walls, and an open top, and 6 a cover therefor. The cover comprises a rectangular case having side, top, and end walls. The top wall of the cover 6 is provided with an oblong opening 7, of such size as to permit the thumb or finger of the operator to extract a ticket by simply exerting pressure thereupon. Near the front of the top wall a second elongated opening 8 is provided, this opening being formed by first cutting the metal on three sides of the opening and bending the tongue, thus formed into the case. The tongue designated 9, extends partially across the receptacle and is adapted to direct the tickets through the opening 8 when pressure is brought to bear on the ticket by the thumb or finger of the operator in the manner set forth, the ticket being adapted to ride upon the angular face of the tongue and through the opening 8 when the ticket is pushed forwardly. The lower end of the tongue 9 is extended to a point a slight distance below the plane of the uppermost ticket, this arrangement, as is evident, causing no resistance to be offered to the ticket as the same is withdrawn, the tongue 9 serving as an abutment for the ticket next beneath to effectually prevent more than a single ticket from being withdrawn at one and the same operation. In order to hold the tickets in the case in an operative position, a spring 10 is provided. This spring is soldered or otherwise secured to the bottom of the case, and is adapted to exert an upward pressure against the tickets so that as one ticket is withdrawn another will be forced into an operative position. The spring 10 preferably includes a tongue 11 relatively narrower than the opening 7, this tongue being in direct engagement with the lowermost ticket. By this construction the spring tends to bend the tickets transversely where they are disposed to the opening 7, thus facilitating the manual advancement of the ticket through the slot 8.

A small opening 12 is provided in the top wall of the cover to be used as a sight when using tickets which are consecutively numbered. In this way the operator may ascertain at a glance the number of tickets left in the receptacle, or the number withdrawn.

If desired, when the cases are sold through the medium of a vending machine, they may be sealed by a strip of paper or other means to insure the contents against being tampered with without detection until after it is in the hands of the purchaser.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is thought that the construction and mode of operation of the device will be clearly understood by any one skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have herein shown and described

one specific form of my invention I do not wish to be limited thereto except for such limitations as the claims may import.

I claim:—

1. A ticket case comprising a receptacle, a cover therefor, a tongue struck from said cover to project into said receptacle, whereby an opening in said cover is obtained for allowing the removal of tickets, substantially as described.

2. A ticket case comprising a receptacle, a cover therefor, said cover provided with an opening intermediate the ends thereof, a transverse tongue struck from said cover and projecting into said receptacle whereby a second opening is formed for allowing the removal of the tickets, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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