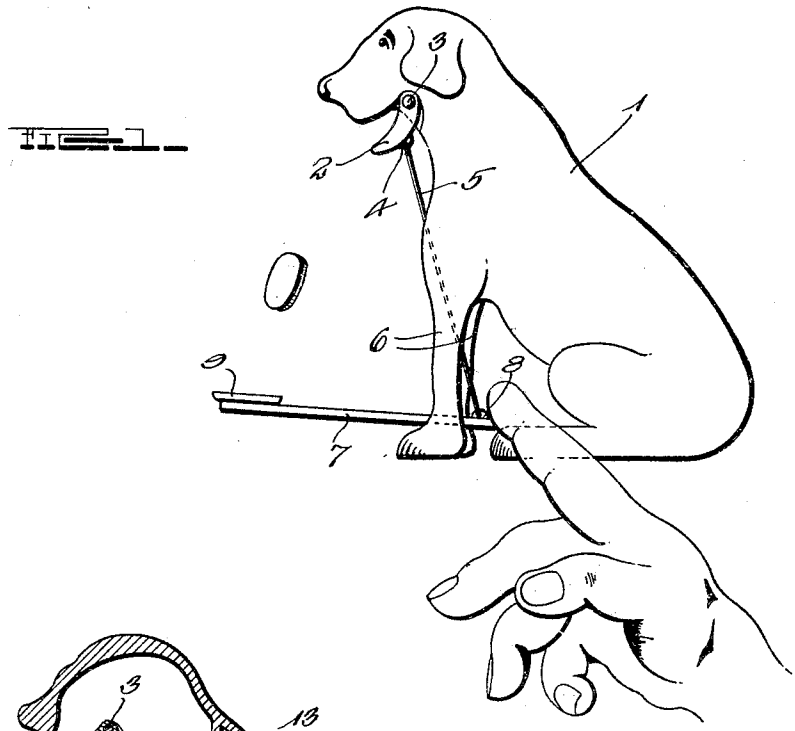
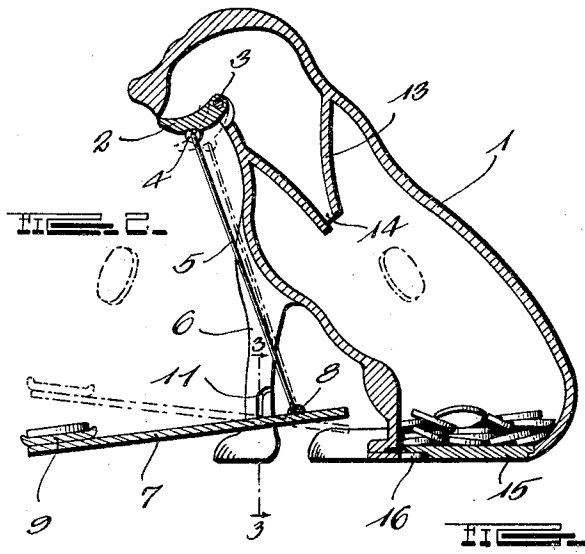
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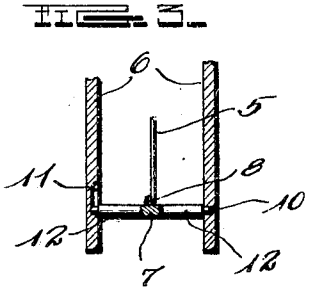
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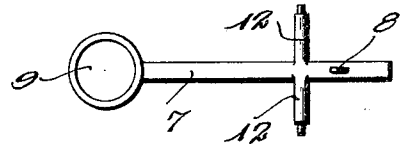
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS A. HANSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Salt Lake City, in the county of Salt Lake and State of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Novelty Banks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its principal object to provide a simple and inexpensive novelty bank in the form of a simulation of an animal, novel means being provided for opening the animal's mouth and tossing a coin into the same.

I make use of a lever received between the front legs of the simulation and connected with the movable jaw thereof for the purpose of opening this jaw and tossing a coin upwardly when the lever is operated by hand, a still further object being to provide unique means for mounting the lever in such a manner as to facilitate assembly at the factory.

Yet another object is to make novel provision to prevent the shaking of coins from the bank.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a novelty bank constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view.

Figure 3 is a detail vertical transverse section as indicated by line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the coin tossing lever.

In the drawings above briefly described, the numeral 1 designates a hollow simulation of a dog although it will be understood that any other animal could be represented. This simulation is provided with a downwardly movable lower jaw 2 which is pivotally mounted at 3, said jaw being shown provided with an ear 4 on its lower side, to which the upper end of a wire link 5 is pivoted.

Received between the front legs 6 of the simulation 1, is a substantially horizontal lever 7 which as here shown, is formed with an ear 8 adjacent its rear end, by means of which the lower end of the link 5 is connected with said lever, the front end of the latter being provided with a suitable coin holder 9 which is preferably in the form of a shallow tray. The lever 7 is fulcrumed between the legs 6 and it will thus be seen that when a coin is placed upon the holder 9 and said lever is operated by hand, as indicated in Fig. 1, the jaw 2 will be opened and at the same time, the coin will be tossed upwardly toward the mouth of the simulation. Whenever the device is operated in the requisite manner, the coin will enter the mouth of the simulation when the jaw is opened, but considerable practice and skill are required to produce this effect and hence the toy will be very amusing.

In the preferred form of construction, the inner side of one leg 6 is formed with a bearing socket 10 while the corresponding side of the opposed leg is formed with a groove 11, this groove being closed at its lower end while its other end opens through the rear edge of the leg. The socket 10 and the groove 11 receive the reduced ends of a pair of trunnions 12 which are integral with and extend oppositely from the lever 7, the ear 8 being disposed between these trunnions and the rear extremity of said lever. By employing this mounting means for the lever, it may be readily placed in position and pivotally connected with the legs 6, when assembling the device at the factory.

The neck of the simulation 1 is preferably provided with an integral internal hopper 13 having a slot 14 at its lower end for discharging the coins into the body of the device. This arrangement however prevents the coins from being removed by shaking the bank.

The bottom of the simulation 1 or any other desired point is preferably provided with a suitable removable closure 15 held in place by an appropriate lock 16, whereby the coins may be removed from time to time when the lock is released by an appropriate key, provided for that purpose.

From the foregoing, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be seen that my invention is simple and inexpensive, yet will be very desirable and will furnish considerable amusement. As excellent results may be obtained from the details disclosed, these details may well be

followed, but it is to be understood that within the scope of the invention as claimed, numerous minor changes may be made.

I claim:

1. A novelty bank comprising a hollow simulation of an animal having a pivoted downwardly movable lower jaw, a substantially horizontal lever fulcrumed between the front legs of said simulation and having a coin holder at its front end, and a link pivoted at one end to said jaw and having its other end pivoted to said lever behind its fulcrum.

2. A novelty bank comprising a hollow simulation of an animal having a pivoted downwardly movable lower jaw, one of the front legs of said simulation having a bearing socket in its inner side while the corresponding side of the other front leg is formed with a groove closed at its lower end but opening at its other end through the rear side of the leg, a substantially horizontal lever between said front legs having oppositely extending trunnions received in said socket and the lower end of said groove respectively, the front end of said lever having a coin holder, and a link pivoted at its upper end to said jaw, the lower end of said link being pivoted to said lever behind said journals at a point in advance of the rear extremity of the lever.

3. A novelty bank comprising a hollow body shaped to simulate a living creature, the mouth of said creature forming the coin intake, and a coin-projecting device mounted on the body at a point remote from said mouth, said device comprising a lever pivoted between its ends on the body, the inner end of the lever being conveniently positioned to permit it to be operated by a person's finger, and the opposite end being disposed so that it will swing on an arc to direct a coin into said mouth.

4. A bank having a relatively large coin intake opening, a pivoted closure therefor, a lever provided between its ends on the bank, the outer end of the lever being disposed to swing on an arc to toss a coin into the bank through said opening, and a link connected with the opposite end of the lever and with said closure to operate the latter.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

JULIUS A. HANSEN.