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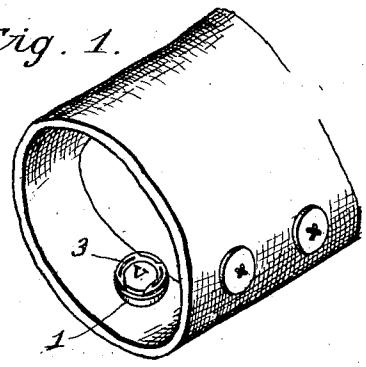
Fig. 1.



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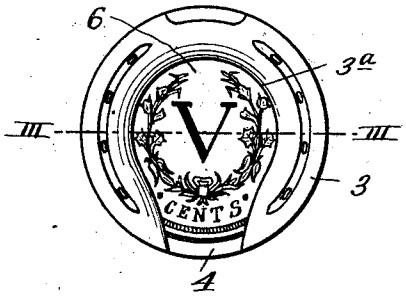

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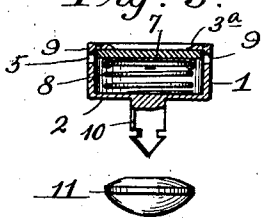

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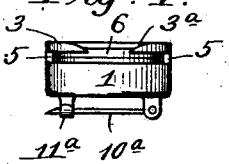

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MATTHEW QUINN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in coin-holders; and my object is to provide a device of this character which may be attached to a coat-sleeve or lapel or other portion of a garment where access may readily be had to the contents of said holder.

The device is of especial use to persons who patronize street-cars, as it is preferably of sufficient capacity to hold two coins equivalent to two fares—one for transportation to the user's place of business, the other for the return trip home. By thus providing easy access to the daily fare inconvenience arising from reaching into the pockets, especially when in a crowded car, is avoided, and by loading the device in the morning the user is insured sufficient car-fare during the day.

Although the device is small and can be readily concealed about the garments, it may also be ornamented or arranged and worn in the form of the insignia of a fraternal or other order.

The invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and in order that it may be readily understood reference will now be made to said drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device attached to the inner side of a coat-sleeve. Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of the device loaded with coin. Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on line III III of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the coin-holder provided with a modified form of fastening device.

In carrying out this invention I employ a cylindrical body or cup 1, having a closed and preferably integral bottom 2 and a marginal or annular cap 3, forming the top and leaving a central hole smaller than the coin, and through which the latter can be seen. At one side said annular cap is cut away so as to produce a radial opening 4, leading from said hole outward to the periphery of the device, and the edges of the hole merge into the converging edges of said opening and are beveled, as at 3^a. This construction permits the user to readily place his thumb upon the coin when it is desired to withdraw the latter from the holder.

Cup 1 is provided in its side wall just below the cap with a peripheral slot 5, through which the coin 6 is placed and removed, the capacity of the device preferably being sufficient to receive two coins, as shown in Fig. 4.

While the slot 5 is wider than the opening in the cap, it is coincident with the opening 4, so that as the thumb passes out through the latter the coin is drawn out through the slot 5. Said coins are pressed upwardly, so that the uppermost coin will be held in frictional contact with the under side of the cap by means of a follower-plate 7 and an expansion-spring 8, which latter is interposed between said follower-plate and the bottom portion 2. As the slot 5 is wider than the opening 4, the annular cap 3 will extend over said slot for a short distance at either side of said opening, and these forward portions of the cap are bent downward or provided with depending marginal shoulders 9, which form the upper edge of slot 5 and overlap the uppermost coin, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, so that said coin cannot accidentally slip through said slot, which latter, being of only sufficient width to admit the passage of a single coin, overlaps the lowermost. (See Fig. 4.) Thus the two coins will be safely held in the holder by shoulders 9 and the wall of the cup below the slot 5.

10 designates one member of a fastening device secured to the under side of cylinder 1 and pointed, so that it is adapted to be passed through any portion of a garment and engaged by clamping a member 11.

In the modified fastening device shown in Fig. 4, 10^a designates a different form of pointed member adapted to be passed through a garment and secured by a clamping member 11^a.

In practice when the device has a capacity for two coins the first coin is inserted by depressing the follower-plate below the level of slot 5. Said coin is then depressed below said level while the other coin is being inserted. After the coins have been properly placed spring 8 expands and forces the follower-plate upwardly against the under side of the lowermost coin, forcing it upwardly until stopped by the uppermost coin contacting with the under side of cap 3. The coins are then reliably held in place by the depend-

ing shoulders 9 and the wall of the cup below the slot 5 until it is desired to remove one of the coins from the holder. This is readily accomplished by placing the thumb upon the uppermost coin and depressing it in line with the slot, after which it may be readily withdrawn by moving the thumb forwardly through opening 4 and engaging the under side of the coin with the index-finger. In this action the convergence of the edges of the opening 4 causes the ball of the thumb to center itself over the slot 5, and hence the coin is withdrawn through the latter with the utmost ease. The inner margins of the opening in the cap are beveled, so that the thumb will not be cut thereby. Obviously the coin need not fit closely within the cup, as the latter is adapted to hold smaller coins than shown; but even when smaller coins are withdrawn the convergence of the edges of the opening serves the same function.

While I have shown the preferred construction of the device I of course reserve the right to make such changes in details of construction as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

From the above description it is apparent that I have produced a coin-holder which is simple and compact in construction and well adapted for the purposes intended.

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

A coin-holder consisting of a cylindrical cup with a closed bottom and a coin-slot in its side wall, a fastening device on said bottom, an annular cap constituting the top of the cup and having a central hole smaller than the coin and a radial opening leading from said hole to the periphery at a point above and coincident with said coin-slot, the edges of said hole and opening being beveled and the edges of the opening converging toward its outer end, marginal shoulders depending from said cap at either side of its opening and forming the upper edge of said slot, a follower-plate within the cup, and a spring pressing it normally upward, all as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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