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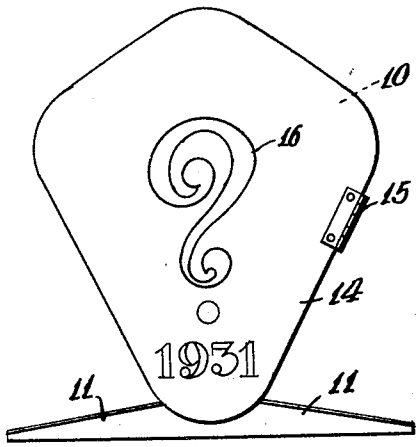


FIG 1

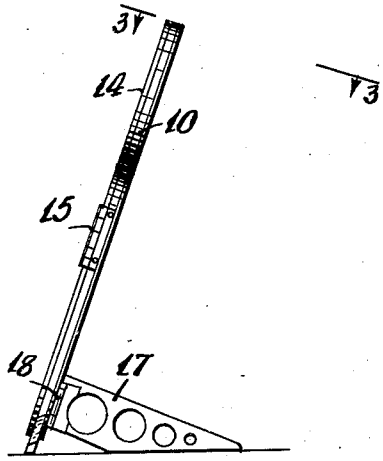


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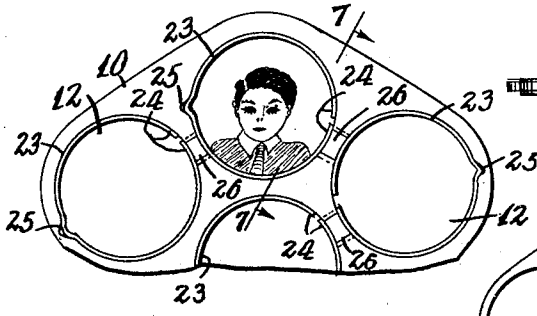


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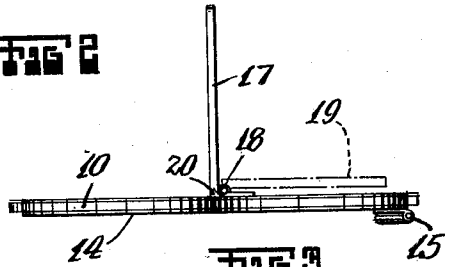


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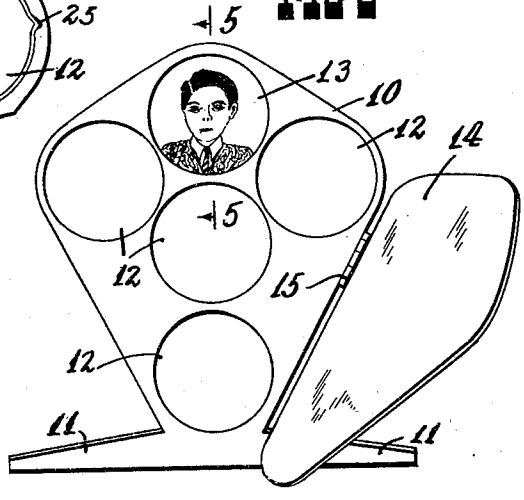


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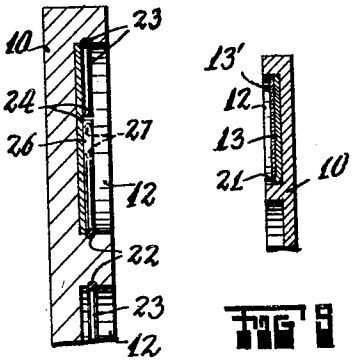


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a coin and picture frame.

The invention has for an object the construction of a coin and picture frame which is characterized by a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures.

As another object of this invention, it is proposed to provide a cover extending across the face of the placard for covering the pictures.

A still further object of this invention is the inclusion of means for supporting the placard in the substantially vertical position.

Furthermore, another one of the objects is the provision of means for holding the pictures in the respective recesses.

A still further object of this invention is the provision of circular grooves within the recesses and spring rings engageable in the grooves as constituting the means for holding the pictures in place.

Furthermore, it is proposed to arrange portions of the placard slidable in a manner so as to be capable of prying the rings out to allow easy removal of the pictures.

A still further object of this invention is the construction of a coin and picture frame which is of simple, durable construction, dependable in use, efficient in action, and which can be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a device constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is an edge elevational view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view looking in the direction of the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but illustrating the device with the cover opened.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view similar to a portion of Fig. 4 but illustrating a modified construction.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary enlarged detailed sectional view taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

The coin and picture frame comprises a substantially vertical placard 10, preferably of metal. As shown in the drawings, it is of substantially pear shape with the small parts of the pear shape at the bottom. Base projections 11 extend from both sides of the lower end of the pear shape and constitute a portion for resting upon a supporting surface. A plurality of facial recesses 12 are formed in the front face of the placard 10 for the purpose of holding pictures 13. These recesses are circular as shown on the drawings, and they extend in from the front face to a distance not reaching the rear. The picture 13 may be left open or covered with glass 13′ or any other transparent material 13′.

A cover 14 extends across the front of the placard 10 and serves to normally cover the recesses and pictures. This cover is congruent with the placard 10 so that in the closed position, as shown in Fig. 1, it is superimposed. A hinge 15 connects one side of the cover with one side of the placard 10 to allow the cover to hinge to an open position as shown in Fig. 4. Ornamentation 17, placed upon the outer side of the cover as shown in the drawings, consists of engraved matter in the form of a question mark and the date beneath. A means is provided for supporting the placard 10 in the substantially vertical position and consists of a flat piece 17 connected by a hinge 18 upon the back of the placard. The flap is so arranged that it may assume a position at right angles to the placard as shown in Fig. 3 or substantially parallel therewith and indicated by the dot and dash lines 19. A shoulder 20, constituting the inner edge of the hinged flap piece 17 serves to limit pivoting of the flap piece to the right angle position.

As shown in Fig. 5, the rim 21 of the picture 13 is depended upon to hold the picture in

place within the recesses. It is calculated that the picture may be of a slightly larger diameter than the recesses and may be forced into place so that the edges bend outwards. In Figs. 6 and 7 a modified means has been disclosed for holding the pictures within the recesses. This means comprises grooves 22 formed within the recesses slightly spaced to the front of the pictures and capable of receiving spring rings 23 to act against the edges of the picture and accomplish the holding. Each of the spring rings 23 is formed from a bent piece of wire so as to have adjacent ends 24 which are not connected. Diametrically opposite the adjacent ends there is formed a tongue portion 25 engageable in a corresponding groove in the placard 10. This insures the placing of the rings uniformly in the recesses with the free ends always in the same position.

Portions 26 are slidably mounted in the placard 10 by reason of tongues 27 from the portions engaging in corresponding groove in the placard. The portions 26 are located immediately adjacent to one of the ends of each of the rings. These portions extend from the front face of the placard to the base of the recesses as clearly shown in Fig. 7. Consequently, the portions 26 may be manually moved to force in one of the ends of the rings and in this manner allow manual catching of the ends for extraction to remove the rings from their groove.

In use it is intended that the coin and picture frame rest upon some piece of furniture such as a desk or the like. It is further intended that the various recesses be filled with coins or pictures. Normally the cover is closed, and to view the coins or the pictures, the cover may be hinged to its opened position.

My improved device may be made of any suitable material, such as metal, wood, composition etc. and its shape may be changed as desired.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A coin and picture frame, comprising a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures, a cover extended across said recesses and hingedly mounted on the placard, means for supporting said placard in the substantially vertical position, and means for holding the pictures within the recesses, comprising spring rings engaged within circular grooves in the recesses so as to contact with the edges of said pictures, and portions of said placard being slidable and abuttable against the ends of said spring rings for prying them open to remove them, said slidable mounting of the portions of the placard accomplished by tongues projecting from the said portions and engageable in grooves formed in said placard.

2. A coin and picture frame, comprising a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures, a cover extended across said recesses and hingedly mounted on the placard, and means for supporting said placard in the substantially vertical position, said facial recesses being circular for receiving coins or circular pictures.

3. A coin and picture frame, comprising a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures, a cover extended across said recesses and hingedly mounted on the placard, means for supporting said placard in the substantially vertical position, and means for holding the pictures within the recesses, comprising resilient members engaged within grooves in the recesses so as to contact with the edges of said pictures.

4. A coin and picture frame, comprising a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures, a cover extended across said recesses and hingedly mounted on the placard, and means for supporting said placard in the substantially vertical position, said placard being of substantially pear shape with the small end at the bottom and being provided with projecting side portions for resting upon a flat surface.

5. A coin and picture frame, comprising a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures, a cover extended across said recesses and hingedly mounted on the placard, and means for supporting said placard in the substantially vertical position, comprising a flap piece hingedly mounted on the rear of the placard so as to be capable of assuming a position at right angles thereto or substantially parallel therewith.

6. A coin and picture frame, comprising a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures, a cover extended across said recesses and hingedly mounted on the placard, means for supporting said placard in the substantially vertical position, and means for holding the pictures within the recesses, comprising spring rings engaged within circular grooves in the recesses so as to contact with the edges of said pictures.

7. A coin and picture frame, comprising a substantially vertical placard with a plurality of facial recesses for receiving pictures, a cover extended across said recesses and hing-

edly mounted on the placard, means for supporting said placard in the substantially vertical position, and means for holding the pictures within the recesses, comprising spring rings engaged within circular grooves in the recesses so as to contact with the edges of said pictures, and portions of said placard being slidable and abuttable against the ends of said spring rings for prying them open to remove them.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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