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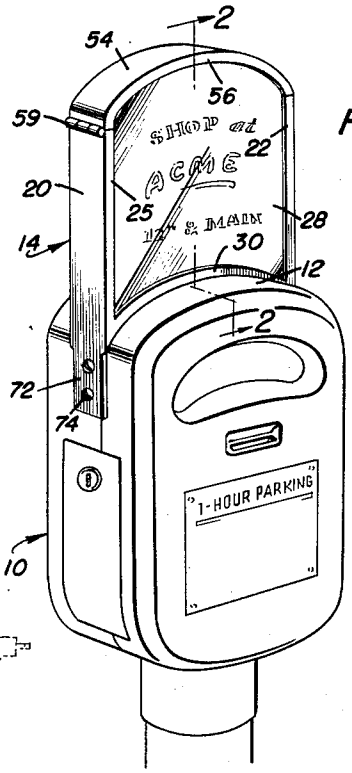


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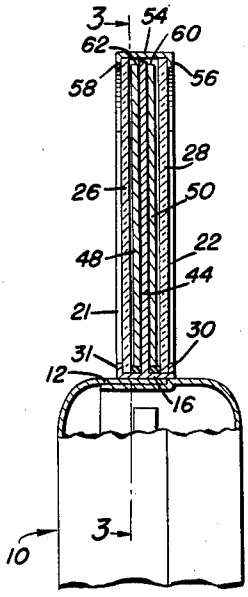


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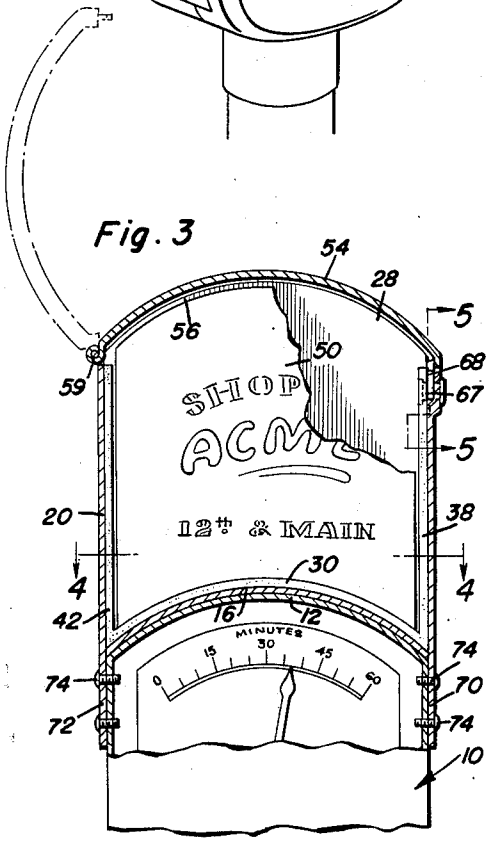


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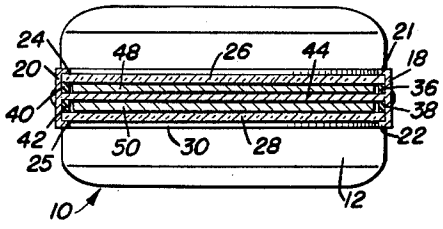


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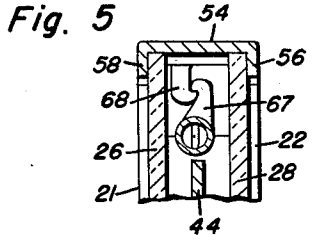


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to improvements in attachments for parking meters.

It is the prime object of the present invention to provide an improved attachment for parking meters for displaying advertising material, the attachment being such as to conform to the lines of the parking meter and display through transparent panels advertising material of any suitable type.

Another object of this invention is to improve the construction of such an attachment for a parking meter, the improvements residing in the specific structure involved in the manufacture of the device.

Ancillary objects and features of importance will become apparent in following the description of the illustrated form of the invention.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a parking meter having the attachment secured thereto;

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1 and in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 2 and in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 3 and in the direction of the arrows; and,

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 3 and in the direction of the arrows.

The instant invention deals with an attachment for a parking meter of standard description. In the drawings, there is a typical parking meter generally indicated at 10, although there are other standard makes. The parking meter 10 has a curved upper wall 12 and the advertising case generally indicated at 14 is provided with a base wall 16 so designed as to conform to the general curvature of the upper wall 12 of the parking meter 10. This provides for a proper fit both insofar as appearance is concerned and insofar as making a proper attachment of the case 14 with the parking meter 10.

The case 14 includes a pair of sides 18 and 20, the side 18 being provided with a pair of inwardly extending flanges 21 and 22, while the side 20 is provided with inwardly extending flanges 24 and 25. These flanges act as holders for the transparent panels 26 and 28, these panels being glass or other transparent material.

The lower wall 16 of the case 14 has the upwardly extending flanges 30 and 31 integral with

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opposite edges thereof, the flanges 31 and 32 being similar to the first mentioned flanges in construction and function.

The transparent panels are inserted through the open top of the case behind the flanges of the sides 18 and 20. Spacers 36 and 38 are disposed between the flanges 21 and 22, while spacers 40 and 42 are disposed between the flanges 24 and 25. The spacers may be made of any suitable material, such as felt, the selection of material being such that there is proper cushioning for the transparent panels 26 and 28 because the spacers bear against the transparent panels near opposite edges thereof.

A vertical partition 44 extends between the sides 18 and 20 and is disposed between the pairs of spacers located within the case.

Inasmuch as the case is provided with compartments or pockets to hold the advertising material, for example, that which is applied on the sheets 48 and 50, and these pockets are defined mainly by the transparent panels and the vertical partition 44, the pockets open upwardly to be closed by the cover or plate 54. This plate 54 has a pair of downwardly extending flanges 56 and 58 along the edges thereof and is hinged as at 59 at one end thereof to the upper edge of one of the sides of the case. The function of the flanges 56 and 58 is to assist in holding the transparent panels assembled in the device. When the cover or plate 54 is swung upwardly to open position as suggested in broken lines in Figure 3 of the drawing, the upper edges 60 and 62 of the sheets 50 and 48, respectively, are exposed.

A latch 67 is secured to one of the sides of the case for exterior operation and is operatively and releasably connected with the latch keeper 68 which is secured to the plate 54, thereby holding the closure plate 54 tightly in place.

There is provided a means for holding the case 14 on the parking meter 10. The preferable means consists of the brackets 70 and 72 which are extensions of the sides 18 and 20. The device is made of such size as to provide for a snug fit of the brackets 72 against the side walls of the parking meter and the brackets are held in place by fastening elements, for example, the screws 74 which pass through openings in the brackets and tapped holes in the parking meter.

In instances wherein a different standard make parking meter has the arvertising case 14 disposed thereon, a slight modification in the means of holding it in place may be desirable or necessary, for example, the brackets 70 and 72 may be

made longer or located in a slightly different place.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A sign holder of the character described comprising, a case for mounting on a parking meter, said case being open at its front, rear and top and comprising side walls, a vertical partition extending between said side walls and an arcuate bottom extending between the side walls and adapted to seat on top of the meter, said side walls terminating in apertured lower end portions depending below the bottom for receiving the meter therebetween for attachment thereto, removable transparent panels slidably inserted in the case on opposite sides of the partition and spaced therefrom for defining, in conjunction therewith, a pair of compartments for the reception of advertising matter, an arcuate cover having one end hingedly connected to the upper end of one of the side walls, means for releasably

locking the free end of said cover to the upper end portion of the other side wall, inturned marginal retaining flanges for the transparent panels on the side walls, the bottom and the cover, and resilient spacing strips in the compartments between the transparent panels and the partition and adapted to receive the advertising matter therebetween.

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