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Fig. 1.

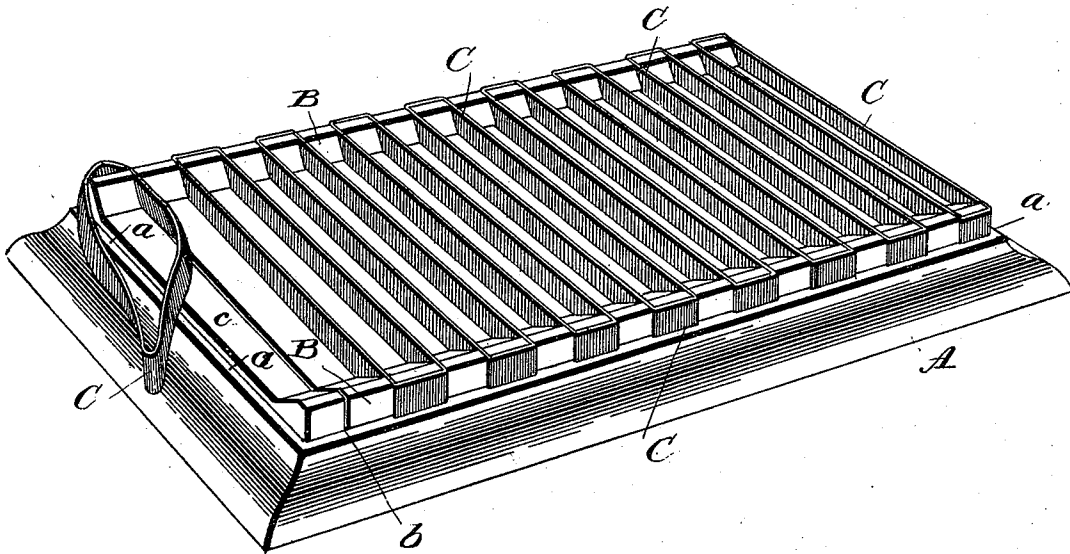


Fig. 2.

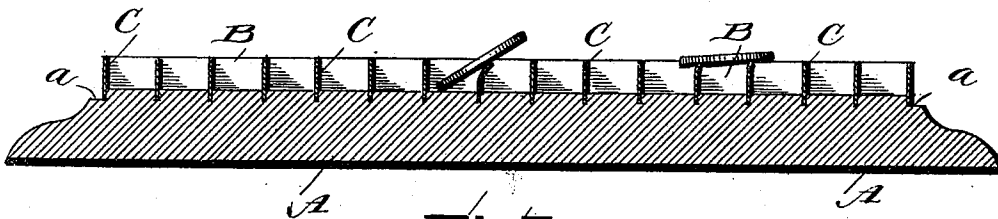
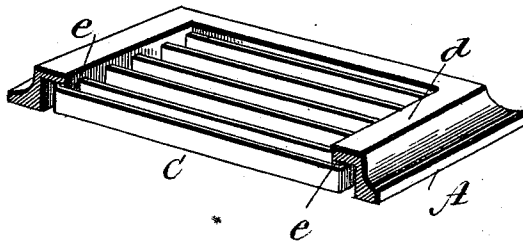


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. RUSK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Malta, in the county of Morgan and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin Receivers or Trays; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in coin receivers or trays of that class in which flexible or elastic supports are provided for the coin to enable a gloved hand to more readily grasp the same, and it has for its objects among others to provide a simple and cheap device of this character in which the elastic supports are so arranged as to be readily replaced by new ones when they become worn or from any cause broken.

My improved tray consists of a suitable base or support having slots in which are held rubber bands on edge, one band forming two supports. As many of these may be employed in the one tray as may be desired; their distance apart may be varied and their height is regulated by the width of the rubber band.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The novelty in the present instance resides in the peculiarities of construction of the tray all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawings and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional perspective of a modified form.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in all of the views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a base piece which may assume any desired shape and be of any required size; it may be ornamented by suitable moldings or painted in fanciful designs.

I have shown it as rectangular in shape as that is perhaps the preferable form. The base piece is provided along its edges with a shoulder *a* and upon its sides with raised portions B which may be integral with the base piece or affixed thereto in any suitable manner. In these raised portions at the sides are provided slots *b* and coincident slots *c* are formed transversely of the base piece, and in these slots are held detachably the elastic supports which are provided in this way. I take a plurality of rubber bands C and stretch them across the base piece inserting them in the slots of the raised portions and of the base piece as shown, the ends of the bands being held around the portions of the raised parts between the two slots in which they are held as seen in Fig. 1. In this view I have shown one of the bands as relaxed ready to be stretched over the raised portion at the opposite side of the base piece. It will thus be seen that one band forms two of the elastic supports for the coins upon which the coins are designed to rest as seen in Fig. 2. While I consider the transverse slots in the base piece as desirable they may be omitted without departing from the scope of the invention.

In use the elastic supports formed by the bands will readily yield as the fingers touch them so that the coin can be very easily and quickly picked up from the tray.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages; for instance, the elastic supports might be of one continuous piece with the ends suitably held in place. Or, the device might be constructed as seen in Fig. 3 in which the base or frame is of a rectangular form, although of course the shape is immaterial, with an overhanging flange *d* from which depend slotted ribs or vertical portions *e* as shown; or pins might depend from this overhanging flange and the band or bands stretched as in the other forms. Also other modifications might be made.

The broad essential feature of novelty in this invention is in forming the elastic supports of a band or bands held in a distended condition by some suitable means, whether it be a base as in Figs. 1 and 2, simply a surrounding frame as in Fig. 3, or otherwise.

What I claim as new is—

1. A coin-receiver or tray having supports at each side, and an elastic band held on edge by said supports, substantially as specified.
- 5 2. A coin-tray or receiver having its coin-supports formed of independent rubber bands set on edge, as set forth.
3. A coin-tray or receiver having its coin-supports formed of elastic bands formed independently of each other and detachably supported on edge as set forth.
- 10 4. A coin-tray or receiver consisting of a base piece with raised portions having slots,

and rubber bands held in said slots, as set forth.

5. A coin-tray or receiver consisting of a base piece with raised portions with slots and coincident slots transversely of the base piece, and removable rubber bands held in said slots edgewise, as set forth.

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

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