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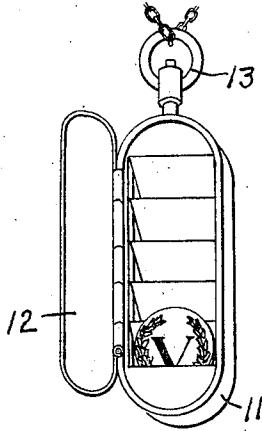


Fig. 1.

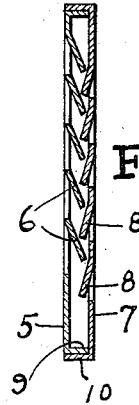


Fig. 2.

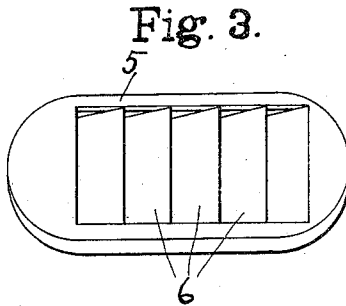


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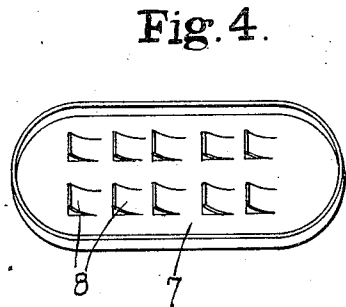


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED S. ELLIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Attleboro Falls, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to coin receptacles, especially of a portable type.

A particular object of the invention is to provide a coin holder so constructed that it will hold individual coins each in its own pocket in such manner that there can be no rattling, and so that one coin at a time can be conveniently removed without liability of disturbing or dropping any other coin in the receptacle.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder of this type which is adapted to be suspended from a neck chain or the like, or in any suitable manner so that it can be easily handled whenever a car-fare is to be paid.

To these ends the invention consists in the construction and combination of parts substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

Of the accompanying drawings: Figure 1— is a perspective view of a complete coin-holder embodying my improvements, and including a casing having a hinged cover. Fig. 2— represents a longitudinal section, omitting the cover. Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views of the front and rear members respectively of the holder.

Similar reference characters indicate the same or similar parts in all of the figures.

The coin holder comprises primarily a hollow member formed of a front plate 5 and a back plate 7, the two being joined together by a flange on each. The plate 5 is provided with transverse cuts and connecting marginal slits, and the portions between said cuts then bent to form inclined wings 6 so that the spaces between said wings present inclined slots or pockets for coins, one in each pocket.

In order that each coin may be frictionally held in its pocket, I provide spring tongues for engaging the backs of the coins. A rear plate 7 is provided with a series of integral resilient tongues 8 which may be

straight or nearly so as indicated in Fig. 2, or curved as indicated in Fig. 4. The two plates are connected together by any suitable means so that the tongues 8 will extend across the bottoms of the pockets between the wings 6, at such an acute angle relatively to the planes of coins inserted in the pockets as to press against the lower rear faces of the coins and frictionally bind them in their sockets. A convenient formation of the plates so that they will be held in their proper relative position is by forming them with overlapping flanges 9 and 10 respectively, and said flanges may frictionally bind or they may be connected by solder or rivets. Preferably the said member is inclosed in a casing 11 having a hinged cover 12 and having a suspending eye or ring 13 by means of which the coin holder may be carried on a chain or other suspending device. Of course the ring is at the end of the casing which will result in suspending the entire holder with the mouths of the pockets opening upwardly.

The front and rear plates of the device can be very economically manufactured because each can be made of sheet metal by die work. The casing and the cover can also be made by die work and then can be plated if desired.

Since the casing may be made very ornamental, the device may be worn as a locket. As is well known, women passengers on street cars frequently find difficulty in obtaining access to five-cent pieces or "nickels" to pay the fare. Frequently delays occur especially when boarding "pay as you enter" street cars. With such a coin holder, a woman can, with one hand, quickly open the cover 12 and with the thumb or finger slide out the lowermost of the coins and then close the holder, thus avoiding the necessity for fumbling through a hand-bag or other receptacle.

I claim:

1. A coin holder comprising a casing containing a plate having spaced apart inclined wings one above another, and means for yieldingly engaging face portions of coins deposited in slots formed between said wings.

2. A coin holder comprising a member containing a front plate having spaced apart inclined wings, and a back plate pro-

vided with yielding fingers for engaging and holding the coin in the pockets formed by the spaces between said wings.

5 3. A coin holder comprising a member having a front plate provided with a series of spaced apart inclined parallel wings formed integral therewith and providing coin receiving pockets between them, and means for frictionally retaining the coin in
10 said pockets.

4. A coin holder comprising a member

having a front plate provided with a series of integral inclined parallel wings providing coin receiving pockets, the back plate provided with yielding fingers for engaging 15 and retaining the coin in the pockets.

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

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