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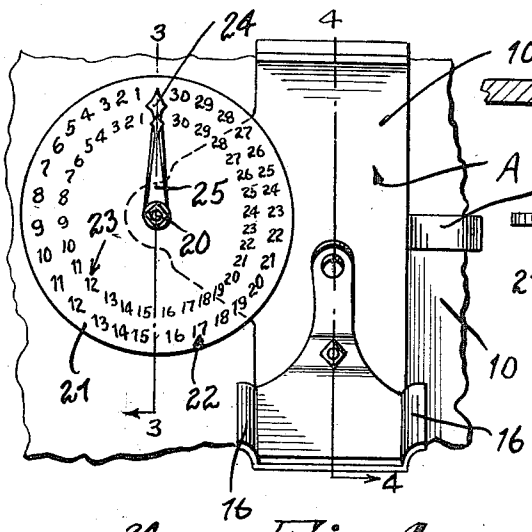


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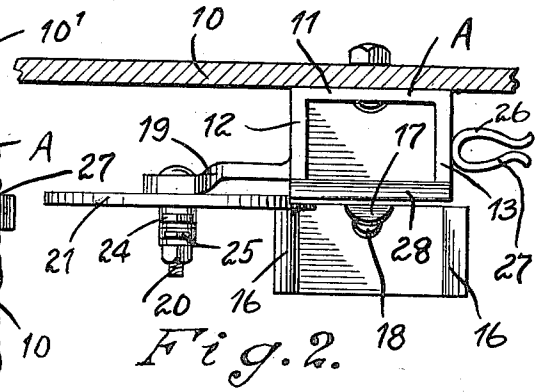


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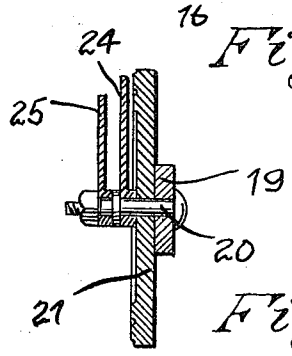


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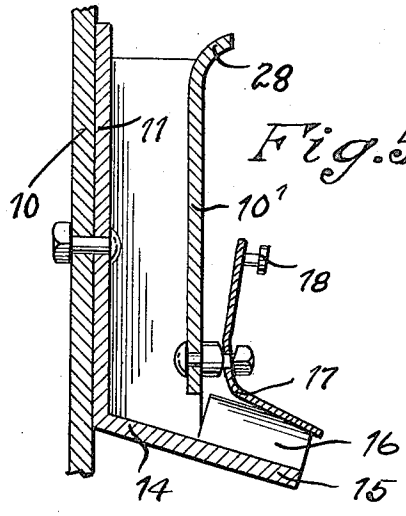


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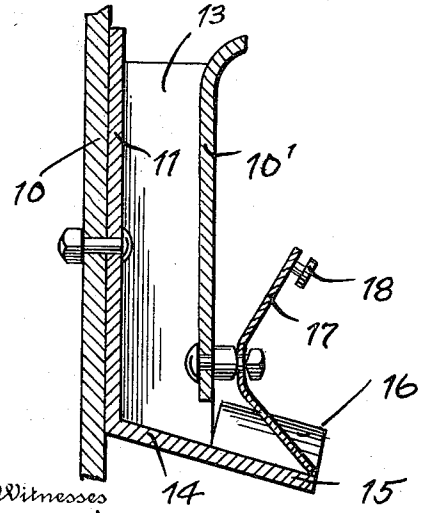


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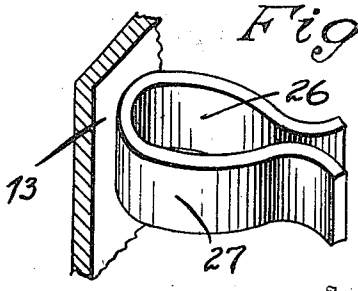


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LESTER H. BRIANT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Webster, in the county of Rooks, State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin and Stamp Depositories; 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 coin and stamp depositories for rural mail boxes.

The object of the invention resides in the provision of a coin and stamp depository for rural mail boxes which can be easily attached to the box and from which coins and stamps may be extracted with facility.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a device of the character described which embodies means for indicating the number and denomination of the stamps desired in exchange for the coin previously deposited in the device.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing the invention in detail reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the invention, a portion of the side of a mail box being shown; Fig. 2, a plan view of what is shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5, a view similar to Fig. 4 showing the gate valve which controls the delivery of coins and stamps in open position, and Fig. 6, a perspective view of the letter holder mounted on one side of the depository.

Referring to the drawings 10 indicates the side wall of a mail box to which the improved depository is secured. The depository is shown as comprising a receptacle A including a front member 10, a rear member 11, side members 12 and 13, and an inclined bottom 14 having an extension 15, the lower edge of the front member 10 being spaced from the inclined bottom 14 and extension 15 whereby coins and stamps deposited in the receptacle will slide down the bottom and extension under the influence of gravity. The extension 15 is provided at each side with guide flanges 16. Pivoted to the front member 10 is a gate valve 17 which is normally held in the position shown in Fig. 4 by gravity and in which position said valve will prevent the coins and stamps from sliding off of the extension 15 until the valve is manually moved to the position shown in Fig. 5. For convenience in operating the valve 17 to open position there is provided integral therewith a stem or handle 18. By moving the free ends of this stem or handle 18 toward the front member 10 it will be obvious that the valve 17 will be operated to open position.

The side member 12 is provided at its junction with the front member 10 with a lateral extension 19 in which is mounted a stub shaft 20 projecting forwardly of the receptacle A. Fixed on this shaft 20 is a dial plate 21 having annular rows or consecutive figures 22 and 23 indicated on the face thereof, the inner row of figures 22 being utilized to indicate the number of one cent stamps desired and the outer row to indicate the number of two cent stamps desired. Rotatably mounted on the shaft 20 adjacent the dial 21 is a pointer 24, while a shorter pointer 25 is rotatably mounted on the shaft 20 outwardly of the pointer 24. By moving the pointer 24 to the figure 5 in the row of figures 23 it will indicate that five two cent stamps are desired, while a movement of the pointer 25 to the figure 5 in the row of figures 22 would indicate that five one cent stamps are desired. In this way the number of stamps and the denomination thereof desired in exchange for the coins in the receptacle A may be readily communicated to the carrier who in turn can extract the coins from the receptacle with facility by operating the valve 17 in the manner previously referred to. Secured to the side member 13 is a spring slip including coöperating arms 26 and 27 between which letters may be inserted by the carrier, said clip serving to hold the letters until removed by the owner of the box. The upper end of the front member 10 is curved outwardly as at 28 so as to render the insertion of coins and stamps easy.

What is claimed is:—

In a coin and stamp depository, the combination of a receptacle having an open up-

per end and an inclined bottom provided with an extension, said bottom and extension being spaced from the lower edge of the front of the receptacle, upstanding flanges at the sides of said extensions respectively, a stud projecting from the front of the receptacle, and an angular gate valve pivoted on said stud and normally held by gravity in position to dispose the free edge of one arm thereof in engagement with the extension, said arm being movable between the flanges whereby the valve is held against rotation axially of the stud, the other arm of the valve being movable toward the front of the receptacle to dispose the free end of the first named arm in spaced relation to the extension.

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

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