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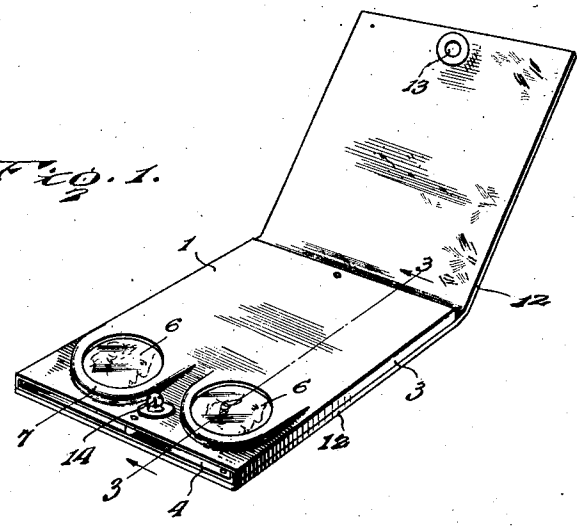


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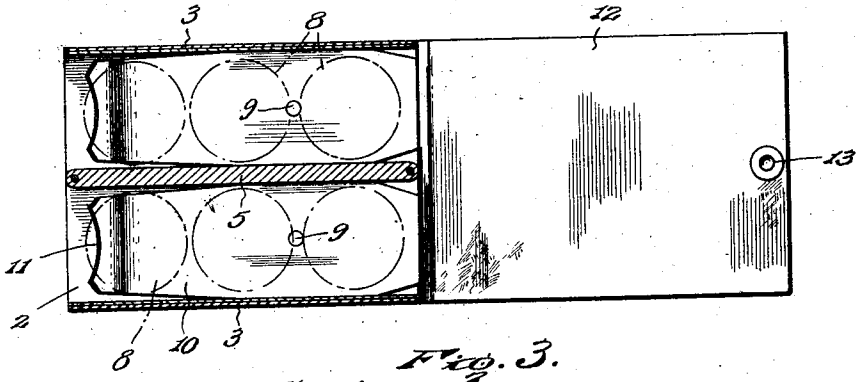


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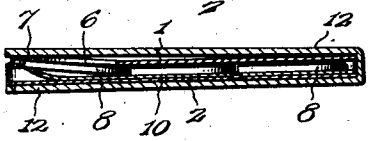


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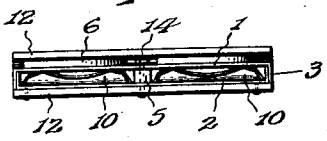


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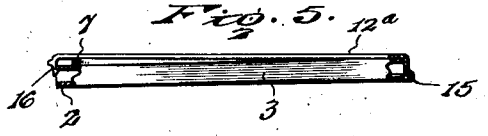
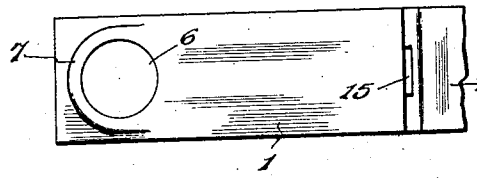


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The invention relates to a holder for coins and like articles, such as tokens for car fare and other purposes.

The invention provides a substantially flat holder which may be conveniently carried in the pocket or attached to a belt, a pocket book, or other preferred article.

The invention supplies a substantially flat holder having a way or passage for the coins, tokens or like articles which are retained therein in flat position, said way having an article entrance, an article exit and a lateral finger opening provided adjacent the exit with a vanishing shoulder to engage and retain a coin, or like article until released and advanced by a combined pressure and forward movement of a digit of the hand, there being a spring opposite the finger opening to exert a lateral pressure on the coin to press an edge portion thereof against the retaining shoulder.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and the drawings hereto attached, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a coin holder embodying the invention showing the cover turned back into open position,

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the holder, the cover being thrown back and the front of the holder removed, showing the sides and the partition in section,

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows,

Figure 4 is an end view of the holder,

Figure 5 is a side view of a modification, parts being broken away, and

Figure 6 is a top plan view of a further modification, the cover being turned back and the major portion thereof broken away.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and designated in the several views of the drawings by like reference characters.

The holder is substantially flat to receive the coins or analogous articles in flat position, so as to lie in the same plane with their edges in contact. The holder is preferably constructed of metal, although any suitable material may be employed, and comprises a front 1, a back 2 and sides 3. The sides 3 may form a part of the front 1, however, in the manufacture of the article the several parts may constitute elements of a single sheet of suitable material, or the sides 3 may be formed with either the front or the back. A space 4 is enclosed by the walls of the holder and is of a depth corresponding to the thickness of the coins or analogous articles to be stored within the holder. The space 4 is open throughout its length and is adapted to receive the articles at one end, which constitutes the entrance and to discharge the articles at the opposite end, which is the exit. The space 4 is restricted so as to maintain the coins or like articles in one or more rows, according to the capacity of the holder. A longitudinal partition 5 divides the space 4 into a plurality of ways or passages, each adapted to receive a row of coins, the width of the passages corresponding to the diameter of the coins to be received therein. A finger opening 6 is formed in the front 1 adjacent the exit or discharge end of each of the passages or ways of the holder. The finger opening 6 is of a less diameter than the diameter of the coins or like articles to prevent discharge thereof through the opening 6 when opposite or in register therewith. A portion of the front 1 adjacent the delivery side of the opening 6 is pressed outwardly, as indicated at 7, to form an inner shoulder against which an edge portion of a coin 8, or analogous article abuts, thereby arresting the forward movement of the coin until such time as the same may be purposely delivered by an inward pressure upon the coin and a simultaneous forward movement thereof by the action of a digit of the hand. The outwardly pressed portion 7 vanishes towards the entrance end of the holder, thereby resulting in the front presenting a smooth surface for the reception of the thumb or finger of the hand when passing the same over the front towards the delivery end of the holder. When the thumb or finger reaches the opening 6 a pressure is exerted upon the coin opposite the opening which disengages it from the inner retaining shoulder, and a continued movement of the thumb or finger effects a delivery of the coin or like article through the exit or discharge of the holder, as will be readily understood.

The holder may be of any determinate length so as to receive a predetermined number of coins, tokens, or the like, and it may be of any desired width. In the preferred construction the device embodies a plurality of ways or passages for the reception of rows of coins. However, as

shown in Figure 6, the holder may be of a width to contain a single row of coins. In order that the device may be attached to a pocket book, belt, or like article, it is provided with fastenings. As shown most clearly in Figure 2, socket elements 9 are provided upon the back of the holder and are adapted to cooperate with stud members applied to the article to which the holder is to be attached. The socket members 9 are of such formation as to offer no projection. A flat spring 10 is placed against the inner side of the back of the holder and terminates opposite the finger opening 6 in the front. The outer end of the spring 10 is deflected towards the front of the holder, as shown most clearly in Figure 3, and operates to press the coin adjacent the exit laterally so as to engage the inner shoulder. The outer end of the spring 10 is indented, as indicated at 11, to provide ample clearance for the coin when pressure is exerted thereon to effect delivery. The major portion of the spring 10 lies close against the back wall of the holder so as not to obstruct the free movement of the coins. A separate spring 10 is provided for each row of coins and the several rows are separated by partitions 5.

In the preferable construction, the holder is encased by means of a cover 12 which may be of leather or any suitable material. One portion of the cover 12 is secured to the outer side of the back of the holder and the other portion is loose to fold over the front and close the finger openings 6 and the coin entrance openings to the coin ways or passages. A separable fastening is provided to hold the loose portion of the cover in closed position, and this fastening consists of a socket 13 and a stud 14, the latter being applied to the body of the holder and the socket 13 being applied to the loose end of the cover, and applied thereto in a manner so as to offer no obstruction, as indicated most clearly in Figure 4. In the modification shown in Figures 5 and 6, the cover 12^a is of stiff material, such as metal, and is hinged at one end to the back of the holder, as indicated at 15. The cover 12^a is bent to extend over the entrance to the coin way or passage, and the opposite end is provided with a suitable catch 16 to retain the cover in closed position.

The coins, tokens, or like articles, are introduced into the holder through the entrance and are fed by gravity when the holder is adjusted into upright position. The coin adjacent the exit is pressed laterally by means of the spring 10 so as to engage the inner shoulder formed by the outwardly pressed portion 7. Delivery of the coin is effected by placing a digit of the hand upon the front of the holder and applying a gentle pressure and at the same time moving the hand to cause the digit thereof to pass over the opening 6. As the thumb or finger of the hand passes over the opening 6 it engages the coin and presses the same downwardly and effects disengagement thereof from the inner shoulder, and at the same time the coin is projected through the exit a distance to be grasped and removed. It is observed that the movement of the thumb or finger over the front 1 of the holder is not obstructed by any projecting parts, hence it passes freely from the front to the opening 6 and engages the coin adjacent the exit and effects positive delivery thereof.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A coin holder having an exit for the coins, and provided with a lateral finger opening adjacent the exit, and having an inner marginal shoulder bordering upon the side of the finger opening adjacent the exit and vanishing towards the side of the finger opening remote from the exit to admit of a digit of the hand having an unobstructed surface when effecting delivery of the coins.

2. A coin holder having an exit for the coins and provided with a lateral finger opening adjacent the exit, and having a portion bordering upon the finger opening pressed outwardly to define an inner marginal shoulder bordering upon the side of the finger opening adjacent the exit and vanishing towards the side of the finger opening remote from the exit to admit of a digit of the hand having an unobstructed surface when effecting delivery of the coin, and a flat spring within the coin way of the holder and terminating opposite the finger opening to exert a lateral pressure upon the coin to insure positive engagement thereof with the inner shoulder.

3. A coin holder of flat form having a coin way to receive a row of coins in flat position, said coin way having an exit and a finger opening in a side adjacent the exit, and having a marginal portion pressed outwardly from the finger opening at the side adjacent the exit and vanishing at the side remote from the exit and a flat spring within the coin way terminating opposite the finger opening and having the end portion deflected laterally to press an edge portion of the coin into engagement with the inner shoulder formed by the outwardly pressed portion of the side of the holder in which the finger opening is formed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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