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Fig. 1.

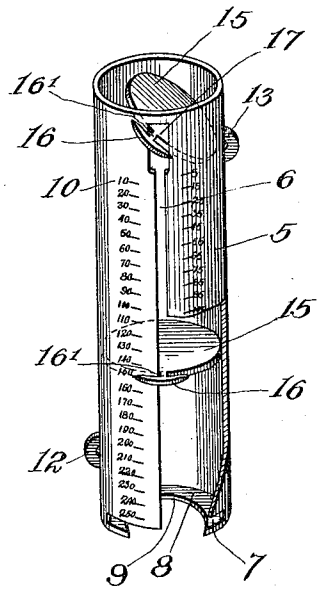


Fig. 2.

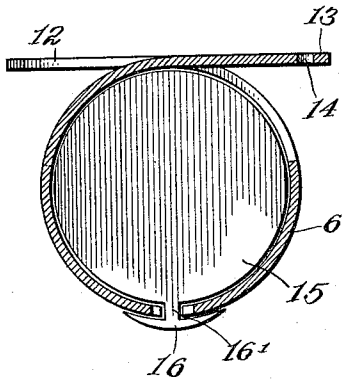
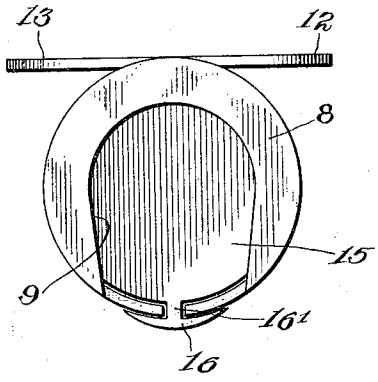


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX BUCHRIM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin or Token Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in token or coin holders.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a holder for slugs, tokens or coins, adapted for use, among other things, in connection with telephone service, prepayment gas meters and the like, whereby to hold a supply of tokens, conveniently accessible for use and to provide an indicator, in the nature of a follower which, in connection with proper indicia noted upon the outside surface of the casing or holder, instantly indicates to the user the number of slugs or tokens that have been used, or the money value of the slugs or tokens, that have been taken from the holder. It is especially adapted for telephone subscribers' use, whereby they may be able to tell at any time, at a glance, whether or not they have used the allotted number of slugs or tokens provided for in their telephone contract. Without a definite knowledge of the number of tokens or coins used within a given month, the telephone subscriber may use his telephone extravagantly, or more than necessary, or upon the other hand, not knowing how many calls he has made he may be short of the allotted number at the end of the specified time and thereby fail to receive the full service for which he is paying.

Another object of my invention is to generally improve structures of this character.

Other and further objects of my invention will become readily apparent to persons skilled in the art from a consideration of the following description when taken in conjunction with the drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the device with parts broken away showing the manner of inserting the inclosed follower. Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse section taken through the upper portion, in a plane including the upper attaching ear. Fig. 3 is a plan bottom view of same.

5 is a cylinder, or brass tube, of proper diameter provided with a longitudinally extending slot 6 and a transverse intersecting slot 7 near its bottom. Just under the transverse slot is an annular portion 8, providing a rest for a stack of coins or tokens that is to be contained within the cylinder, or tube. The bottom view, shown in Fig. 3, indicates clearly the opening 9 through which the finger of the user may make frictional contact with the lowest coin or token of the stack. Numeral notations, 10 and 11, are made in vertical columns on each side of the longitudinal slot 6. In the particular exemplification, even numbers are arranged in one column and odd numbers in the other, on the respective opposite sides of the slot. Attaching ears 12 and 13 are preferably cut from the body part of the tube and are bent tangentially into a common plane to provide means for securing the receptacle in a vertical position, and they are perforated as at 14 for reception of the attaching screws.

A following indicator 15, is disk shaped, is adapted to move freely within the cylinder 5 and is provided with an indicator tongue 16, which projects through the slot 6, and is intended to indicate notations in each of the column of figures that are arranged vertically on each side of the slot. The vertical slot 6 is enlarged at the top, as at 17, for insertion of the follower indicator 15, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

In the use of the device a stack of slugs or tokens each equal to thickness of a five cent piece or "nickels" or a stack of five cent pieces or "nickels" is placed in the tube 6 until the uppermost one is in line with the numeral 5, on the right hand side of the slot. The indicating follower 15 is then placed in the tube as in the manner shown, the index portion 16, projecting through the enlarged slot 17, the neck 16′ being somewhat greater in length than the thickness of the tube 6. The tokens or coins rest upon the perforated bottom, or the rim 8, that is left of the bottom portion, and the indicator then rests upon the topmost coin of the stack. When it is desired to use a coin or token, the finger is applied to the opening 9 made in the bottom and contact is made with the bottom coin. It is then pulled laterally of the axis of the tube 6 until it passes out through the transverse slot 7. When the coin is removed from the receptacle the stack of coins will descend a distance equal to the thickness of the coin taken or removed therefrom and the follower 15 will then be opposite the numeral 5, indicating that 5 cents, or a single coin or token has been removed from the stack. As the coins

are removed, in the manner described, the follower 15 will continue to descend and the pointer 16 will indicate the face value of the number of coins that have been removed from the receptacle or if desired, the numerals may run from 1 to any number desired, within the capacity of the receptacle, and therefore the number of coins will be indicated instead of their value, as shown. The smaller numbers always being located at the top of the receptacle and gradually increasing in value toward the bottom. For the purpose of convenience the odd numbers may be arranged on one side of the slot and the even numbers upon the other. After the last coin has been removed from the receptacle the pointer 16 will indicate $2.50 the fact that the coins or tokens representing $2.50 in value, have been taken from the receptacle, and thus by this easy and convenient means account is kept of the number of calls that the subscriber has made in the use of his telephone service. After the follower 15 has been removed through the transverse slot 7, the receptacle or holder may be again filled with a stack of slugs, tokens or nickels as desired, and the operation may be repeated.

While I have herein shown a single embodiment of my invention for the purpose of clear disclosure, it is evident that changes may be made in unessential details without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

A token receptacle comprising a vertical, open ended tubular body part, a base therefor having an opening of area less than the transverse area of the tube, said tube being transversely slotted at its lower end to permit removal of a token, and vertically slotted, said vertical slot extending upwardly from the transverse slot to a point adjacent the upper end of the tube, the upper end portion of the tube being peripherally unbroken, a follower adapted to fit within the tube above the token, and an indicating pointer carried by the follower and projecting through the vertical slot, the end of said pointer overlying the edges of said slot, the upper end portion of which is transversely enlarged to permit the insertion or removal of said follower and pointer through the upper end of the tube.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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