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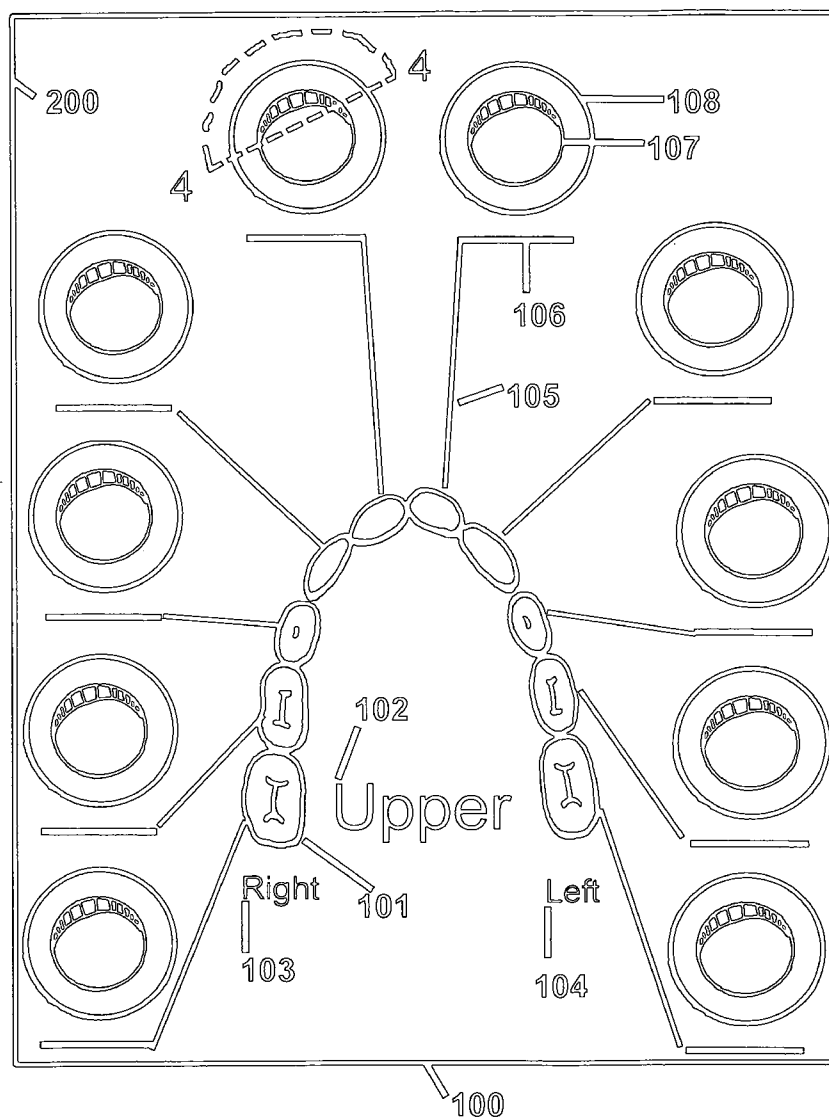
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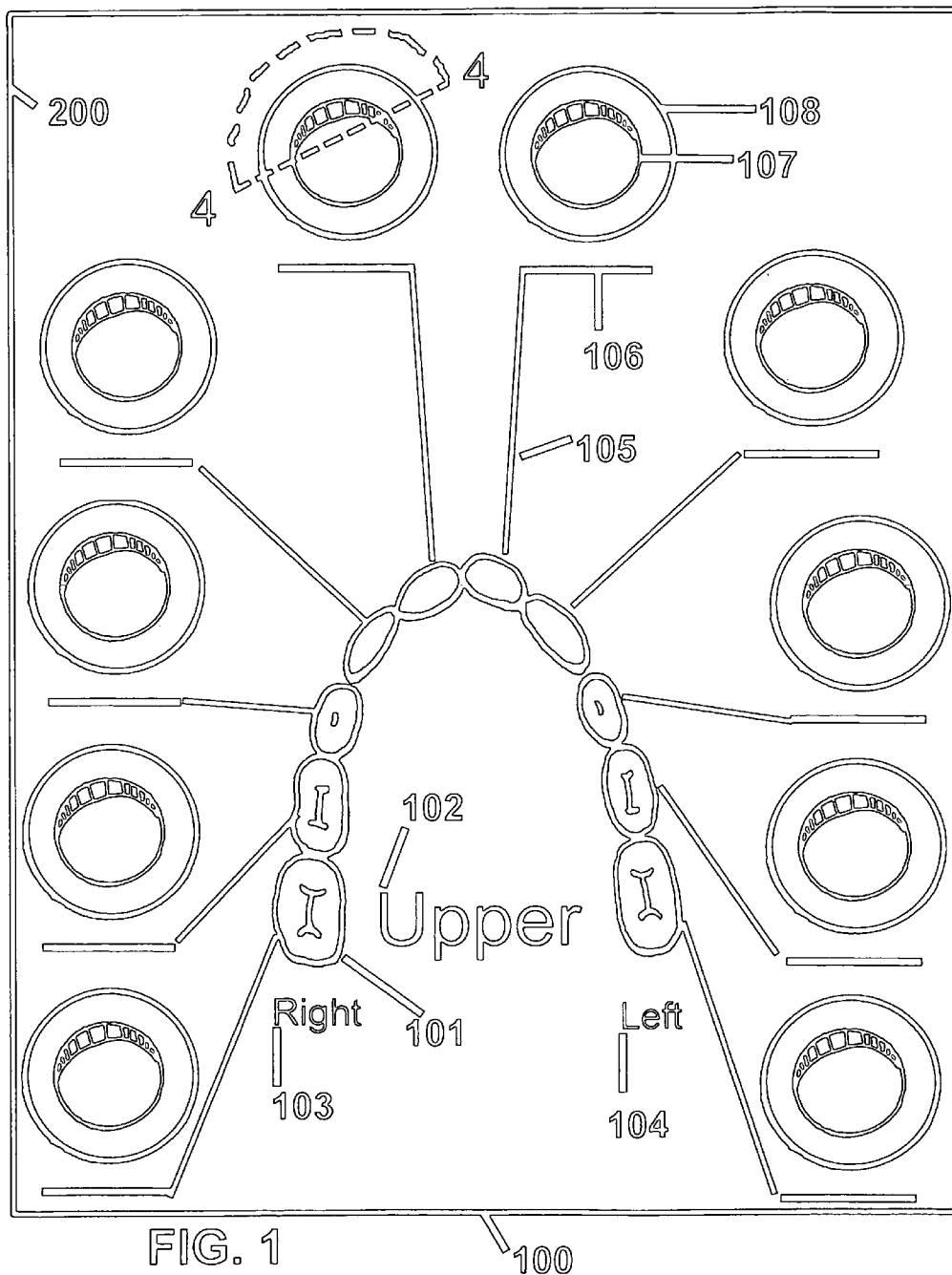
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

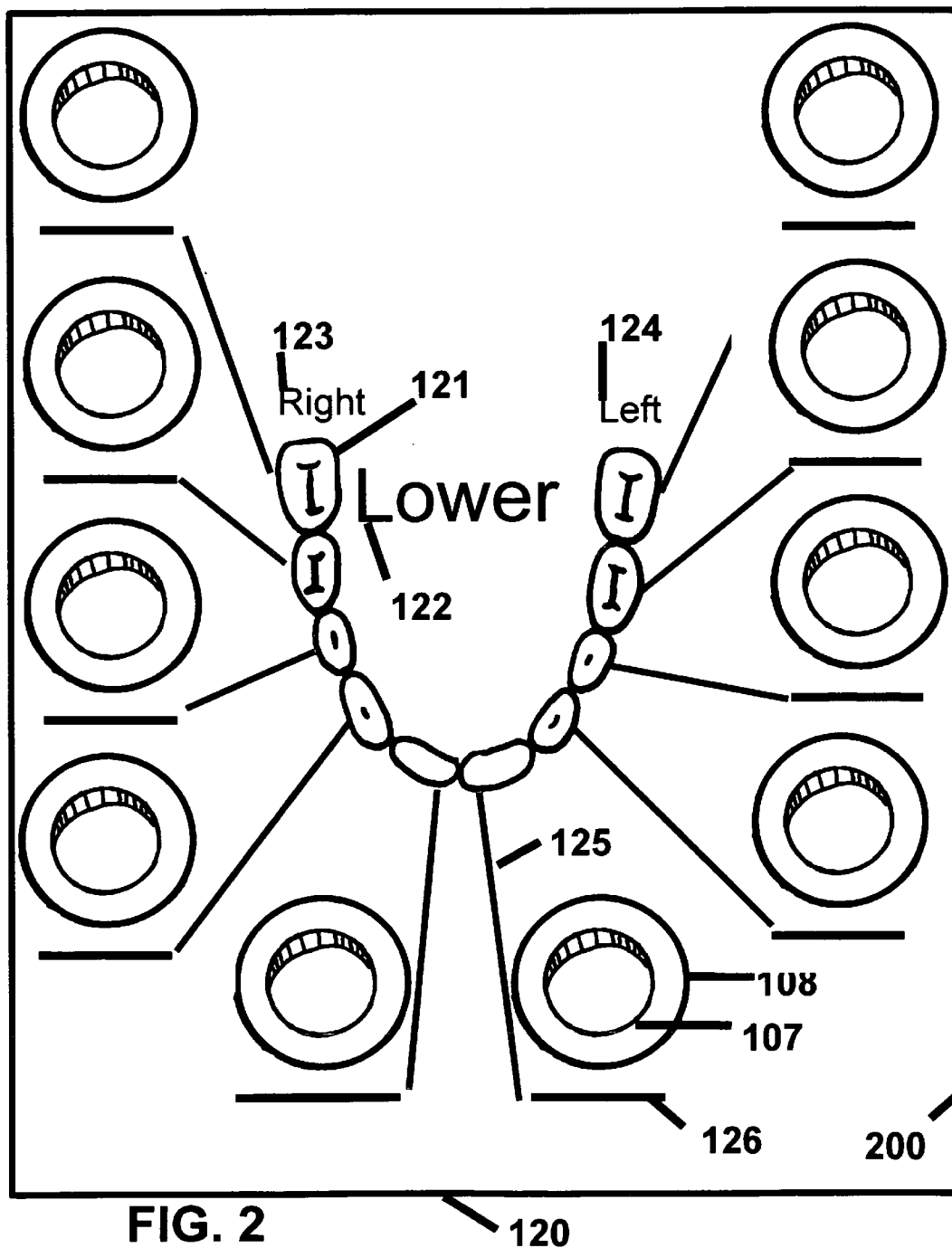
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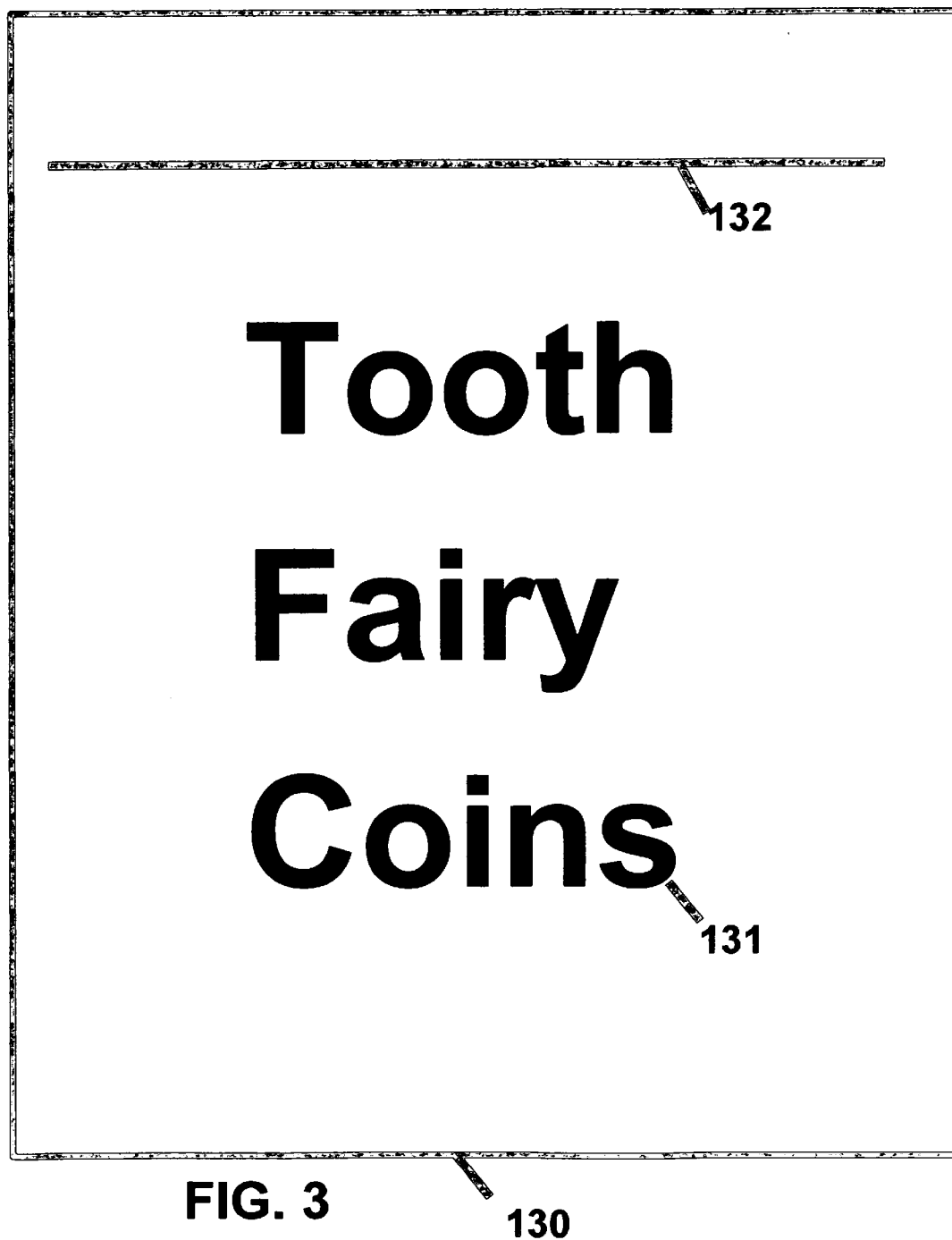
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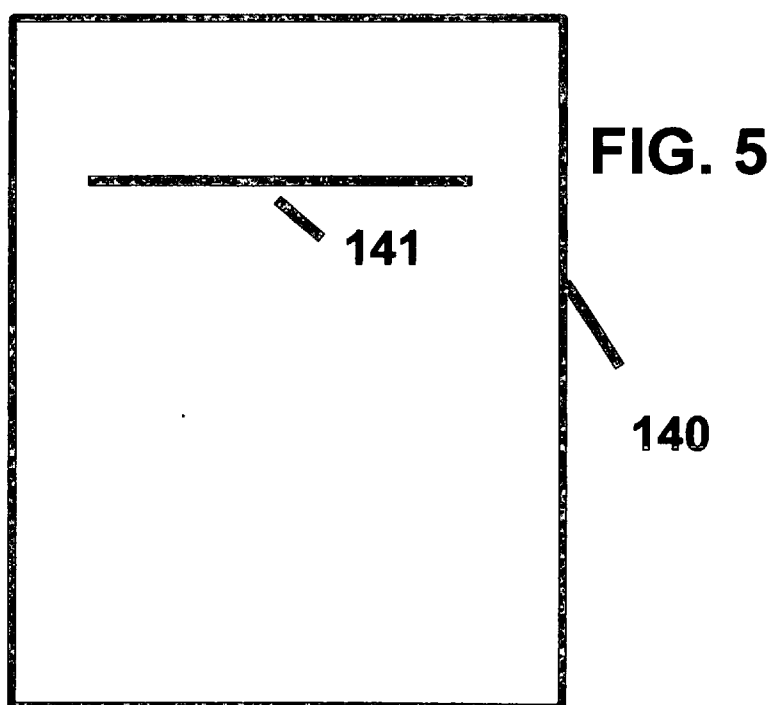
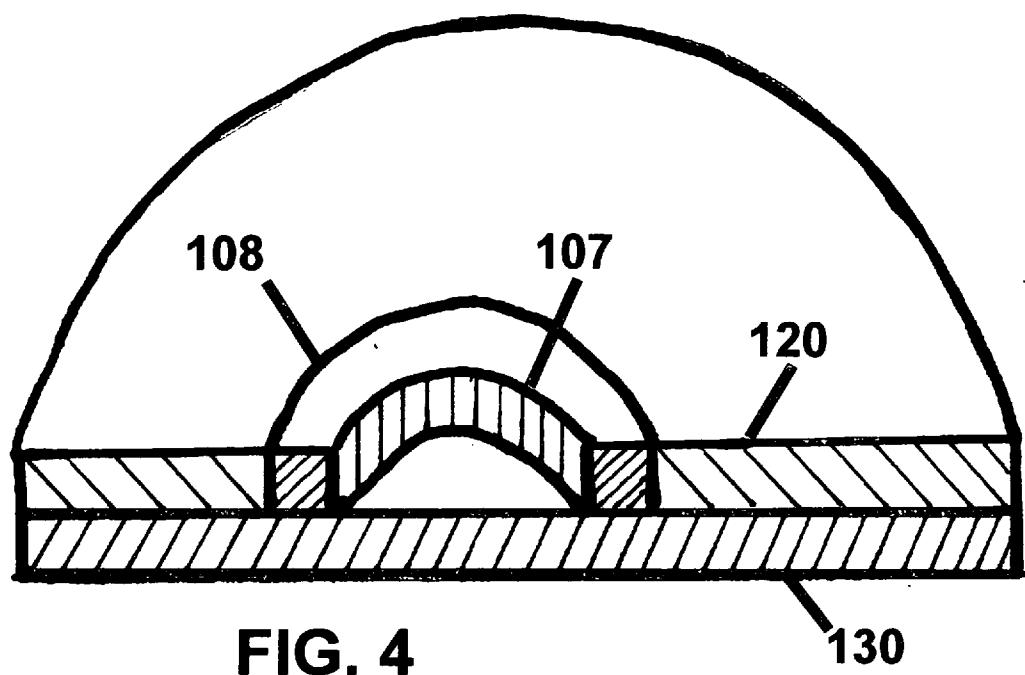
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to coin storage methods and apparatus and more particularly a system to record the dates baby teeth are lost corresponding to a diagram of baby teeth with resizable apertures to save the coins left by the Tooth Fairy.

[0003] Devices for holding coins are known in the art. U.S. Pat. No. 6,969,091 issued to Krull, et al focuses on the theme of the coins themselves. U.S. Pat. No. 6,554,130 issued to Hillick, et al displays a map of the states to display state coins. Both of these displays are related to the theme of the coins. This present invention is related to commemorating the loss of baby teeth and not the theme of the coin. It also allows for different size coins on the same display since the key to the design is not the type of coin used, but the commemoration of the child's tooth loss through coins left by the Tooth Fairy. It also provides a place to record the date the tooth was lost.

[0004] I have always given my children silver dollars from the Tooth Fairy as a means to commemorate these important events and provide an opportunity for them to save money. There are now piles of silver dollars on their shelves, dressers and floors. I need a display to store the coins along with a method to record the dates each of the specific teeth were lost. Not everyone provides their children with silver dollars from the Tooth Fairy, so the display should be designed to allow different size coins to be stored by cutting larger rings that could be removed for larger coins.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] This invention provides commemorative coin display book which is capable of holding 20 coins received from the Tooth Fairy and recording the dates the teeth were lost. The display book has a front panel and back panel secured along a common axis. The outside front panel displays the title "Tooth Fairy Coins" and provides a place for the child's name. The inside front panel contains a diagram of the child's upper baby teeth, resizable apertures for ten coins, and a place to record the date each tooth was lost. The inside back panel contains a diagram of the child's lower baby teeth, resizable apertures for ten coins, and a place to record the date each tooth was lost. The outside back panel will display information on the manufacturer and patent.

[0006] One aspect of the present invention is to provide a diagram of the child's upper baby teeth on the inside front panel and a diagram of the child's lower teeth on the inside back panel. Each tooth will have a corresponding resizable aperture to hold the coin left by the Tooth Fairy. The panels will be constructed of two layers of cardstock or other suitable material, one layer providing the backing and structure for the outside covers, the other layer providing space for the coin apertures. There will be a total of 20 apertures all with a cylindrical hole through the top layer of cardstock with an outer ring cut into the top layer of card stock that can

be removed to add a larger size coin in the same location. Another important aspect is to provide a place to record the date each tooth was lost in a space provided below the coin aperture.

[0007] Another unique aspect of the invention is to provide for different size coins using resizable apertures. These apertures will have an inside hole sized and for a smaller coin, such as a quarter and at least one more ring cut through the top layer of cardstock that can be removed to make a larger aperture for a coin such as a silver dollar. This allows the same display to be used for different coins.

[0008] The outside front panel will display the title "Tooth Fairy Coins" and provide a place for the child's name. Many features of the advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the more detailed description that follows.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE INVENTION

[0009] FIG. 1 is a top view of the inside front panel with shading to show the part of the top layer of cardstock or other suitable material that is removed.

[0010] FIG. 2 is a top view of the inside back panel with shading to show the part of the top layer of cardstock or other suitable material that is removed.

[0011] FIG. 3 is a top view of the outside front panel.

[0012] FIG. 4 is a sectional view of the resizable aperture.

[0013] FIG. 5 is a top view of the outside back panel.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0014] The present invention provides a display to commemorate the Tooth Fairy coins. It comprises a front panel and a back panel secured along a common axis. The inside front panel contains a diagram of baby teeth with resizable apertures to store the coins and a place to record the date each tooth was lost.

[0015] FIG. 1 shows the inside front panel of the display, which is made of two layers of cardstock or some other suitable material. The board 100 bears a diagram of the upper baby teeth 101. The upper baby teeth are portrayed in a downward U-shaped arch which includes a label of the whole diagram, "Upper" label 102. Also on the bottom right of the teeth is the "Right" label 103 representing the right side of the child's mouth and on the bottom left of the teeth is the "Left" label 106 representing the left side of the child's mouth. A line 105 leads from each baby tooth to a line 106 on which the date of tooth loss is to be recorded. There is one date line and indicating line per tooth.

[0016] FIG. 2 shows the inside back panel of the display, which is made of two layers of cardstock or some other suitable material. The board 120 bears a diagram of the lower baby teeth 121. The lower baby teeth are portrayed in an upward U-shaped arch which includes a label of the whole diagram, "Lower" label 122. Also on the bottom right of the teeth is the "Right" label 123 representing the right side of the child's mouth and on the bottom left of the teeth is the "Left" label 124 representing the left side of the child's mouth. A line 125 leads from each baby tooth to a line 126

on which the date of tooth loss is to be recorded. There is one date line and indicating line per tooth.

[0017] There are 10 resizable apertures on the inside front panel and 10 resizable apertures on the inside back panel, one for each coin received from the Tooth Fairy for baby teeth. These apertures are designed to have a smaller cylindrical hole 107 removed from the top layer of cardstock or other suitable material to hold a smaller coin snugly. There is also a circular cut 108 through the top layer that could be removed to hold a larger coin. This allows the same display to be used for different size coins (such as silver dollars and quarters) depending on the preference of the parent. Those skilled in the art will also recognize that apertures 107 may have different diameters and therefore be used for holding other size coins. Those skilled in the art will recognize that ring 108 is one ring cut for a larger size coin, but those skilled in the art could add multiple rings for different size coins.

[0018] FIG. 3 shows the outside front cover of the display. The board 130 bears the title "Tooth Fairy Coins" 131. It also provides a line 132 to provide a space for the child's name. Those skilled in the art will recognize the name could be preprinted as a personalized option.

[0019] FIG. 4 shows the side view of a cutout of the resizable apertures. These apertures are designed to have a smaller cylindrical hole 107 removed from the top layer of cardstock or other suitable material to hold a smaller coin snugly. There is also a circular cut 108 through the top layer that could be removed to hold a larger coin. Those skilled in the art will also recognize that apertures 107 may have different diameters and therefore be used for holding other size coins. Those skilled in the art will recognize that ring 108 is one ring cut for a larger size coin, but those skilled in the art could add multiple rings for different size coins.

[0020] FIG. 5 shows the outside back cover of the display. The board 140 bears information on the manufacturer and patent on line 141.

[0021] Those skilled in the art will recognize there are variety of alternate layouts for the inside panels as well as a variety of cover designs. This description is not meant to limit the invention but show one possible design for commemorating Tooth Fairy coins.

[0022] The front and back panel are secured along the common axis 200 shown on both FIG. 1 and FIG. 2. This

axis allows the display to fold along said axis to open and close.

1. A commemorative coin display book, comprising:

A board having a front section and a back section which are secured along a common axis and foldable along said axis;

A diagram of the upper baby teeth;

A diagram of the lower baby teeth;

20 coin receivable apertures sized to hold smaller coins with at least one removable cardboard cut ring per aperture to hold larger size coins if removed;

A line on which to record dates teeth were lost.

2. The display of claim 1 wherein the diagram of upper baby teeth is on the inside front panel portrayed in a downward U-shaped arch with labels, "Upper", "Right" and "Left."

3. The display of claim 1 wherein the diagram of lower baby teeth is on the inside back panel portrayed in an upward U-shaped arch with labels, "Upper", "Right" and "Left."

4. The display of claim 1 wherein there are 20 resizable apertures for coins; 10 on the front inside panel; and 10 on the inside back panel.

5. The display of claim 1 wherein the child's name is either pre-printed or a location provided for the parent to write the name; along with the title "Tooth Fairy Coins."

6. The display in claim 1 wherein there is a line with a writing surface above said line that allows recording of dates of tooth loss.

7. The display of claim 1 wherein the surface of the inside panels allows ease of writing information without smearing and wiping away.

8. The display of claim 1, wherein the panels will be made from 2 layers of a rigid material such as cardstock or other suitable material. The top layer will have the apertures; the bottom layer will be used as backing and a surface for the outside covers.

9. The apertures of claim 4 wherein there is a circular cut around the inside cylindrical hole that is cut through the top layer only and allows remove the ring of material between the circular ring cut and inside hole to allow larger coins to be stored in the same display.

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