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## SAVINGS RECEPTACLE.

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Fig. 3.

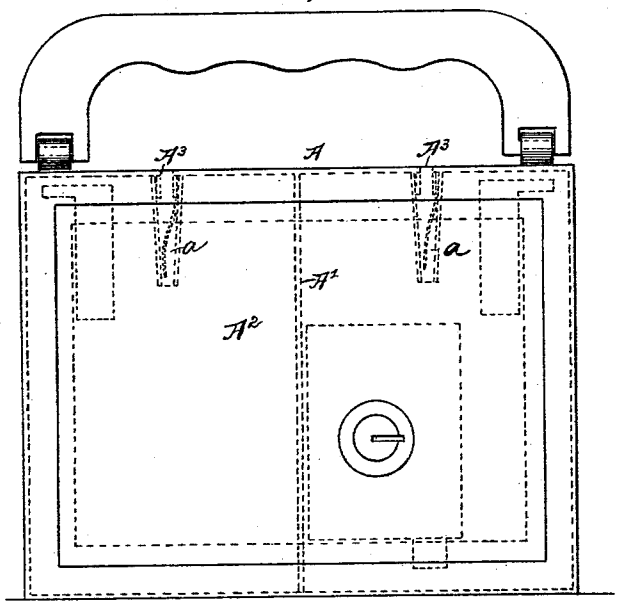



Fig. 2.

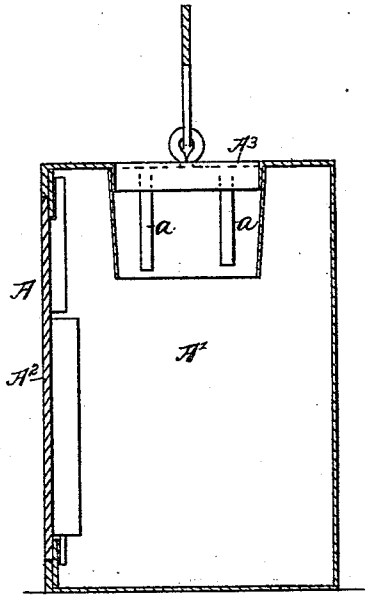
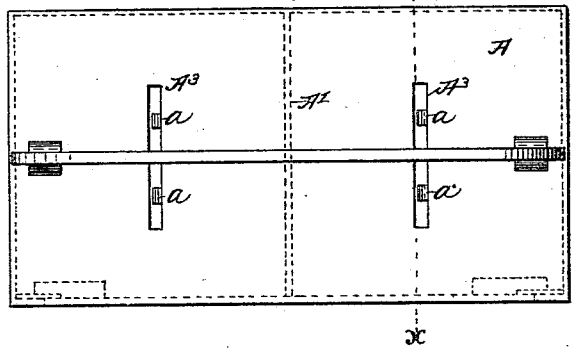



Fig. 1.




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## SAVINGS-RECEPTACLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES O. BURNS, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Savings-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my improvement is to produce a receptacle for savings capable of being employed in connection with banks of deposit by being distributed among depositors, so as to be retained at their places of abode for receiving savings and subsequently delivered to the bank, where they may be unlocked and their contents removed.

I will describe a bank embodying my improvement, and then point out the novel features in a claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top view of a receptacle embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the receptacle, taken at the plane of the dotted line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a front view of the receptacle.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates a receptacle, preferably made of metal in such manner as to be of requisite strength to form a safe deposit for savings. It is shown as made of rectangular form and as having a transverse partition A′ intermediate of its ends, and a removable cover $A^2$, that extends entirely across the front. The partition divides it into two compartments. Each compartment has combined with it a coin chute or opening $A^3$. As here shown, these coin chutes or openings are arranged in the top and parallel with the ends of the receptacle. They extend well down into the compartments, so as to reduce the liability of the passage of a coin from the compartments. Springs *a* may be combined with the interior of the chutes to conduce to this result. It will be seen that the springs are secured at one end to an inner wall of the chute and extend downward and entirely across the chute, thus forming a pocket between the spring and wall to which it is attached, into which a coin will fall should the receptacle be inverted and prevent the outward discharge of the coin.

Any suitable lock may be combined with the cover $A^2$ for the purpose of securing it.

It will be seen that the whole receptacle is portable.

The cover is intended to be locked by the bank in connection with which the receptacle is employed and the key retained by the bank officials.

Owing to the construction of the receptacle, so as to have a number of compartments, it can be used by two persons—as, for instance, two members of a family. Of course it might have a greater number of compartments and then would have a corresponding number of coin-chutes. This would make it capable of use by a greater number of people.

I have shown the receptacle as provided with a swinging handle to facilitate moving it from place to place.

When the receptacle is taken to the bank, its cover may be removed (by which I mean it may be wholly detached or simply opened) and the contents of the several compartments will be removed and credited to the accounts of the persons to whom the compartments are appropriated.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a receptacle for coin having a number of compartments and an opening common to all of said compartments, of a cover adapted to be locked in said opening, a coin-chute for each of said compartments, and a spring within each chute, the said spring being secured at one end to an inner wall of the chute and extending to the opposite inner wall and forming a pocket adapted to receive a coin when the receptacle is inverted, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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