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STAMP OR COIN CASE.

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FIG. 1

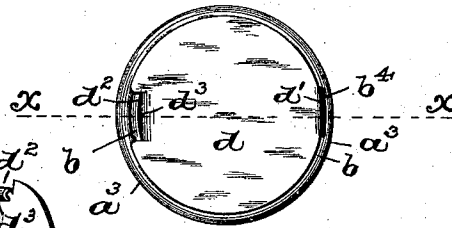


FIG. 2

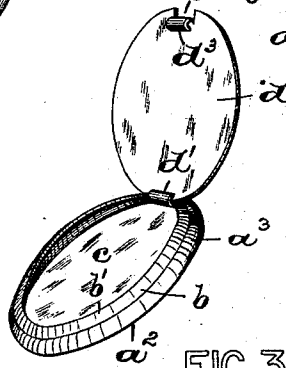


FIG. 3

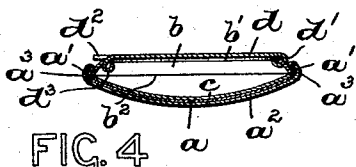


FIG. 4

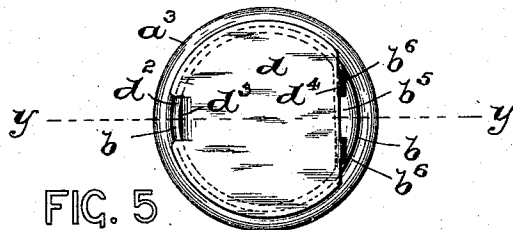


FIG. 5

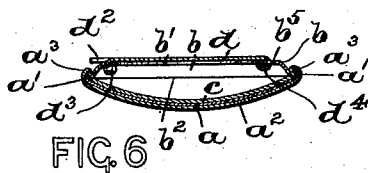


FIG. 6

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STAMP OR COIN CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. ADAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Irvington, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp or Coin Cases; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 The object of this invention is to provide a novel construction of stamp or coin case comprising a concave shell having an inwardly-turned edge or marginal rim, a reinforcing ring or collet in the back of said shell, and a lid or cover provided with a holding-catch adapted to engage in spring-contact with said ring, thereby producing a simple and cheap construction of stamp or coin case of a very neat appearance.

25 A further object is to provide a stamp or coin case of the construction set forth having a flexible covering of a plastic material, such as celluloid or the like, bearing an inscription, picture, design, or emblem and having the edges of said covering folded over the marginal rim of the shell, forming the body of the case, and secured between said rim of the shell and the ring employed to which the cover or lid is hinged. By this arrangement
30 a stamp or coin case is produced having a highly-polished surface of great durability, said surface retaining its finish and holding its design for a long time without deterioration in the finish.

40 A further advantage is that when the shell is covered with a plastic material in the well-known manner by the application of heat or otherwise there will be no projecting marginal ridges and a smoothly-finished surface is the result.

The invention therefore consists in the several novel arrangements and combinations of parts to be hereinafter fully set forth and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

50 The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view, and Fig. 2 a back view, of my novel construction of stamp or coin case. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same with the cover or lid represented open; 55 and Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the case, taken on line *x* in said Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a back view of a coin or stamp case of a slightly-modified form of construction; and Fig. 6 is a vertical section of the same, taken on line *y* in said Fig. 5.

Similar letters of reference are employed in all of the above-described views to indicate like parts.

The essential features of my invention are 65 a metallic shell *a* of any desirable configuration in outline. Said shell is suitably curved and is provided with an inwardly-projecting marginal rim or bead *a'*, forming with the said curved shell *a* a well-sized compartment 70 or chamber for the reception of postage-stamps and small coins or the like. On the face of said shell may be arranged a flexible covering *a²* of a plastic material, such as celluloid or the like, which may be provided 75 with a suitable inscription, design, emblem, or the like. The annular edge *a³* of said covering *a²* is arranged over and underneath the said marginal rim or bead *a'*, where it is securely held fast and pulled taut by a suitably-constructed reinforcing-ring *b*, having the inwardly-projecting edge *b'*, as will be clearly 80 seen from Figs. 3, 4, and 6. Within the chambered part of said shell *a* and held therein by the edge *b²* of the ring *b* is a suitable 85 disk *c*, made either of celluloid, metal, or any other desirable material, which may be provided with a suitable inscription, design, or any printed matter, such as an advertisement; but of course it will be understood that said 90 disk *c* may be dispensed with, if desired.

The ring *b*, which is of the shape illustrated and is securely held in place by the marginal rim or bead *a'* being closed down upon the same, is provided with a suitable opening *b⁴*, 95 through which is passed and in which is secured a loop or hinge portion *d'*, connected with the lid or cover *d*. At a point directly opposite to said hinge portion *d'* said lid or cover is cut away, as at *d²*, and is provided 100 with a downwardly-extending and curved holding-catch *d³*, formed integral with said lid

or cover, as will be clearly evident from an inspection of the several figures of the drawings, and which can be forced into holding spring-contact with the inwardly-extending annular rim *b'* of the ring *b* and thereby hold said lid or cover in its closed position, from which it can be easily forced by a slight pressure exerted against the edge of the lid or cover, as will be evident.

10 In Figs. 5 and 6 I have illustrated a slightly-modified form of construction of stamp or coin case, in which I have provided the ring *b* with a flat and inwardly-extending portion *b⁵*, in which there are two holes *b⁶* for the reception of the loops or hinge portions *d⁴* of the disk cover or lid *d*. In all other respects this construction of the stamp or coin case is similar to that illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

20 By my invention I have constructed a simple and neat construction of stamp or coin case, which when covered with a celluloid or other like covering can be provided with a high polish and provided with a neat design, picture, or any printed matter thereon, and, furthermore, the polish will be retained with the wear to which the article is put, and the surface will not become tarnished, nor are there any recesses to catch dirt and thereby detract from the appearance of the casing.

30 Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a stamp or coin case, the combination, with a shell *a* having a marginal rim or bead *a'*, forming a chamber in the back of said shell, of a ring *b* having an inwardly-projecting edge *b'*, said ring being held in said shell in contact with said rim or bead *a'*, and a lid or cover pivotally connected with said ring, having a holding-catch adapted to engage in spring-contact with said inwardly-projecting edge *b'* of said ring, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a stamp or coin case, the combination, with a shell *a* having a marginal rim or bead *a'*, forming a chamber in the back of

said shell, a covering of a plastic material, bearing an inscription, design, emblem, or the like, over said shell and having its edges turned down over said marginal rim, a ring in said shell placed over the edge of said covering to secure the latter in position, and a lid or cover pivotally connected with said ring, having a holding-catch adapted to engage in spring-contact with said ring, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a stamp or coin case, the combination, with a shell *a* having a marginal rim or bead *a'*, forming a chamber in the back of said shell, a covering of a plastic material, bearing an inscription, design, emblem, or the like, over said shell and having its edges turned down over said marginal rim, a ring in said shell placed over the edge of said covering to secure the latter in position, said ring having an inwardly-projecting edge *b'*, and a lid or cover pivotally connected with said ring, having a holding-catch adapted to engage in spring-contact with said inwardly-projecting edge *b'* of said ring, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. The herein-described stamp or coin case, consisting, essentially, of a convex shell *a* having a marginal rim or bead *a'*, a ring *b* secured in said shell in contact with said rim or bead *a'*, said ring having an inwardly-extending edge *b'* provided with one or more openings therein, and a lid or cover *d* having one or more hinge portions operatively secured in said opening or openings in the ring *b*, and a holding-catch *d³* on said lid or cover, adapted to engage in spring-contact with the edge *b'* of said ring *b*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of August, 1896.

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