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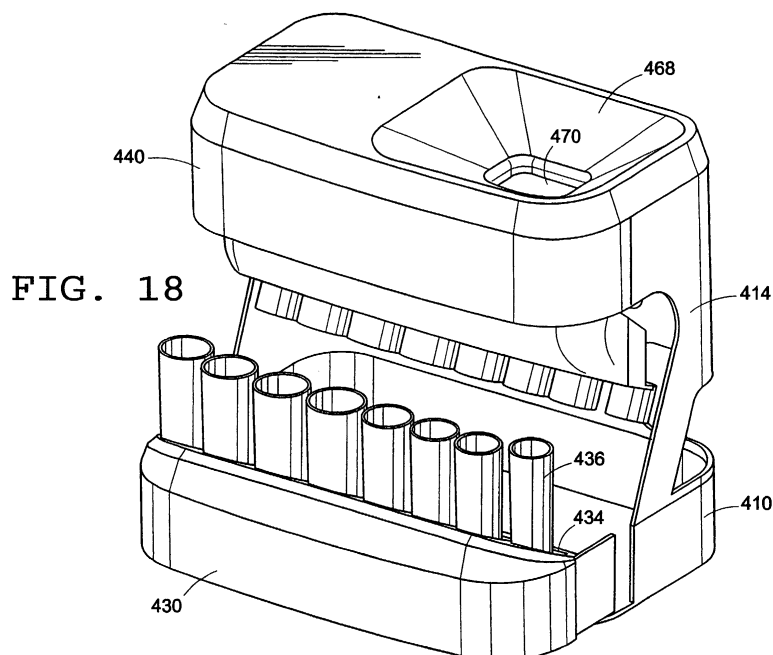
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(54) **Coin bank**

(57) A coin bank includes a housing (10, 14, 40, 410, 414, 440) having a coin receiving area (68, 468) for receiving unsorted coins, a coin sorting area (60, 62, 450, 452, 460, 462) for sorting the unsorted coins and a coin storage area (36, 436) for storing sorted coins. The coin storage area includes a drawer (30, 430) slidably mount-

ed in the housing and a coin tube support (32, 432) mounted in the drawer. The drawer can be moved in relation to the housing. A plurality of coin tubes (36, 436) is mounted in the coin tube support for holding sorted coins. The plurality of coin tubes can be inclined in relation to a vertical axis for receiving sorted coins.





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