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Specie Pocket-Book.

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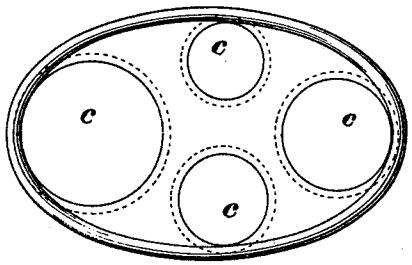


Fig. 1

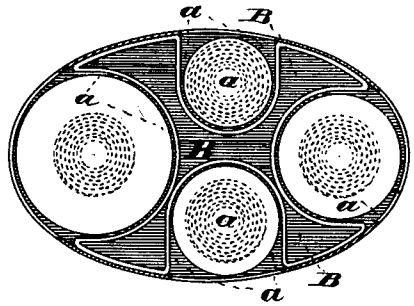


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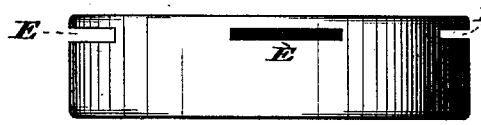


Fig. 2

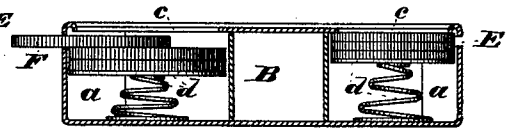


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Fig. 5

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IMPROVEMENT IN SPECIE POCKET-BOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **200,962**, dated March 5, 1878; application filed November 15, 1877.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. AMESBURY, of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Specie Pocket-Books, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is a top view with top plate removed. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section. Fig. 5 is a detail of cap and spring.

The object of this invention is to form a pocket-case of sheet metal, vulcanized rubber, or other suitable material, for the purpose of holding various coins in a neat, compact, and convenient manner.

Its main features consist of an oval case, with four or more separate circular compartments, each compartment provided with a spring for pressing up the coins against the top of the case, and with slots in the side for the passage of the coins.

Its construction consists of an oval case, Fig. 1, of convenient size, with four or more circular compartments, as shown by letters *a a a a*, Fig. 3. These compartments are made of sizes to suit the coins intended to be held, and are formed by a piece of wood, sheet metal, or other material, being shaped, in combination with the case, to form said circular compartments B, Fig. 3. The circular openings *c c c c* through the top of the case are for the purpose of exposing the coins to view, and are made smaller than the coins, so as to overlap their edges. In each compartment are a spring and cap, *d d*, Fig. 4, for the purpose of pressing the coins up against the rim of the openings in the top of the case. Opposite each top coin is a horizontal slot, E E E, Fig. 2, cut in the sides of the case, for the purpose of slipping the coins in or out of the case, at pleasure, as shown in letter F, Fig. 4.

The operation is as follows: The several different coins are slipped through the slots and on top of the cap, which is pressed down to allow them to enter into their respective compartments. This is continued by pressing down and slipping through the slots one coin on top of another until the case is filled up, more or less.

When wanted for use, the coins are slipped out of their respective slots by a pressure of the thumb on the coin and toward the slot. The rest follow up by the action of the spring.

It will be evident that the same principle and mechanism may be used in any shape of flat case, and that the compartments may be made square or any other form with the same result. Consequently I do not limit or confine my improvement to any particular form of case, or number or shape of compartments.

I am aware that it is not new to employ springs and caps in a receptacle for holding coin, and such I do not broadly claim; but

Having thus fully explained my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a coin pocket-book, constructed as described, and consisting of a case having separate compartments adapted for different-sized coins, and provided with lateral slots for the passage of the coin, in combination with a spring and cap for each opening, substantially as herein set forth.

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