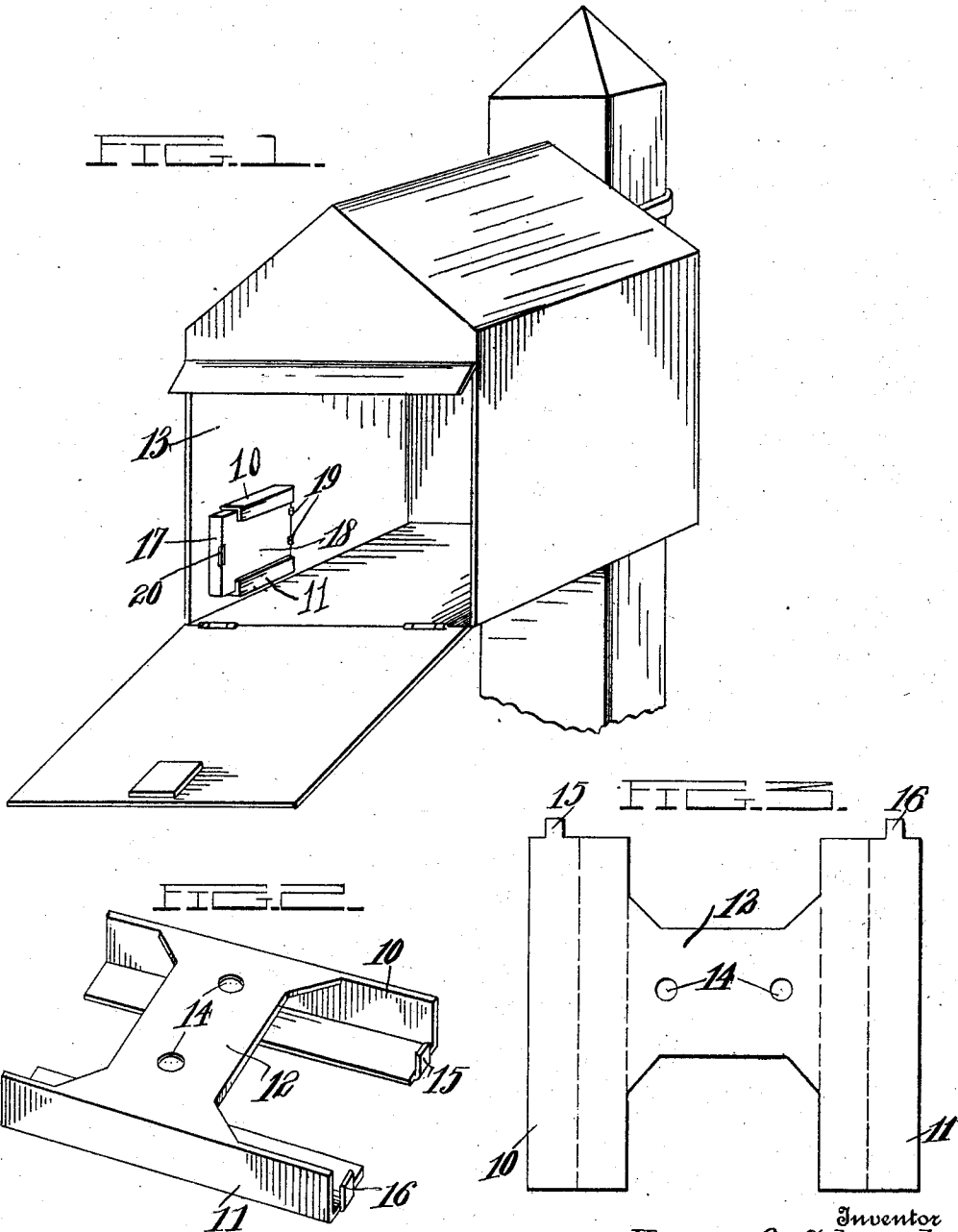


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN O. SCHROEDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Millard, in the county of Douglas, State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Receptacles for Mail-Boxes; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in coin receptacle supports for rural-free-delivery boxes, and has for one of its objects to provide a simply constructed device which may be adapted to any of the various forms of rural-free-delivery boxes and similar receptacles.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claims; and, in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a conventional rural-free-delivery box with the closure in open position and with the improved device located therein and attached to one of the side walls of the box, Fig. 2 is a perspective view, enlarged, from the rear side, of the improved holding device. Fig. 3 is a view of the blank from which the improved device is constructed.

The improved device is formed from a single sheet of metal cut in the form shown in Fig. 3 and bent into the shape shown in Fig. 2. The blank sheet of metal comprises L-shaped side members 10—11 and a transverse coupling member 12, preferably less in width than the length of the members 10—11. The connecting member 12 forms the means whereby the improved device is connected within the mail box, represented as a whole at 13, and is shown provided with apertures 14 to receive the holding rivets, screws, or other fastening devices. The members 10—11 are provided with projections 15—16 at one end which are bent at right angles thereto, and form stops for the

coin receptacle which is represented conventionally at 17.

The coin receptacle may be of any suitable form and of any suitable size or material, but is preferably formed of sheet metal and provided with a closure 18 hingedly united at one end at 19 and provided with a suitable catch 20 at the opposite end, so that the coin will not be accidentally displaced. The holding member may be attached within the box 13 at any suitable point, but is preferably connected to one of the side walls, as shown in Fig. 1, but may be connected to any other part of the box. The receptacle 17 will fit with sufficient firmness within the holding member to prevent accidental displacement, while at the same time free to be detached by the mail-carrier when the coin is to be removed therefrom.

The improved device is simple in construction, can be inexpensively manufactured and applied to mail boxes of various forms and sizes, and to mail boxes constructed of any suitable material.

What is claimed is:—

1. A holder for coin receptacles constructed from a single piece of sheet metal and comprising L-shaped members spaced apart and in parallel relations, and a coupling member extending between the side members, each of said side members having a projection bent at right angles thereto at one end to form stops for the receptacle.

2. A coin holder comprising a back member perforated to permit screw attachment to the interior of the mail box, outwardly directed parallel near terminal members on said box, and inwardly bent terminal flanges on said parallel members, outwardly directed stop pieces on corresponding ends of each of said flanges, and a coin drawer adapted to slidably engage said parallel members and to be checked by said stop pieces, as described.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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