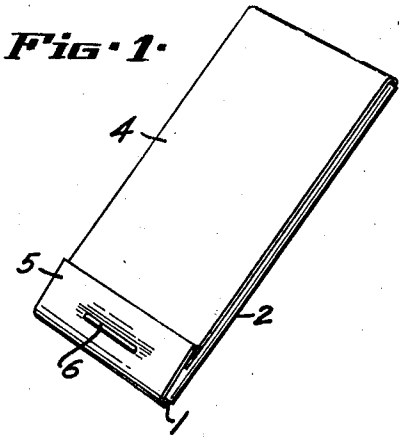
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Fig. 1.



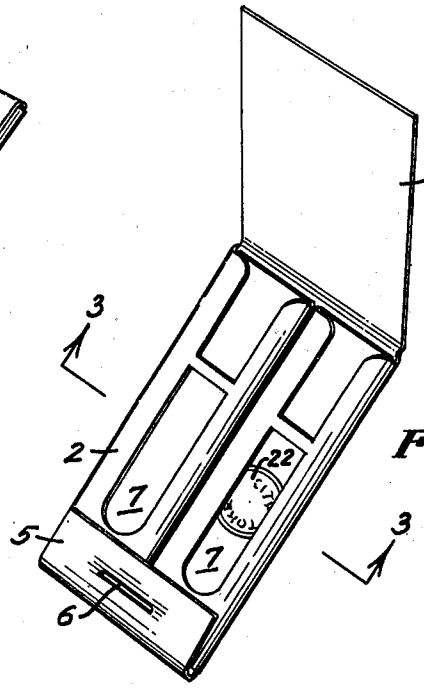


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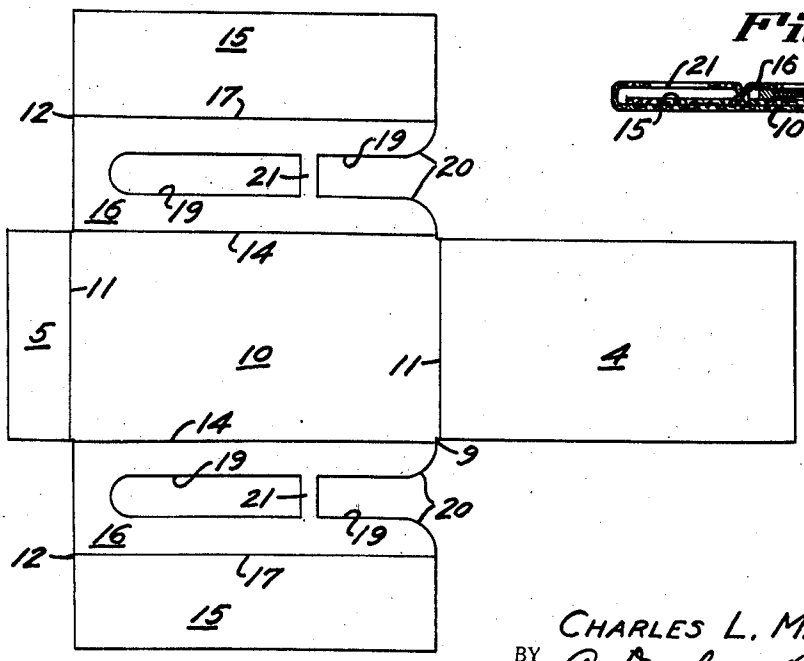


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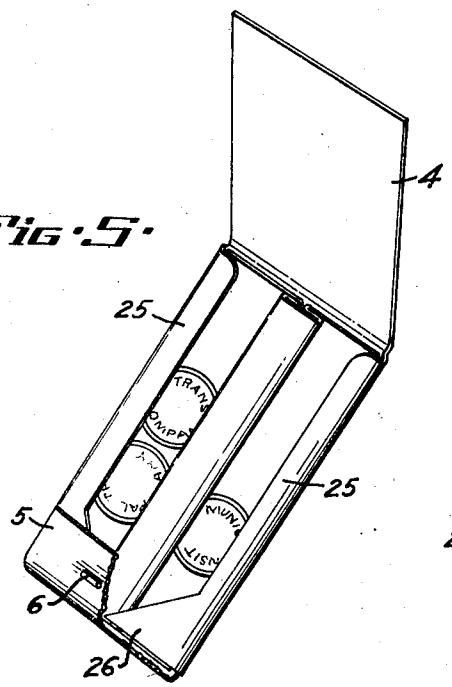
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Fig. 5.



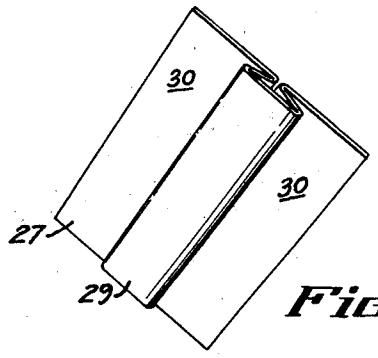
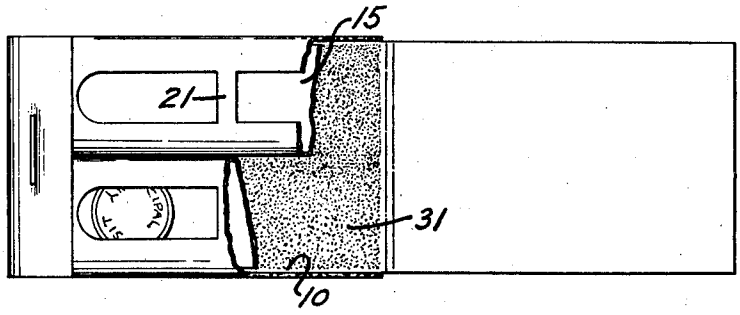


Fig. 6.

Fig. 7.



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This invention relates to carrying cases for coins and tokens, and particularly to a one-piece book-type paper carrying packet.

The use of odd tokens for streetcar and bus fares is widespread in American municipalities. In many States, retail sales taxes have been levied which are payable in mills, or tenths of a cent, and are frequently collected in token form. Many other token uses are familiar to the public.

These tokens, by virtue of their similarity in size and form to the smaller coins issued as legal money by the United States Government, may be mistaken therefor at times, and it is very desirable to have a convenient packet in which a small supply may be carried. Such a packet may be carried in the purse or pocket without adding objectionable bulk thereto. Similar packages may also be used to carry legal money in a convenient way.

Other uses for such a container form will occur readily, such as, for example, the packaging of buttons and similar small objects for merchandising purposes, and it is intended that all such similar uses shall be covered hereby.

The use of paper or similar material is desirable in view of the ease with which it may be fabricated, and its low cost. It is contemplated that a carrying case of the type to be described will be so inexpensive that traction companies may use them as means of distributing fare tokens to their patrons, for example. These and other concerns may use them as media for advertising, or for building up good will for the business, by virtue of the convenience afforded by a book-type case.

The objects of the invention thus include providing simple means for carrying small coins and tokens; forming a package in an economical manner; and the development of a book-type coin or token holder.

Further objects are: to provide a token carrier permitting ready inspection of the supply therein; to provide a flat container having very small bulk; to provide such a container in a form which may be stamped or cut from flat stock with a minimum of waste.

Other objects are: to provide a one-piece structure which can be cut and assembled by automatic machinery; to provide a package which can easily and rapidly be assembled from flat stock; and to provide a packet which can be retained in formed position by a single stapling operation.

The invention possesses other objects and features of advantage, some of which, with the foregoing, will be set forth in the following description of a preferred form of my invention, which is illustrated in the drawings accompanying and forming a part of the specification. It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the showing made by the drawings and description as I may adapt any variation of the preferred form within the scope of my invention as set form in the claims.

My invention may be better understood by referring to the drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the container with the cover closed;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the cover opened;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the body of the case, taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the stamped blank from which the device is formed;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modification involving a two-piece construction, having a portion broken away to show details of construction;

Fig. 6 is a perspective of the additional insert used in the form shown in Fig. 5; and

Fig. 7 is a plan view of another modification of the form shown in Fig. 1, partially broken away to show the construction more clearly.

Referring now to Fig. 1, the carrying case, generally designated by reference character 1, has a body 2 closed by a cover 4 which is folded over and tucked under a short end flap 5. End flap 5 is secured in position by a staple 6 which fixes the flap to body 2.

The cover 4 is opened and laid back in Fig. 2 to show the inner construction of the body 2. This body comprises two pockets 7, each of which is proportioned to receive four tokens. The manner in which these pockets are formed will be seen by referring also to Figs. 3 and 4. Blank 9 is stamped out of flat stock, with a back 10 having cover 4 and a short end flap 5 formed integrally therewith and separated therefrom by scorings 11 for ease in folding.

Side flaps 12 are also formed integral with back 10 and scored at 14 to permit bending. The side flaps 12 are divided longitudinally into inner portions 15 and outer portions 16 by longitudinal scorings 17. The outer flap portions 16 are cut out to form central apertures 19 extending almost the full length thereof and opening opposite end flap 5. The end openings are rounded at 20, to make easy inserting and removing the tokens. The apertures 19 are openings through which the tokens may be seen and manipulated. In the preferred form of the invention, a strap 21

is left extending across each aperture 19 near its rounded ends 20 as a reinforcement, but this strap may be omitted if desired.

In assembly, the side flap inner portions 15 are folded over on scorings 17 flat against side flap outer portions 16, and both are again folded on scorings 14, so that the inner portions 15 are adjacent back 10 and underly outer portions 16. End flap 5 is then folded over and staple 6 is inserted through the end flap, outer and inner side flap portions 16 and 15 respectively, and back 10.

As assembled, a pocket 7 is now formed between each inner and outer side flap portion in which tokens 22 may be inserted, being there easily visible through apertures 19. The cross-sectional view in Fig. 3 shows clearly the relationship of the parts in the packet as assembled. Cover 4 is now folded over and tucked under end flap 5, forming a closed package from which the tokens cannot be readily lost in carrying.

Removal of the tokens is accomplished easily by opening the cover and sliding them out endwise by pressure of the fingers through apertures 19.

A modification of the embodiment of Figs. 1 to 4 is shown in Figs. 5 and 6, in which a two-piece construction is set forth. Here the outer side portions of the pockets are formed by side flaps 25 having tabs 26 extending inwardly and secured by staple 6, while the centrally adjacent side portions and a reinforcing back are formed by a separate insert 27, shown in Fig. 6.

Insert 27 is formed by bending a flat blank to form a raised central shoulder 29 having underlying backing portions 30. Coins or tokens are held beneath outer side flaps 25 and the raised central shoulder 29 just as in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 7 shows another modification of Figs. 1 to 4 in which additional strength is obtained by fastening the back 10 to the side flap inner portions 15 throughout all or a portion of the adjacent surfaces, by a layer of glue or equivalent adhesive 31.

It will be readily seen that various modifications may be made in the shape and arrangement of the parts while retaining the essential simplicity of the device. For example, the straps 21 may be modified as to shape or position, or omitted entirely. Additional strength may be secured by cementing the insert to the back in the embodiment of Figs. 5 and 6. The staple 6 might be omitted and the end flap 5 held down by an adhesive. Other materials might be used instead of paper such as, for example, thin sheets of metal or plastics. The number, size and shape of the coin or token pockets may be altered to suit the use desired. All such variants from the embodiments herein shown and described are deemed to be included in the claims appended.

What I claim is:

1. A token packet formed from a single blank of material comprising a back and a flap portion extending from a side edge of the back, said flap portion having two relatively folded strip sections extending longitudinally of the back with the section immediately adjacent said side edge of the back having an apertured portion extending longitudinally thereof, the sections of said flap portion being folded on said back with said apertured section resting on the other section of said flap portion, and means for securing the strip sections to each other at one end and to the back.

2. A token packet formed from a single blank of material comprising a back and a flap portion extending from a side edge of the back, said flap portion having two relatively folded strip sections extending longitudinally of the back with the section immediately adjacent said side edge of the back having an apertured portion extending longitudinally thereof, the sections of said flap portion being folded on said back with said apertured section resting on the other section of said flap portion, and an end flap extending from one end edge of said back folded over said folded strip sections short of the aperture therein and secured to said strip sections and said back.

3. A token packet formed from a single blank of material comprising a back and a flap portion extending from a side edge of the back, said flap portion having two relatively folded strip sections extending longitudinally of the back with the section immediately adjacent said side edge of the back having an apertured portion extending longitudinally thereof, the sections of said flap portion being folded on said back with said apertured section resting on the other section of said flap portion, a short end and a long end flap extending from the opposite end edges of said back, said short flap folded over said folded strip sections and secured to said strip sections and said back, and said long flap having the free end portions thereof cooperating with said short flap for securing said long flap over said folded strip sections.

4. A token packet formed from a single blank of material comprising a back, a short end and a long end flap extending from the opposite end edges of said back and two flap portions similar to each other extending from the opposite side edges of said back, each of said flap portions having two relatively folded strip sections extending longitudinally at the back, the sections immediately adjacent the side edges of the back each having an apertured portion extending longitudinally thereof, the other section of each flap portion being folded on said back with its apertured section resting on said other section, said short flap folded over said folded strip sections and secured to said strip sections and said back, and said long flap having a free end portion thereof tucked under said short end flap.

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