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COIN HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

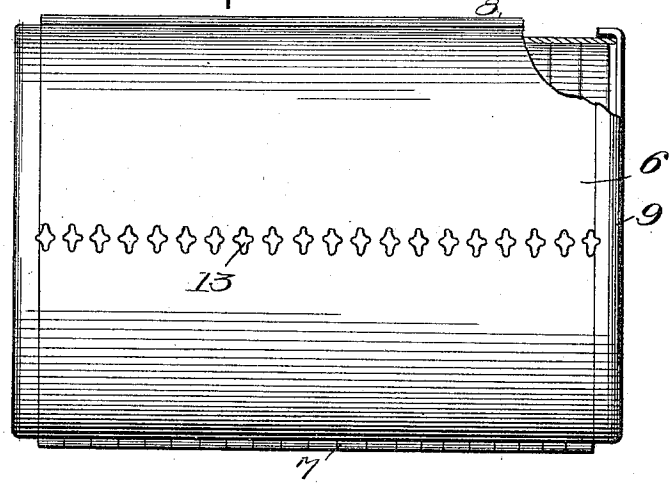


FIG. 2.

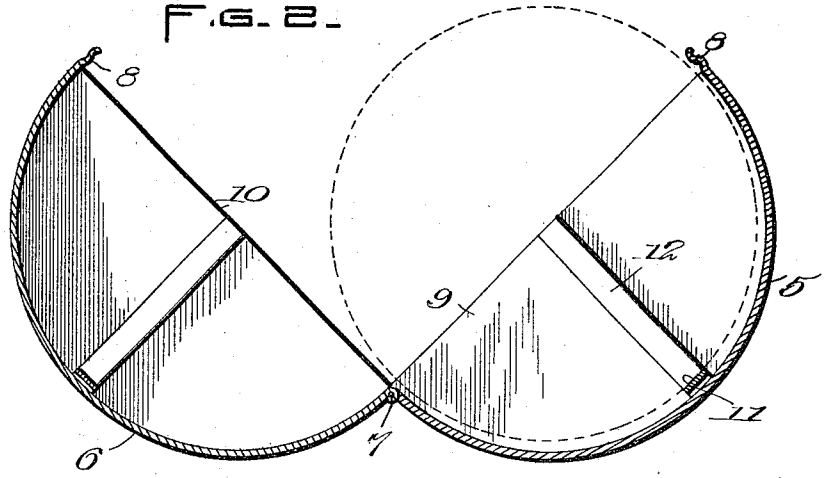
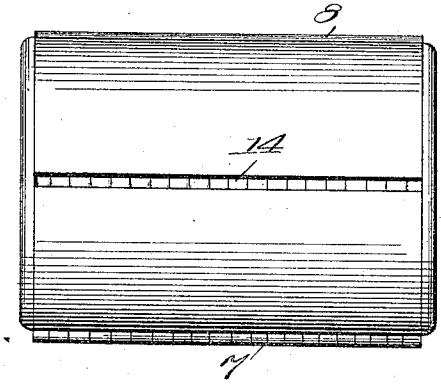


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HINTON G. KITTRELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Mountpleasant, in the county of Maury and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in coin holders for use in handling coins in banking houses and other financial institutions.

One of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a coin holder which may be quickly opened and closed, and when opened may be disposed upon a table or countertop to be in position for the ready reception of coins.

Another object of the invention is to provide a coin holder in the nature of a pair of semi-tubular body sections hingedly connected together along one longitudinal edge and being each provided at its ends with a semi-circular closure or end wall, the body sections having means whereby they may be readily detachably connected together.

A further object is to provide a coin holder of the class described having means in the nature of resilient strips of metal, or in the nature of strips of felt or other suitable material, for holding the coins in such manner as to prevent rattling of the coins within the holder incident to their movements relative to each other and to the walls of the holder.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a device of the class described which will be extremely simple, durable, efficient in operation, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view which will become apparent as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which like characters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several figures, of which—

Figure 1 represents a view in elevation, the parts being shown in section, of the coin holder, illustrating the same in a closed position. Fig. 2 represents a vertical transverse sectional view taken through the holder and showing the same in open position. Fig. 3 represents a view similar to Fig. 1, illustrating a modified means, in the nature of a straight slot, for viewing the coins.

In carrying out my invention I provide a holder whose body consists of the semi-tubular sections 5 and 6. The body sections as well as the remaining portions of the coin holder may be made of any suitable material, such as aluminum.

The body sections 5 and 6 are hingedly connected together along adjacent longitudinal edges as at 7, in such manner that they may be folded toward each other in closing the device. The opposite or outer longitudinal edges of the body sections are each provided with suitable resilient tongue sections indicated at 8 which so co-act when the body sections are moved into engagement with each other, as to inter-lock with one another for maintaining the coin holder in closed position. The tongues or latch members 8 preferably extend substantially the entire length of the body sections, in order that a uniform fit between the members may be attained when in closed position.

Each body section is provided at its ends with a suitable semi-circular cap or closure plate 9. When the sections are folded together in closing the device, the straight edges 10 of the caps or closure plates move into engagement with each other to make a snug joint.

Longitudinally of each body section and within the same, is disposed a compressible strip 11 of some suitable material. A thin resilient strip of metal might be used, or if desired a strip of felt or other material may be employed. The inner faces of the caps or closure plates 9 are also provided with similar strips 12 virtually forming extensions of the strips 11. The latter it will be noted, are disposed midway between the edges of the body sections.

One or both of the body sections may be provided with a longitudinally extending series of perforations or openings 13, of suitable and desirable designs, through which a view may be had of the interior of the device when it is closed, in order that the coins within the same may be viewed. If desired, this series of openings may be graduated so that the amount equal to the total of the coins contained within the holder, may be readily ascertained at a glance. In lieu of the series of openings 13, I may, if desirable, provide either or both

of the body sections with a longitudinally extending slot as indicated at 14 in Fig. 3 having a function analogous to the function of the series of openings. A suitable series of graduations may also be used in conjunction with the slot 14 if found desirable.

Such a coin holder as I have provided, will be found of great convenience and utility in banking houses and other financial institutions, or in any place where coins are continually handled.

In operation the device may readily be opened by either pulling the two sections apart, or by partially raising one of the overlapping tongue portions 8 and at the same time exerting a pull in opposite directions upon the body sections. When opened, the holder may be laid upon a table or counter-top in the position indicated in Fig. 2, and when so disposed is capable of receiving coins or having coins taken from it very quickly and readily. The compressible strips 11 and 12 serve as means whereby the variations in sizes of the coins, due to their wear, may be accommodated, so that all the coins will be snugly engaged between the body sections when the latter are closed. These strips further provide means whereby the rattling of the coins within the container will be prevented.

Although I have described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I may desire to make such changes in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts thereof, as do not depart from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:—

A coin holder comprising a pair of semi-tubular body sections hingedly connected together along adjacent longitudinal edges, resilient tongues provided along the opposite longitudinal edges of the body sections and adapted to coact with each other when the body sections are moved into engagement with each other for maintaining said body sections in closed position, a semi-circular closure plate provided at each end of both body sections, said plates adapted when the body sections are folded together, to form closures at each end of the coin holder, a strip of compressible material provided longitudinally of each body section within the same, a strip of compressible material provided on each closure plate on the inner face of the same, and means whereby the contents of the coin holder may be viewed.

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