

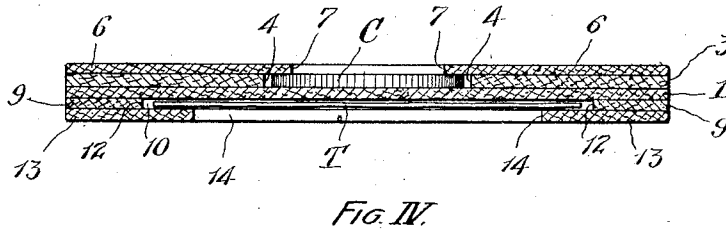
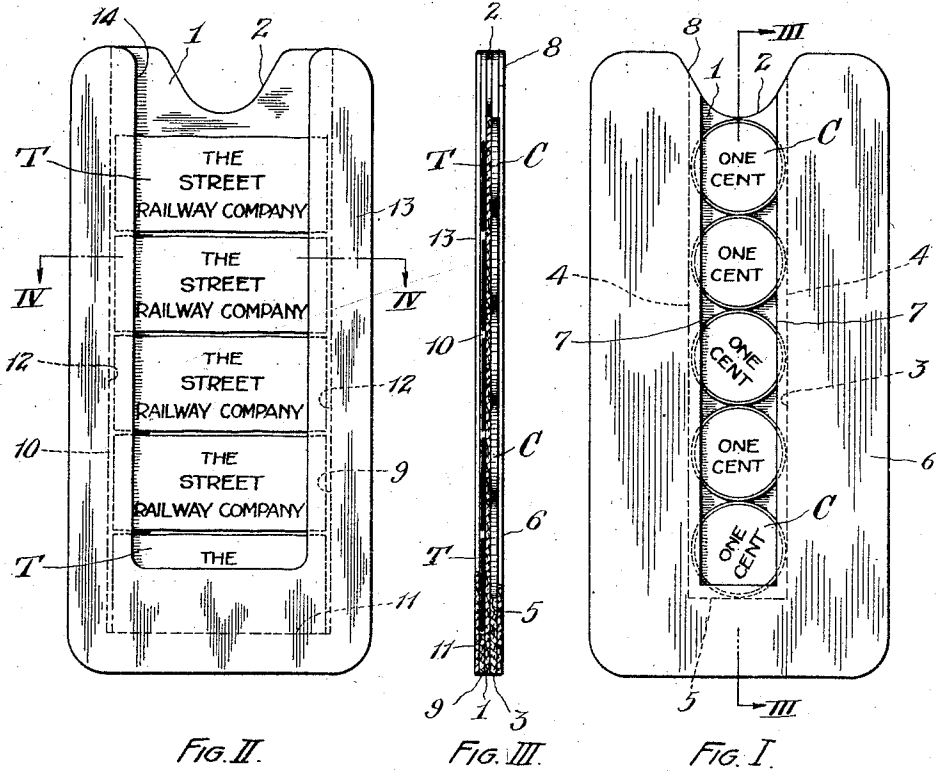
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. COLEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1811 E. 55th St., Cleveland, in the State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fare Holders, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention pertains to a fare holder and more particularly to a pocket container adapted to carry a series of street railway tickets in an abutting edge arrangement as well as a series of coins likewise disposed in a row.

One object of my invention is to facilitate the payment of a fare by tendering a ticket and the payment of a coin, usually a cent, as an additional charge for a transfer; the invention being designed to permit of the simultaneous withdrawal of a ticket and coin. By its use by passengers a convenience to both passenger and conductor will be realized, as well as a saving in time in loading or unloading passengers thereby reducing the time schedule. Another object is a provision of an article of the character stated which will be of durable though very cheap construction and which by reason of its very low cost of manufacture will enable it to be employed as an advertising medium for gratuitous distribution.

Adverting to the drawing:

Figure I is an elevation of one side of a fare holder embodying my invention.

Figure II is a similar view of the opposite side of my fare holder.

Figure III is a section taken on line III—III of Figure I.

Figure IV is an enlarged section on line IV—IV of Figure II.

The holder may be satisfactorily constructed of a plurality of cardboard strips affixed to each other in any appropriate manner. In the exemplification shown by the drawing five pieces of cardboard are glued together.

A middle piece of cardboard is to constitute a backing member against opposite sides of which a series of tickets and coins will rest respectively. As shown the member 1

is of substantially rectangular shape having slightly rounded corners and with the exception of a curved cut-out or finger groove 2 at the top thereof. Juxtaposed against one side of the member 1 is a U shaped strip 3 having inner substantially parallel defining edges 4 and a lower connecting edge 5 which will serve as the bottom of the coin receptacle or channel as will hereinafter appear. The thickness of the piece 3 should equal or slightly exceed the thickness of the coins C to be used. The distance between the inner edges 4 likewise should equal or slightly exceed the diameter of the coins. Overlying the piece 3 is another U shaped cardboard strip 6 likewise of the same dimensions overall as that of the pieces 1 and 3 but fashioned with a narrower and somewhat shorter rectilinear slot having opposed edges 7 closer to each other than are the edges 4. Above, the strip 6 is similarly cut out at 8. As will now be readily understood, a channel or coin receptacle is provided by the pieces 1, 3 and 6 in conjunction with each other and as will be evidenced upon inspection of Figure I.

Abutting and affixed to the opposite side of the piece 1 is a U shaped strip 9 having its slot 10 wider than the distance between the edges 4 and in fact wide enough to accommodate a row of street railway tickets T. An edge 11 which defines the bottom of the slot 10 will limit the insertion movement of the lowermost ticket. The distances between the opposed substantially parallel inner edges 12 of the strip 9 should slightly exceed the length of the ticket which the holder is designed to carry. In turn overlying the strip 9 is another U shaped strip 13 having both a narrower and shorter slot 14 whereby flanges are provided parallel to and spaced from the backing member 1 and forming a conjunction therewith a channel for the reception of a plurality of tickets.

It will be apparent that two fingers of a passenger when pressed one against a ticket and the other against a coin will enable one of each to be simultaneously withdrawn lengthwise of the holder. A user of my device can always conveniently locate both his tickets and his transfer coin and will not have to wait for the conductor to make change thereby avoiding the congestion fre-

quently experienced when passengers are entering or leaving a public conveyance such as a street car.

I claim:—

5 1. An article of the character described composed of five laminated and adhering flat elements, viz: a middle partition, and two pieces on each side thereof, each piece being provided with a slot, the slots in the
10 outer pieces being smaller than the slots in the pieces which abut said partition.

2. An article of the character described comprising a backing member, and lamina-

ted U shaped structures partially covering one side of said member and forming in con- 15 junction therewith a channel.

3. A fare holder comprising an elongated backing member, and a pair of structures each composed of laminated sheets and each forming in conjunction with one side of said 20 member a channel to provide spaced portions adapted to engage opposite sides of articles inserted in said channels.

Signed by me, this 31st day of May, 1922.

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