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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

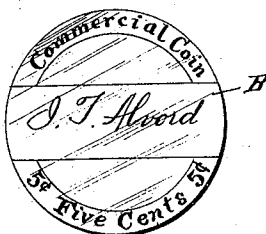
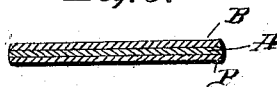


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVIN THADEUS ALVORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at North Ogden, in the county of Weber and Territory of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Commercial Coins; and I do 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 has relation to an improvement in commercial coins or merchandise-checks; and it has for its object to provide a check with a protecting-surface which may be easily kept clean, which will not soil by handling, and will not be liable to become worn or impaired in any manner by long use.

Heretofore it has been proposed in credit systems to provide cards or the like bearing certain inscriptions, such as the name of the party issuing the card, the party to whom the card has been issued, and the value which may be obtained upon the presentation of the card. Such cards have been found objectionable, first, by the party issuing them, for the reason that the printed or written matter may be easily changed or altered, and, second, by the party receiving them, for the reason that the cards become soiled and readily tear or break, so that in some cases the essential part becomes lost.

My improvement will be fully understood from the following description and claim, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved commercial coin. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view illustrating the inscription-disk and the transparent protecting disks or coating on both sides thereof.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, A indicates the inscription-disk of my improved commercial coin, which may be formed of any suitable material and in any desired form, although I prefer to make the same of paper and of a circular form about the size of a silver dollar, as illustrated. Upon both sides of the disk A, I design inscribing such mat-

ter as the name of the merchant issuing the coin, the character of merchandise for which it is a tender, and the denomination or amount of value it represents; and I prefer to color said disk according to the amount of value represented, whereby both the merchant and customer may perceive its value at a glance.

B indicates the transparent protecting disk or covering of my improved device, which is preferably composed of transparent celluloid and is of a form corresponding to the inscribed disk A, to which it is preferably attached by means of a transparent cement or the like. These transparent disks are secured on opposite sides of the inscribed disk by placing them flat together, so as to present no raised parts, which are so liable to become broken or injured.

A preferred embodiment of my invention is to inscribe the disk A with suitable matter upon both of its sides, in which case a transparent disk or covering would be attached to each side of said disk; but it is obvious that if the disk A is only inscribed upon one side only one transparent disk or covering would be employed.

Although I have described paper as the preferred material for the inscription-disk of my improved coin, there are other materials—such as wood, leather, metal, vulcanized rubber, celluloid, and ivory—which are equally desirable for the purpose.

When a material not adapted to be printed is employed for the inscription-disk, the inscribed matter may be placed upon the face thereof through the medium of aqua-fortis, muriatic acid, nitric acid, or other suitable agents.

Instead of covering the inscribed side or sides of the inscription-disk with transparent celluloid, as has been described, other protecting-coatings—such as glass and isinglass—might be employed.

By the provision of my improved commercial coin it will be seen that the business transaction of retail dealers may be greatly simplified and the objectionable pass-book and other similar credit systems dispensed with.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

5 The improved commercial coin or merchandise-check described, comprising a sheet or disk bearing the name of the party issuing said coin, together with its denomination or matter of similar import, and transparent disks protecting said inscribed disk and secured thereto by transparent adhesive sub-

stance, the respective disks being brought flush upon each other, so as to prevent breakage.

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

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