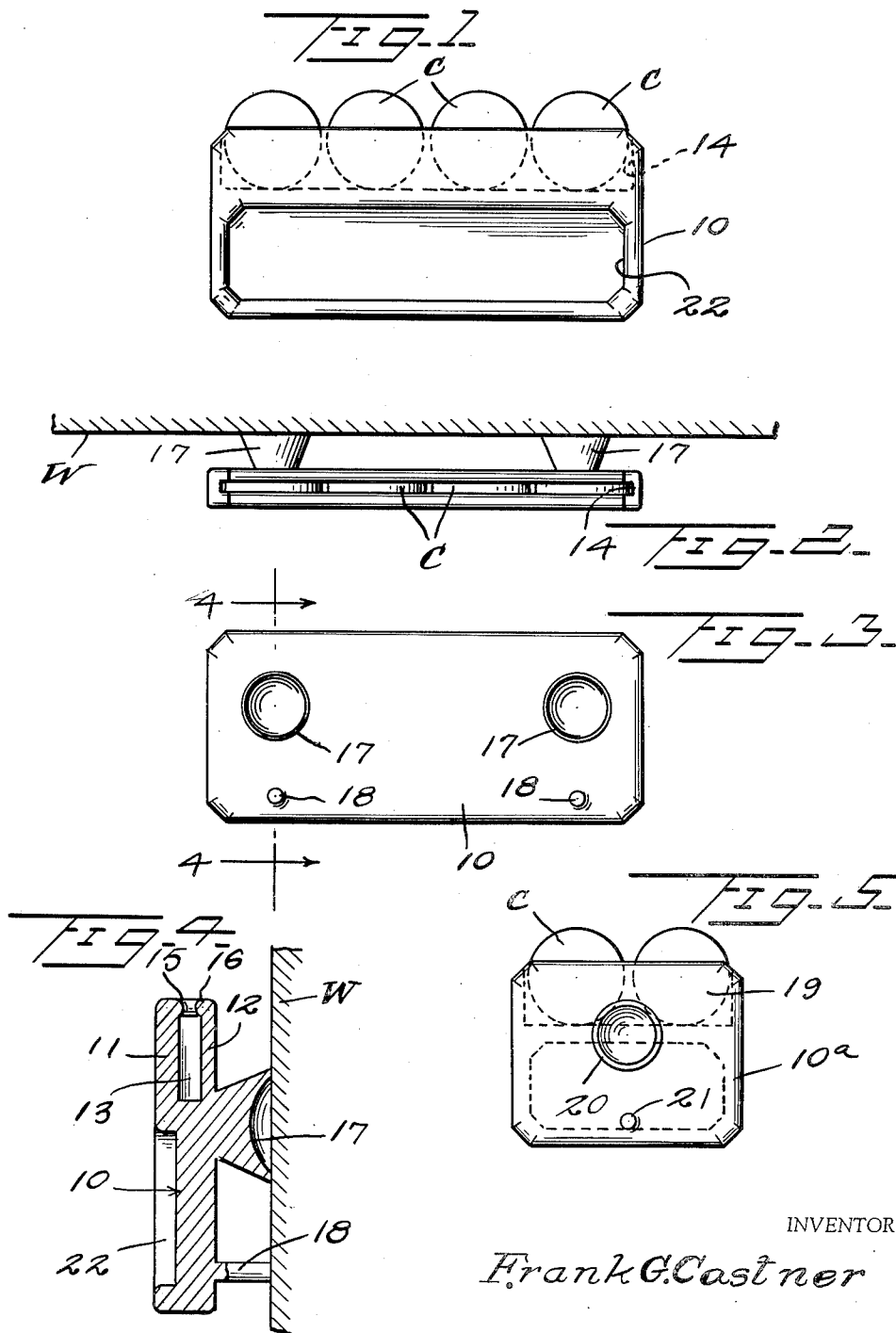


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This invention relates to a coin holder.

An object of this invention is to provide a coin holder which is designed to hold a series of coins in partly exposed position for easy removal, the coins being used for insertion into a vehicle parking meter or the like. It is well known that when a driver enters a parking zone having a coin operated meter, it is frequently the case that the driver does not have the proper change, or, and more embarrassing when parked, the driver often overstays his time and gets a parking ticket for violation. To overcome this, and to gain police cooperation, this coin novelty meter, when a vehicle is parked, is cupped to the outer surface of a vehicle windshield in an easy position for a police officer to reach over and remove therefrom a coin which he then inserts into the parking meter to the great advantage of the vehicle owner. When ready to leave the parking zone, the driver may, if he wishes to, remove the coin novelty meter from the outer surface of the windshield and cup it to the inner surface thereof.

The coin holder herein disclosed is designed for mounting on the inside or outside of a vehicle windshield, being held in position by means of one or more suction cups so as to be constantly visible.

It is an object of this invention to provide a coin holder which may be made out of relatively flexible or yieldable plastic or rubber which can be applied to a smooth surface support, such as a windshield.

Another object of this invention is to provide a coin holder which is compact in size and can be mounted in a convenient interior or exterior position on the windshield without obstructing the driver's normal vision.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the arrangement, combination and details of construction disclosed in the drawings and specification, and then more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a detailed front elevation of a coin holding member constructed according to an embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device.

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the device.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of a modified form of this invention.

Referring to the drawing, and, first, to Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, the numeral 10 designates gen-

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erally a substantially rectangular flat body which is preferably formed of relatively yieldable material such as yieldable plastic or rubber. The body 10 has projecting from the upper edge thereof a pair of spaced walls 11 and 12 forming a coin receiving chamber 13.

The opposite ends of the walls 11 and 12 are connected together by means of end walls 14. The upper edges of the walls 11 and 12 which are outer and inner walls, respectively, have formed integral therewith confronting coin clamping beads 15 and 16, respectively. A series of coins C are adapted to be disposed between the walls 11 and 12 with a portion of each coin projecting above the upper edges of the walls 11 and 12 as shown in Fig. 1.

The body member 10 is adapted to be secured at its rear to a smooth surface such as a windshield W by means of a pair of suction cups 17 which are formed integral with or are secured to the body 10. The body 10 at its rear is held in parallel relation with respect to the outer surface of the windshield W by means of a pair of rearwardly projecting lugs 18 which are carried by the body 10 adjacent the lower edge of body 10 and spaced downwardly from the suction cups 17.

Referring now to Fig. 5 there is disclosed a modified form of this invention embodying a flat body 10a similar to the body 10, but shorter in length than body 10. The body 10a has projecting from the upper edge thereof coin clamping walls 19 similar to the walls 11 and 12, and in the present instance the length of the body 10a is such that only two coins C are adapted to be held within the holder. The body 10a has projecting from the rear side thereof a single suction cup 20 which is positioned midway between opposite ends of body 10a, and a bracing lug or pin 21 similar to lug 18 in body member 10 also projects from the rear side of body 10a below the suction cup 20.

The front or outer side of the body 10 is formed with an elongated horizontally disposed recess 22 within which a message is adapted to be positioned.

In the use of this device the body 10 is secured to the inner or outer surface of the windshield W by pressing the suction cups 17 against the windshield. The coin chamber 13 is filled with coins C which are disposed in edge abutting relation and in the present instance the holder is designed as shown in Fig. 1 to receive 4 coins C which are suitable for insertion into a parking meter.

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The modified form of this holder shown in Fig. 5 is identical with the holder shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, with the exception that the modified form of holder is shorter in length and is designed to receive only two coins.

With a coin holder as hereinbefore described, the driver of the vehicle will know at a glance whether he has any coins available for insertion into a parking meter, and when these coins are removed the coins should be replenished so that the driver of the vehicle will at all times have available sufficient coins to provide for the parking of the vehicle in the area defined by a parking meter. The device is designed to be formed out of relatively flexible plastic or rubber and is of relatively compact size so that it can be mounted in a corner or at the lower edge of the interior or exterior surface of a windshield so as not to form an obstruction to the view of the driver in the normal vehicle operation.

What is claimed is:

A coin holder comprising a flat body of resilient material, upwardly projecting front and rear walls carried by said body, end walls connected

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between said front and rear walls, confronting beads carried by said front and rear walls cooperating with said walls in frictionally clamping coins therebetween, said beads forming a pocket of greater width than the space between said beads, said body having an elongated flat recess in the front face thereof below said pockets and of a depth to extend beneath a portion of said pocket for yieldably holding a card, means carried by the upper portion of the rear wall of said body for securing the same to a vertical flat surface, and means below said last-mentioned means for spacing the lower portion of said rear wall in parallel relation to said vertical surface.

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