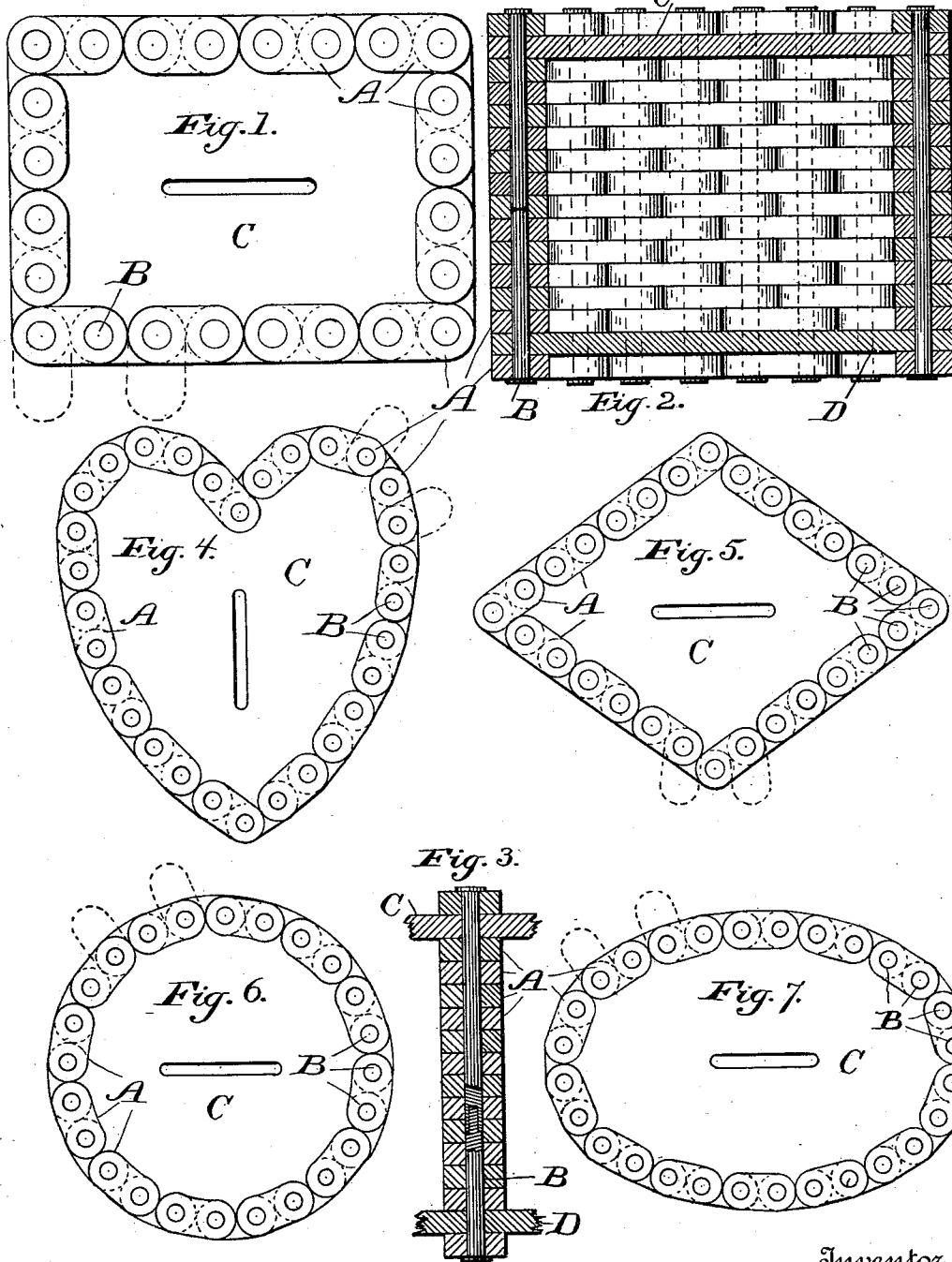


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. ROWLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Money-Safes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This improvement is designed to provide a toy money-safe which may be cheaply made, and which can be readily opened by one conversant with the box, but will be rather difficult to open by those not acquainted with it.

To these ends my invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combinations of parts hereinafter more particularly described, and then definitely claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan of my box of the full size; Fig. 2, a vertical section of the same; Fig. 3, a modification of the fastening in section. Figs. 4, 5, 6, and 7 show different forms of my safe on a smaller scale.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A represents a series of links, like flat chain links, which may be made of any suitable material, as thick card-board, leather, wood, rubber, celluloid, or in fact any known material cheap enough to be used for the purpose and capable of being made into such links. These links are all connected by pins B, having heads riveted on at both ends, or one of the heads may be formed of the metal of the pin, as in ordinary pin or nail making. In making up these safes a top C and bottom D are provided, having holes along their edges corresponding with the holes in the links, and then the links and top and bottom are united by the pins B, as shown in Fig. 2. One of the pins B is made in two parts, so that by withdrawing one part of said pin the links it connects may be opened, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, when the money can be readily

taken out. If preferred, the two parts of the divided pin may be made male and female, as shown in Fig. 3.

I do not intend to limit myself to the shape shown in Figs. 1 and 2, as it is evident that many different forms may be made—such, for instance, as are shown in Figs. 4 to 7. Nor do I limit myself to these forms, as others may be readily designed, for it will be seen that the sides of the box will bend to accommodate nearly any shape of top and bottom. It is also evident that as the links are fastened together by the pins that pass through the top and bottom the box will always retain the same shape as said top and bottom.

In “assembling” these safes I propose to set the divided pin in as many different positions as possible, so that it will be rather difficult for any one not acquainted with the particular box under consideration to tell which pin to withdraw, and thus unauthorized persons will be unable to readily get at the contents, as the heads of the pins are (preferably) all alike, and to open the safe would be a puzzle to those totally unacquainted with the box.

What I claim as new is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a toy money-safe having its sides formed of a series of links pinned together and its top and bottom united to the sides by the same pins that secure the links, substantially as described.

2. A box having its sides formed of a series of links united by pins and provided with a divided pin for opening a portion of the links, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 18th day of April, 1892.

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