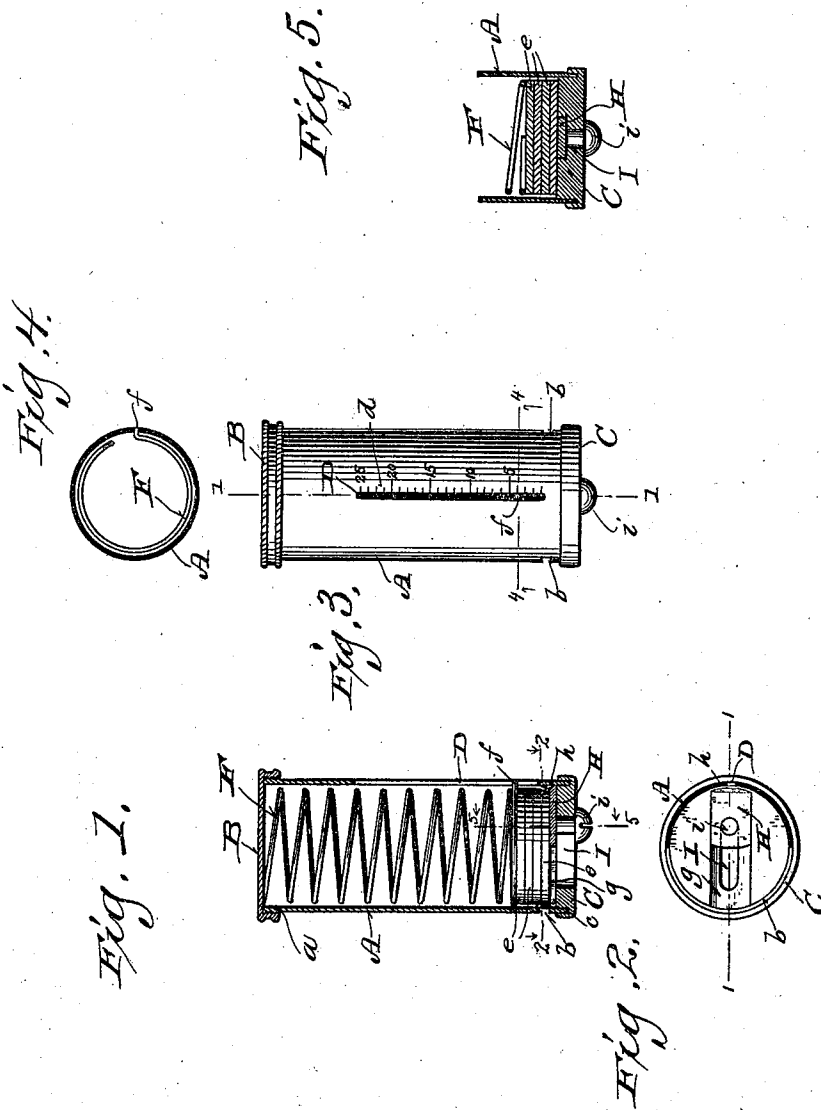


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE J. FIEDLER and ALBERT C. PROHL, citizens of the United States, and residents of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Car-Fare Holders; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

Our invention relates especially to devices for holding the metallic, celluloid and analogous fare tickets now in use on many of the street railroads, and consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts, as will be fully set forth hereinafter and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a vertical central section through our improved device, on the line 1—1 of Fig. 2 and with the contents of the casing shown in full line. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, showing the inner side of one of the heads of the device, with the contents removed. Fig. 3 is a side elevation. Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a vertical section, on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

The car-fares referred to are thin round flat checks usually of metal, though sometimes of celluloid, wood, paper, and other materials, stamped or otherwise marked with their face value, and from their similarity to small current coins these have become somewhat of a nuisance when carried loosely in the pockets, or in a purse, with such coins, and to obviate this objection, and provide a suitable separate holder for the said car fares, as well as to provide a convenient means for ejecting the same, one at a time, from said holder, as wanted for use, our invention has been devised.

A represents a cylindrical shell, provided with exterior screw-threads, *a*, at one end.

B is a screw-cap having interior screw-threads on its flange to mesh with the described threads *a* on the shell, thereby forming one of the heads of the casing. C is the other head, which may be similarly attached by screw-threads, if desired, but in practice we have found it better to provide the inner face of said head C with an annular groove *c* into which the adjacent end of the shell A is inserted and made permanently fast there-

with in any suitable manner, as by soldering, or otherwise. The shell A is formed with a transverse slot *b*, adjacent to the head C, and with a vertical longitudinal guide-slot D, alongside which is a numbered scale *d*, preferably with twenty-five graduations, each placed the distance apart corresponding to the thickness of one of the car-fare checks *e*.

F is a spiral spring, within the casing, one end of said spring resting against the inner surface of the screw-cap B, while the other end of the spring presses against the car-fare checks *e*, and terminates in the projecting point *f* fitting between the walls of the guide-slot D, as shown. The inner face of the head C is formed with a groove *g* for the reception of a slide H, said slide having a lug or lip *h* at its rear end, of a height or projection just equal to the thickness of one of said fare checks, the slide itself coming flush with the inner face of the head C and just on a line with the bottom of the slot *b*. I is a slot through said head C in the central longitudinal line of the groove *g* and *i* is a screw, whose shank passes through the slot I and into the said slide H.

The operation of our device will be readily understood from the foregoing description of its construction, in connection with the accompanying drawings. To fill the device, the screw-cap B is unscrewed and the spring F removed. The car-fare checks *e* are then placed within the casing, the slide H having first been drawn back into the position shown in Fig. 1, with the lip *h* against the inner wall of the shell A. The spring F is then replaced, with its point *f* inserted in the slot D, and the cap B screwed to place, compressing the said spring thereby. When it is desired to use one of the car-fare checks the slide H is pushed outward, by means of the screw *i* thereby forcing the check *e* resting upon said slide out through or partly through the slot *b*, where it can be readily grasped, and secured, even if the user's hand is covered by a glove or mitten, and the slide H can then be quickly pulled back, and the spring F will force another check into position for subsequent ejection, but, by its force, safely keep it within the casing, irrespective of the position of the device at any time. The point *f* of the spring acts as an indicator to show the position of the last check within the holder, and, in con-

nection with the scale d , the number of checks remaining therein, at all times, and in addition serves to guide the spring, so that it will always exert its pressure in a direct line, without binding or cramping.

While primarily designed for car-fare checks it is obvious that our device is equally well adapted for the storage and convenient ejection of coins, counters, or any other analogous articles.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A holder for car-fare checks and analogous articles, comprising a casing consisting of a shell having two heads, one of said heads being detachable and one of the heads being slotted, said shell having a transverse slot adjacent to one of said heads and a longitudinal slot, a slide having a lip or projection on one end, and an operating shank passing through the slot in the head, and a spring within said casing having one end thereof fitting between the walls of the longitudinal slot in the shell, substantially as set forth.

2. A holder for car-fare checks and analogous articles, comprising a casing consisting of a shell having two heads, one of said heads being detachable and one of the heads being slotted, and grooved on its inner side, said shell having a transverse slot adjacent to one of said heads, and a longitudinal slot, and a graduated and numbered scale on its outer surface adjacent to said longitudinal slot, a slide fitting in the groove in the head and having a lip or projection on one end, and an operating shank passing through the slot in the head, and a spiral spring within said casing having one end thereof fitting between the walls of the longitudinal slot in the shell, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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