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Coin-Holder.

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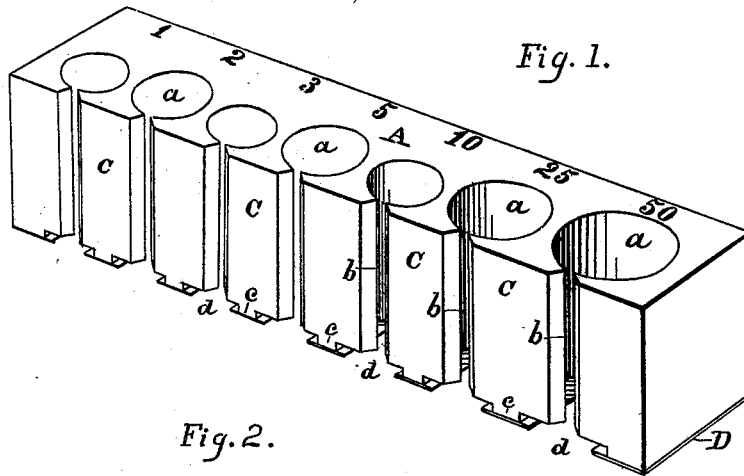


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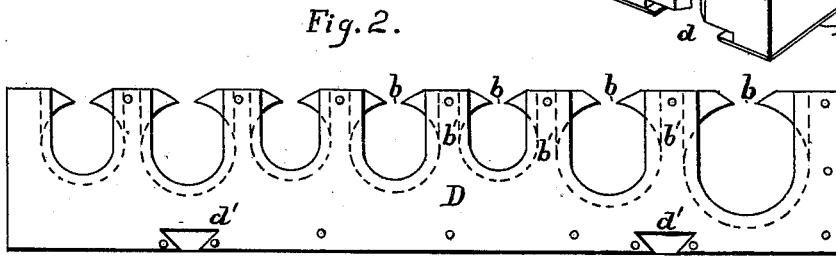


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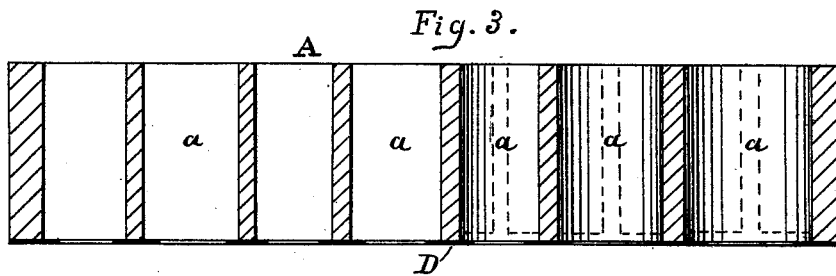


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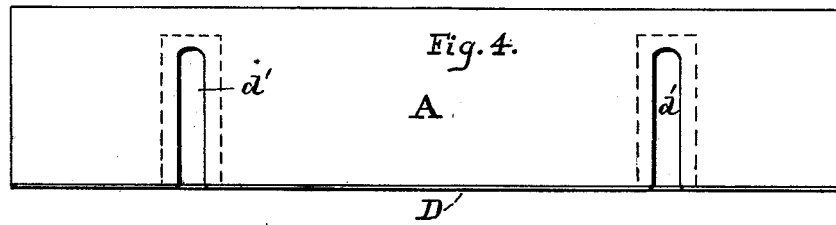


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IMPROVEMENT IN COIN-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY E. DEWEY, of South Haven, in the county of Van Buren and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coin-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a perspective view of my coin-holder, and Fig. 2 is a bottom view thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view, and Fig. 4 a back view, of the same.

The object of my invention is to provide a coin-holder to be used in connection with a money box or till, for holding coin in a compact form, from which single pieces of money of various denominations may easily and quickly be taken.

In the accompanying drawings, A designates the holder of my box or till, which is provided with a series of chambers or receivers, *a*, of a little greater diameter than the coin they are intended to receive and hold. Near the mouth of each of the chambers *a* is designated the denomination of the coin contained therein. Each chamber or receiver *a* is provided with a slot, *b*, running vertically its entire length, and outwardly sloping, said slot enabling a person to readily and speedily observe and count the exact contents. The front consists of a series of parallelograms, C, of unequal width, formed by the area between said slot *b*, each parallelogram having an extension or offset, *c*, on its under side, thereby causing a broad recess or opening, *d*, to be formed separately for each receiver, to admit of the withdrawal of the lowermost coin. The lower or under side of the till or holder is covered by a plate, D, made of metal or other suitable material, rigidly secured thereto, the same having U-shaped openings cut therein, and concentric with the opening, the diameter of which being less than that of the receiver, the several arms *b'*, formed by said U-shaped openings, being attached to the extensions or offsets directly over them.

The space between the plate D and the un-

der side of the parallelogram C is just sufficiently large to admit of one piece only being withdrawn at a time.

By reason of the coin being withdrawn from below, and in so simple a manner, I need neither spring nor follower to keep the coin constantly in position, they keeping in proper position by their own gravity. The weight of the uppermost coins presses the under one into its bed, formed by plate D, and when it is withdrawn another quickly follows. So on until there is but one left, which will naturally fall onto the same bed, and can be withdrawn through recess *d* as easily and in the same way as the previous ones had been.

By passing the finger under the coin, and holding it in gentle contact therewith, the undermost one will be removed simultaneously with the withdrawal of the finger.

My coin-holder is not to be rigidly attached to the money-drawer, but is secured thereto by means of dovetail grooves or wedge-shaped slots *d'*, formed in the rear side, running part of the way only, which slots are slipped over the heads of screws attached to the drawer.

It is obvious, however, that other suitable fastenings may be employed. It can be taken conveniently, in making change, to any part of the store, and at night can be transferred very readily to the safe.

I am aware that boxes for holding coin in a series of annular chambers or tubes have been before known and used, and I do not, therefore, claim them, broadly; but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A coin-holder composed of the block A, provided with holes for the reception of coin of different denominations, each hole having a slot its entire length, said block being further provided with a sheet-metal base, D, and the dovetail recesses *d'*.

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