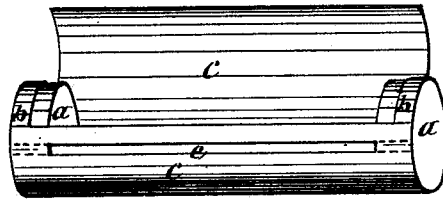


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## IMPROVEMENT IN COIN-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, D. GARDNER HITCHCOCK, of Syracuse, county of Onondaga, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Coin-Packages; and I declare the following to be such a full and complete description of the same as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to provide a durable and substantial package for containing coins, in which there is provided a transparent bracing-strip attached to the ends of the package and interposed between the edges of the coins and incisions in the wrapper to overcome the incidental weakness occasioned in exposing the contents of the package by means of slots cut into the wrapper.

I am aware that attempts have been made to construct so-called self-counting money-packages; but these have resulted in failure, for the reason that in the devices provided it was necessary to open the package to ascertain its contents. This naturally necessitated regumming, and the package, after being subjected to the reopening process, soon became useless.

I am also aware that exposing the contents of the package by means of slots or orifices therein is not new, a package containing slots having already been patented. This device, however, does not expose the entire contents of the package, and no means are provided therein to protect the edges of the slots from contact with the coins. The package is necessarily very frail, and it does not accomplish the results intended. The desideratum, therefore, is a package which shall be strong and durable to stand the rough usage of constant circulation, with means provided so that the contents are visible throughout the package for examination or to count them without the necessity of undoing or opening the same.

To that end, therefore, my invention consists of a trough of card-board or stiff paper having circular ends of wood of sufficient width to form a gumming-surface or bearing on the upper edges thereof. The wrapper is

simply a continuation of the stock of the trough sufficiently ample to encompass the circumference of the circular ends. Throughout the entire length of the package, between the circular ends, I provide a longitudinal slot of sufficient width to clearly expose the edges of the coins. Across this slot a backing of gelatine, mica, or other transparent substance is gummed, the ends gluing onto the edges of the circular ends, imparting stiffness to the package, and overcoming entirely the weakness which would otherwise occur in cutting a continuous slot in the package.

For a more specific description of my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts.

The drawing shows my newly-invented coin-package.

The letter *c* represents the trough into which the coins are placed. This trough is preferably made of stiff paper, but may be made of other material. The stock of the trough is gummed or glued to circular ends *a a*, made of light wood, having an edge of sufficient width to form a gumming-surface or bearing, so as to permit the paper trough to be gummed on without lapping the circular ends. Experience has demonstrated that the thin card-board ends used in the packages before mentioned are very liable, from the rough usage of constant circulation, to break out and collapse the package.

The bearing for the wrapper is shown at *b* in the drawing. A longitudinal slot, *e*, extending from end to end of the package, is cut therein, and a backing of gelatine, mica, or other transparent substance is gummed on, its ends extending over and gluing onto the edges of the ends *a a*, as shown by the dotted lines. The object of securing the gelatine backing to the circular ends is to impart stiffness and stability to the trough, while the gelatine or mica is interposed between the edges of the coin and the slot, thereby preventing tearing, &c.

It will be obvious, upon examination, that this construction with the continuous slot produces a simple and effective device, expos-

ing the entire contents thereof for examination or counting without the necessity of opening or undoing the same.

It will also be apparent that the package can be adapted to coins of any denomination by simply regulating its dimensions to those of the desired coin.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

In combination with the circular ends *a a*, constructed of sufficient width for forming a

gumming-surface, the frame *c*, having a continuous longitudinal slot, *e*, with each other, and the transparent backing secured to the circular ends *a a*, the whole device constituting a coin-package, substantially as herein set forth, and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand.

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