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Coin-Holder.

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Fig 1

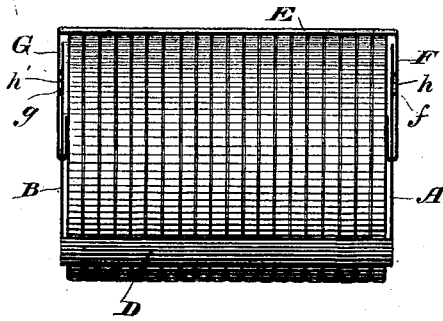


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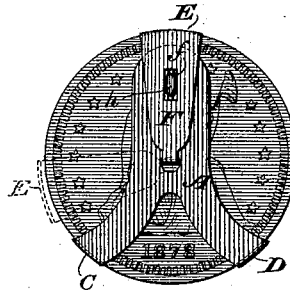


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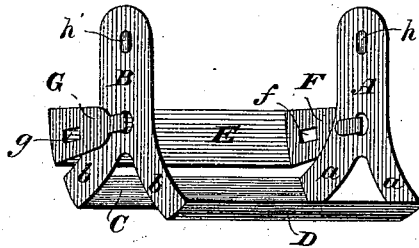
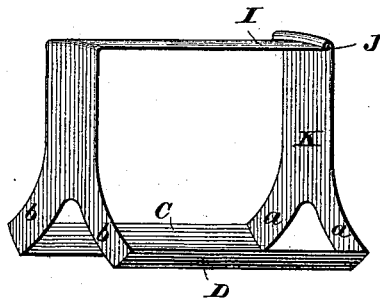


Fig 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN COIN-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **208,984**, dated October 15, 1878; application filed April 9, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BERNARD MCGOVERN, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to improvements in devices for securing coins of different sizes and values in packages or lots of any number required. My objects, mainly, are to produce a coin-holder which shall be cheap, strong, and capable of being readily adjusted to receive the pieces of coin and then to hold them in place with portions of the coins exposed to admit of inspection, so that the number, denomination, and genuineness of the pieces of money may be seen without disturbing the package or manipulating the holder.

The improvements claimed consist in certain novel organizations of parts, and in combinations of devices, hereinafter first described, and then specifically designated by the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which are on an enlarged scale, the holder therein shown being adapted to hold twenty silver coins of the denomination of twenty-five cents, Figure 1 is a side elevation with the coins secured in the holder; Fig. 2, an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the holder without the coins, showing the adjustable clasp or rocking arm swung down. Fig. 4 is a view in perspective of a slightly modified form of holder with the parts in the position occupied when the coins are in place.

The main portion or body of the holder is composed of a skeleton frame, having arms or standards A B and connecting arms or bars C D joining the forks or lower bifurcated parts *a a b b* of the arms A and B respectively. The coins when placed in the holder rest on their peripheries upon these cross-pieces of the skeleton frame, which, as will be seen by the drawings, are sufficiently far apart to support the coins against rolling movement when clamped at a third point by an adjustable parallel piece or swinging bar E. This bar, E is jointed by its arms F G to the posts A B of the skeleton frame so as to rock freely, and the arms have slots *f g* in them to engage with and be locked by lugs *h h'* on the posts A B, near their tops, when the swing-bar or adjustable

member of the holder is swung up into the proper position to clasp the coins. The standards of the frame or the arms of the swing-bar, or both, yield sufficiently to allow the holes *f g* to be caused to register with and engage the projections *h h'*.

The hinged connection between the arms of the adjustable bar and the posts of the frame is shown by the drawings as formed by passing the reduced ends of the arms through the holes made in the posts to receive them, and then heading or clinching the ends on the insides of the posts. Obviously, however, any other suitable hinged connection may be made between the posts and arms of the adjustable clamp-bar—such, for instance, as by forming holes in both ends of the clamp-bar arms and in the frame-posts, and uniting them by tubular pivots or eyelets struck up or headed at both ends, in a manner well understood.

The adjustable bar is jointed to the posts of the frame at points slightly below the centers of the coins, so that this bar swings eccentrically over the coins, thus clamping them securely in place against the fixed bars. Another advantage of this way of hinging the arms to the posts is that the swinging bar may be swung down when the holder is not in use, so as to occupy a position upon the outside of one of the frame-bars, or be swung over one of them and lie between them, thus economizing space.

In Fig 4, an adjustable bar, I, is shown as formed with one of the posts of the skeleton frame or main part of the holder and as interlocking with the opposite post at its free end. In this modification the adjustable clamp-bar may be engaged by its hooked or flanged end J with the hook or flange of the post K by either pressing the bar downward to slightly force outward the post K until the locking is accomplished by this yielding of the post and its return or inward spring, or by pressing the bar I first downward and sidewise or outward and then inwardly to bring its flange or hook beneath the flange of the post.

The holder is preferably made by stamping the parts out of sheet metal—such as tinned iron or brass, for instance; but obviously it may be made in other ways and of hard rubber or of wire or other suitable material. It

is also obvious that the frame may be made with more than two stationary confining-bars; also, that a single broad internally-concave bar or a longitudinal section of a hollow cylinder would answer in place of two or more bars connecting the posts.

Instead of the slots of the swinging-bar arms and the lugs on the posts interlocking with them, other well-known interlocking devices may be employed, and any of the customary locking-catches may be substituted for the interlocking hooks which engage the spring-bar I and the post shown in the modification of my invention.

From the foregoing description the operation of the device will be apparent, and it will readily be seen that the holders may be made of any size desired to suit them for securing various kinds and numbers of coins. In some cases the body or skeleton frame of the holder may be made of stout material and formed by casting, and either a sheet metal or wire clamping-bar be used; or this bar may also be made

of rigid material and properly hinged to the body, and separately-formed and suitably-attached spring-catches or stops be employed to lock the bar in place to secure the coins.

I claim as of my own invention—

1. The combination, in a coin-holder, of the frame or body and an adjustable clamping-bar, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, substantially as hereinbefore set forth, of the skeleton frame and the swinging clamping-bar interlocking with the frame.

3. The hereinbefore-described coin-holder, consisting of a frame composed of the parallel bars and the posts and the adjustable clamping-bar, jointed to the posts and interlocking therewith.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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