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Coin-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

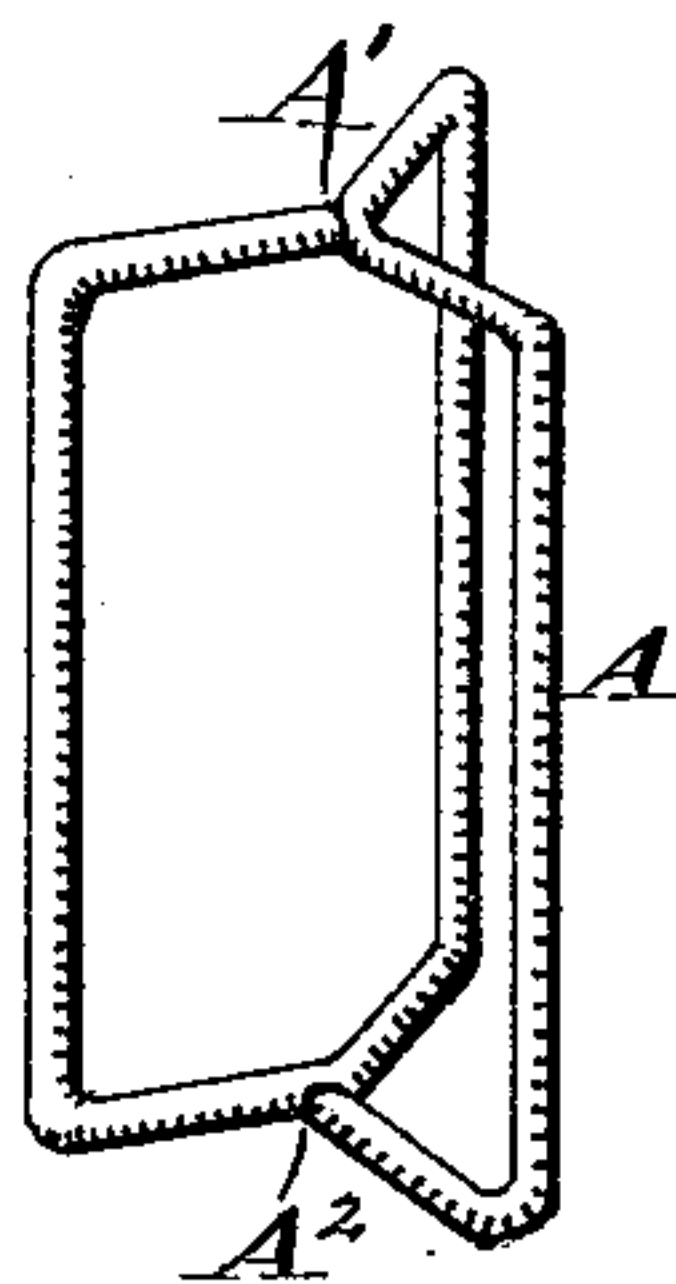
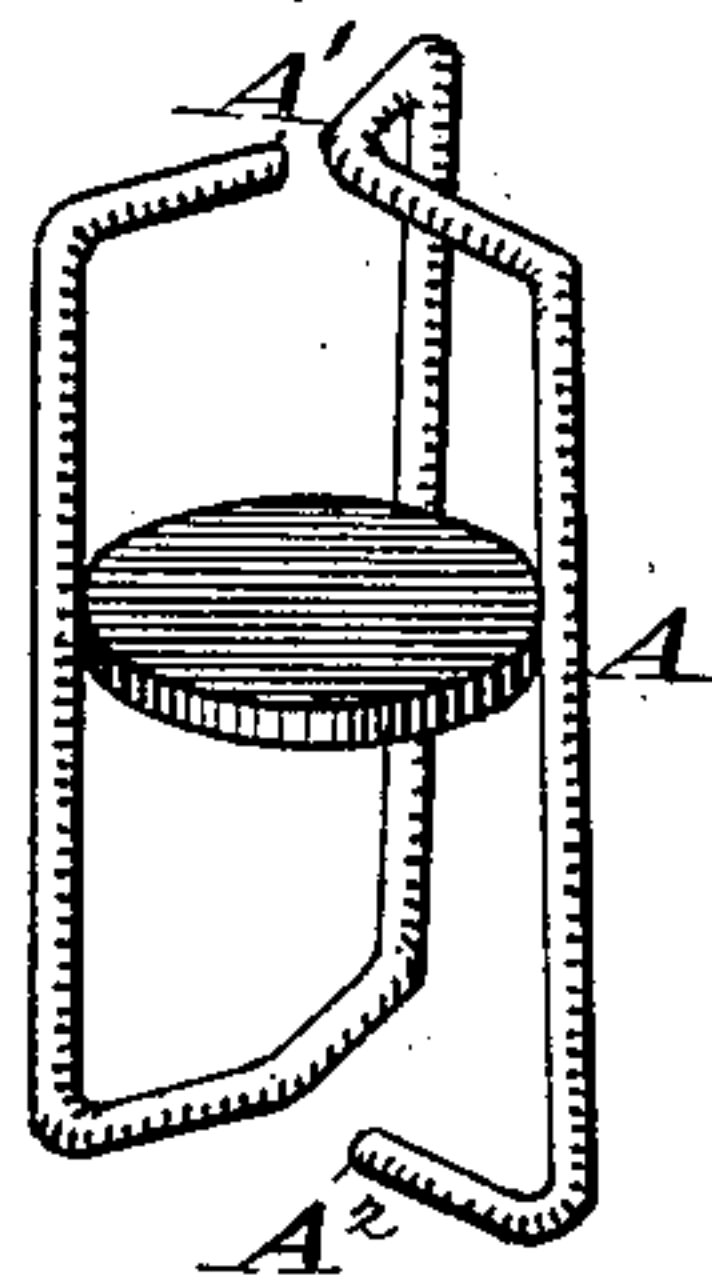


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN COIN-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSIAH C. STEVENS, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Coins, Checks, &c; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to holders for containing coin, tickets, checks, and the like; and it consists of a single piece of material, such as wire or other suitable substance, bent as hereinafter described, whereby it will, in an improved way, afford side and end supports to said coin, and at the same time be adapted to open or unfold in such a way as to permit of a ready entrance and exit of the coin without damage to the holder.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents one form of my device as it is closed in containing coin. Fig. 2 shows said device as opening for the entrance or exit of said coin.

These drawings illustrate my coin-holder as made from a single and continuous piece of wire bent (as sufficiently illustrated to render any specific description unnecessary) so as to form side and end supports for the contained coin.

It will be particularly observed that the two ends of the wire A are free—that is, they do not engage with any loop, catch, or locking device. This constitutes an important feature of my invention, whereby advantages both in cheapness and ease of construction and increased durability and facility of use are obtained that are not possessed by any prior invention of its class of which I am aware.

By making the ends A<sup>1</sup> A<sup>2</sup> free, as aforesaid, the cage is enabled very easily to unfold and open, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and this will enable the coin or other contents to be easily inserted or removed, and when the wire A is formed from spring material it will naturally assume the shape shown in Fig. 1, and thus securely hold its contents even

against unnecessarily rough and careless handling.

I do not limit myself to a cage of the exact form shown in the drawings, where but three side supports are provided, for, although this form is my preferred one, the wire might be bent so as to present four or more side supports and yet be within my invention so long as the ends A<sup>1</sup> A<sup>2</sup> are left free and unlocked.

The following peculiar feature of my device will be noticed: As shown in the drawings, but three lateral openings to the cage appear, and it will be observed that in but one of these openings is found a termination of the wire at more than one end of the cage. One opening, however, is broken both at its upper and lower end by the terminations A<sup>1</sup> A<sup>2</sup>, and it is through this opening that the coin is to be inserted and removed, for here there will be a yielding at both ends of the cage.

This function I believe to be new with my device, and it is by leaving the wire-termini A<sup>1</sup> A<sup>2</sup> free and unlocked that said function can be accomplished.

What I claim is—

1. A cage or holder for containing coin, checks, &c., and formed from a single continuous piece of material bent in such a way as to afford side and end supports to the inclosed coin, said cage having one of its lateral openings broken at both its upper and lower ends by the terminations of the single piece of material, substantially as set forth.

2. A cage or holder for containing coin, checks, &c., and formed from a single continuous piece of material bent in such a way as to afford side and end supports to the inclosed coin, the ends A<sup>1</sup> A<sup>2</sup> of said continuous piece being permitted an opening and closing movement, whereby the cage may yield for the admission and discharge of its contents, substantially as shown.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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