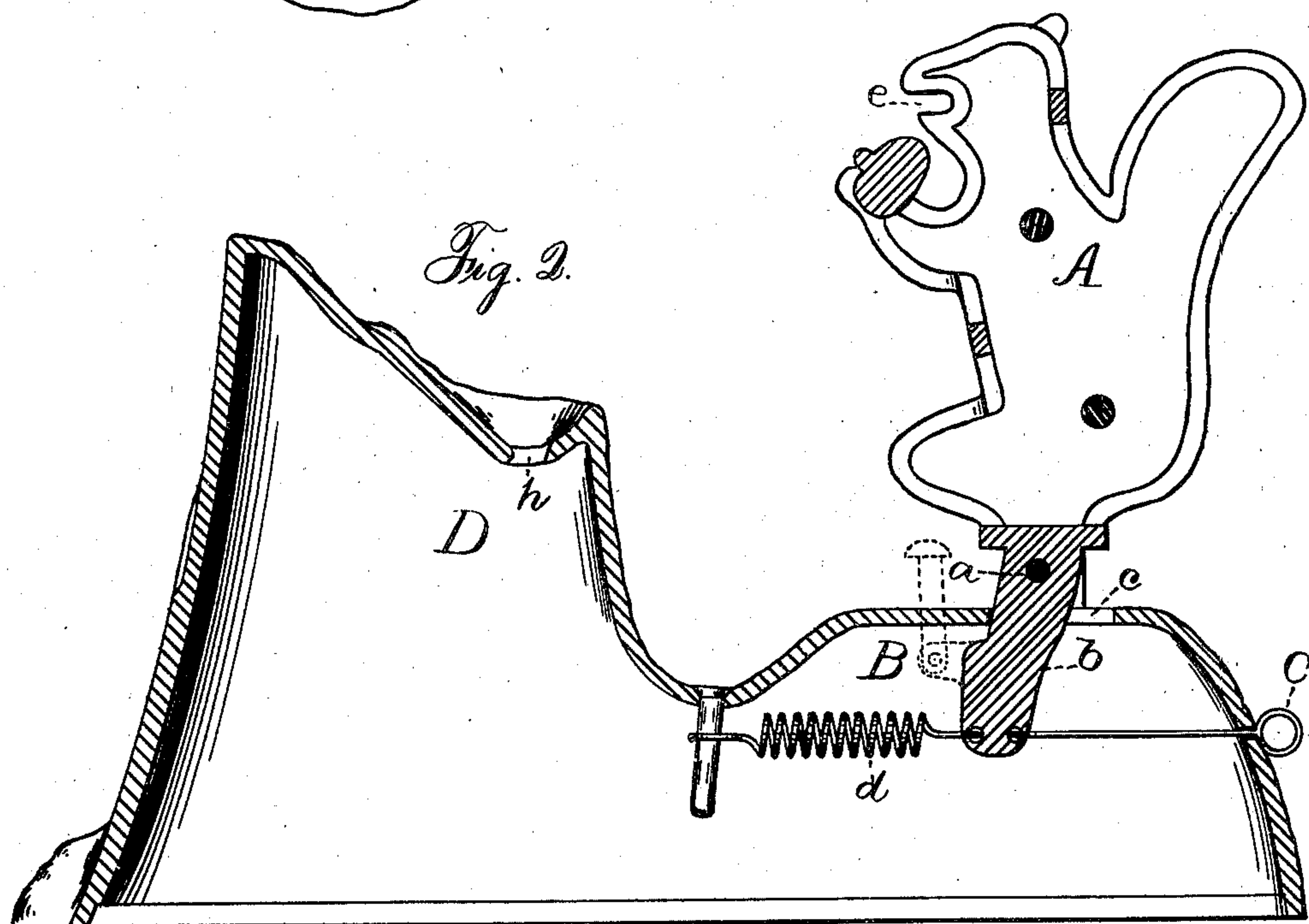
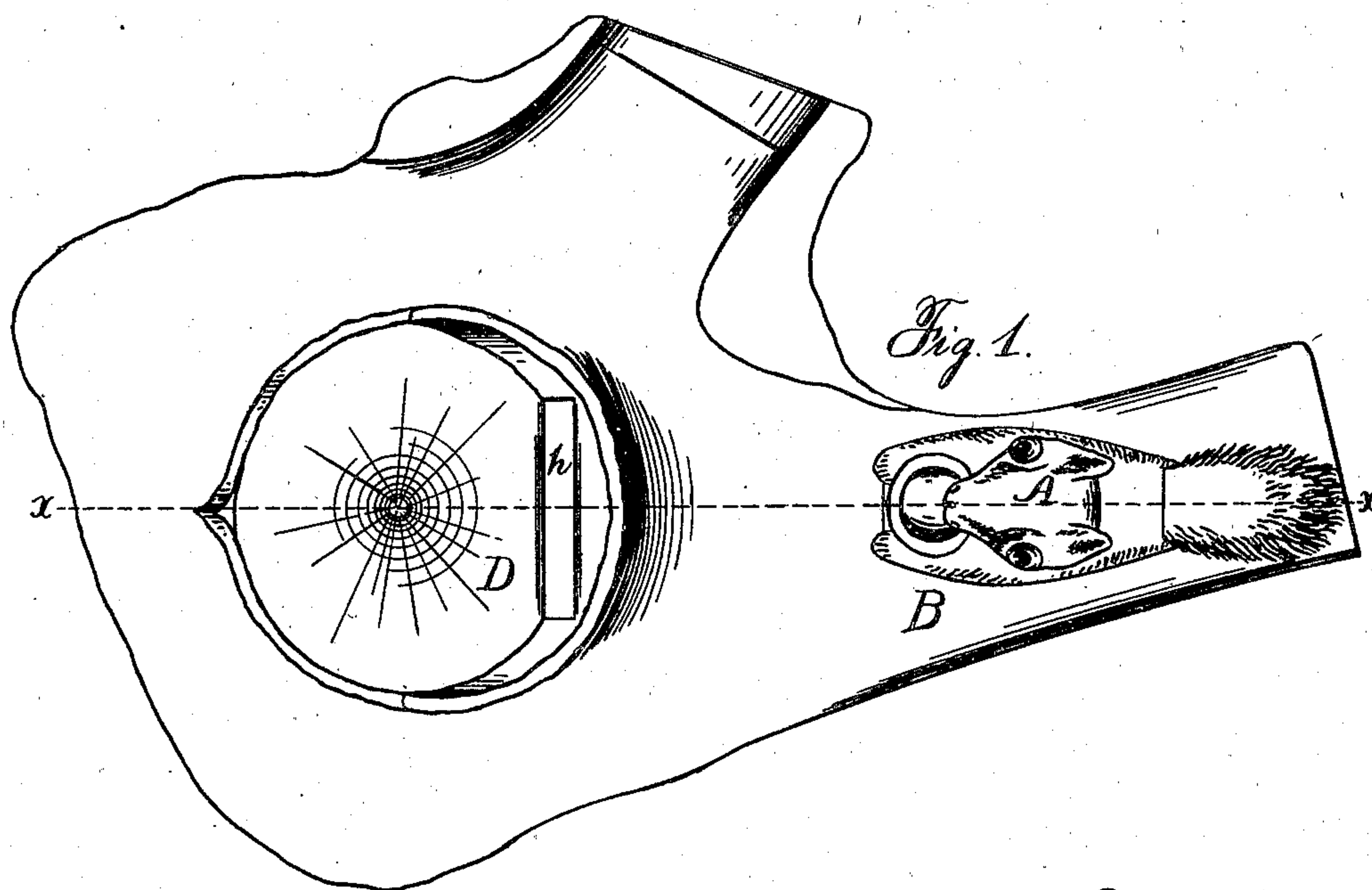


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## TOY BANK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT E. TURNBULL, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Toy Banks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in toy banks, in which an oscillating figure of a squirrel or other image is mounted upon a box or base,  
10 and is held in an upright position by a spring and operated against said spring by means of a handle to tilt it forward and discharge the coin from the figure into the receptacle at the other end of the box. The mouth of the receptacle  
15 is formed in a stump-like upright, the upper end of which is beveled and inclines toward the mouth; and the objects of my improvements are to make an attractive toy at a moderate cost, and to insure the proper deposition  
20 of the coin in the receptacle. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section on line *x x* of Fig. 1.

25 *A* designates the figure of a squirrel sitting in an upright position and oscillating on the pin *a*. An arm, *b*, is rigidly connected to the figure *A* and extends through a slot, *c*, down into the interior of the base *B*, as shown in Fig. 2. A  
30 spring, *d*, within the base *B* is secured at one end to the arm *b* and at its opposite end to the base *B*, so as to pull the arm *b* against that end of the slot *c* which acts as a stop and holds the figure *A* in an upright position. A rod  
35 provided with a suitable operating-handle, *C*, extends from the arm *b* to the outside of the base *B*. The figure *A* is provided with an open slot, preferably to represent its mouth, and which forms a temporary coin-holder, *e*. At  
40 the opposite end of the base there is a coin-receptacle, *D*, which is in imitation of a rustic stump, the upper end of which is inclined, as shown. The mouth *h* of the receptacle *D* is formed in the inclined upper end of the stump  
45 or upright, and practically in the arc of the circle described by the temporary coin-holder

*e*. A slight rim is formed upon the sides of the mouth which do not confront the main incline, so that a hopper is formed all around the mouth to insure the coin being deposited in the  
50 receptacle, or at least to catch the coin and prevent it from falling away from the bank in case that by any possibility it does not enter the mouth *h*.

The operation is quite simple. A coin is  
55 placed in the temporary coin-holder, when the handle is manipulated by giving it a sharp pull to force the figure against the power of the spring, which will bow the figure *A* forward over the mouth *h*, and the coin will fall  
60 into the receptacle. The spring returns the parts to their normal position.

If desired, instead of arranging the operating-handle for pulling, a portion or wing might  
65 extend forward from the arm *b* and form a part of said arm, and have an upright handle pivoted thereto and extending upward through the base, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 2, in which case the handle would be depressed  
70 quickly to throw the figure *A* forward.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the receptacle having a mouth, *h*, to receive the coin, the figure of a squirrel or other animal pivoted to oscillate upon the base *B*, and having the temporary coin-holder *e*, the spring *d*, arm *b*, slot *c*, and operating-handle to move the figure against  
75 the force of the spring to discharge the coin, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

2. The receptacle *B*, having the stump-like projection or upright and inclined upper end, at the foot of which is the mouth *h*, in combination with a figure having the temporary coin-holder, and operating to deposit a coin in or  
85 near the mouth *h*, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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