

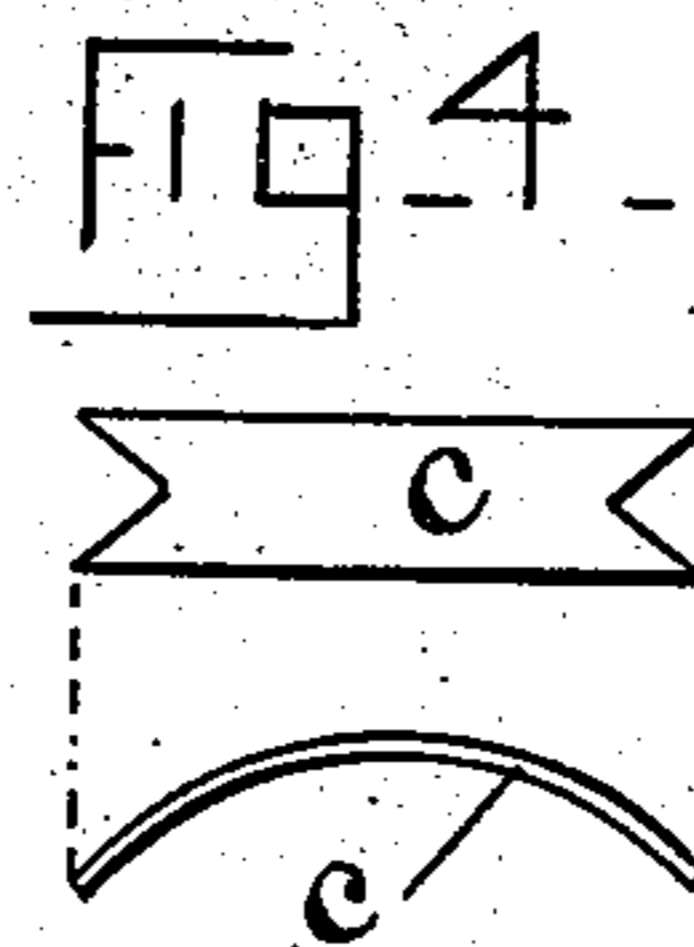
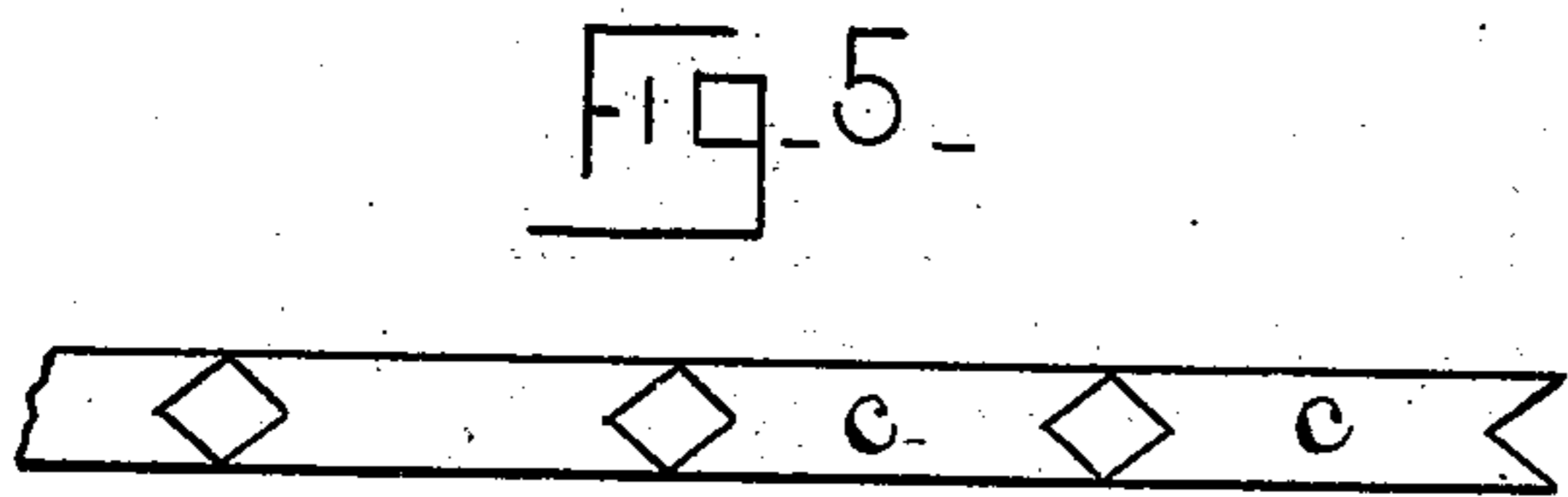
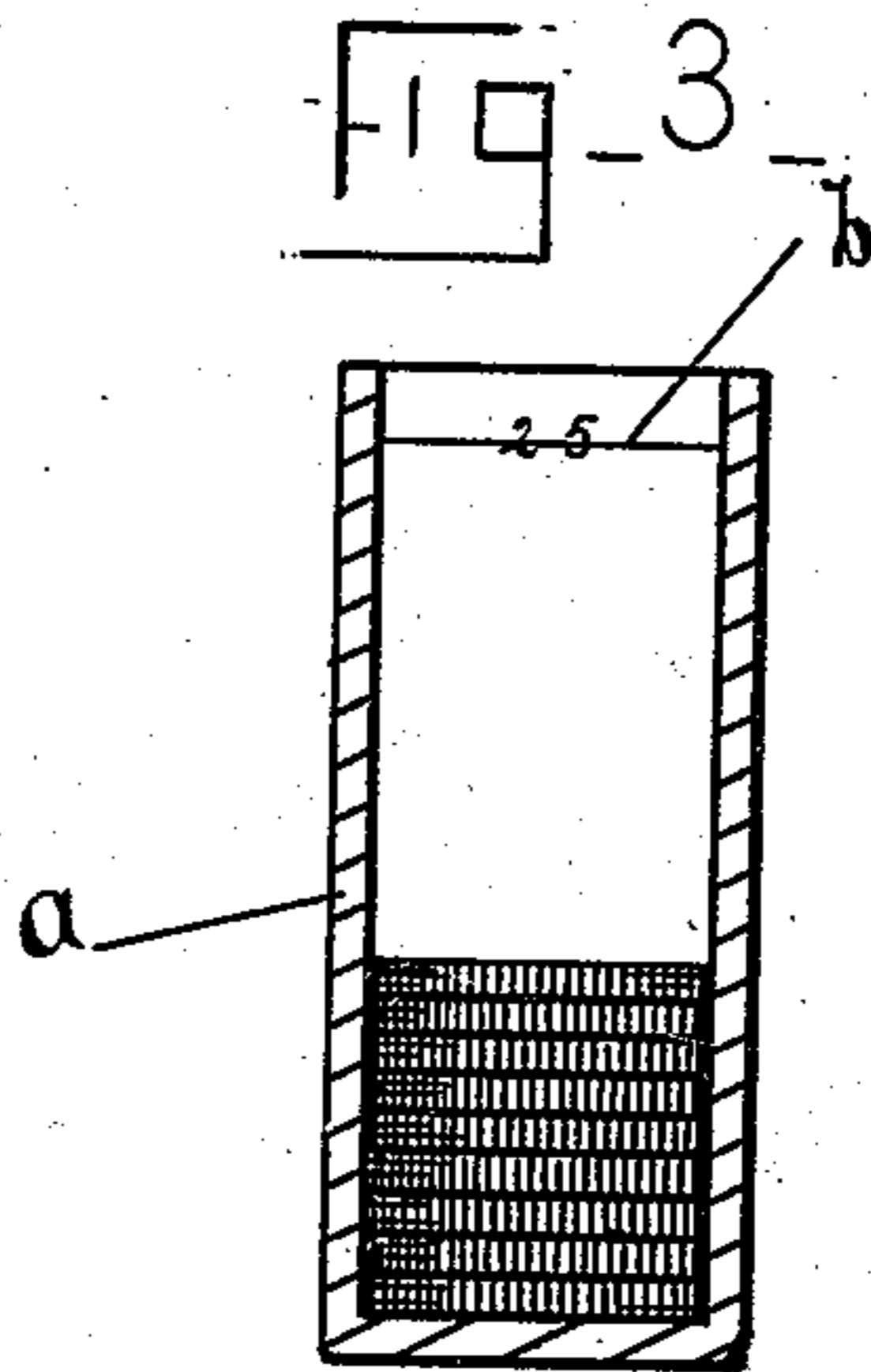
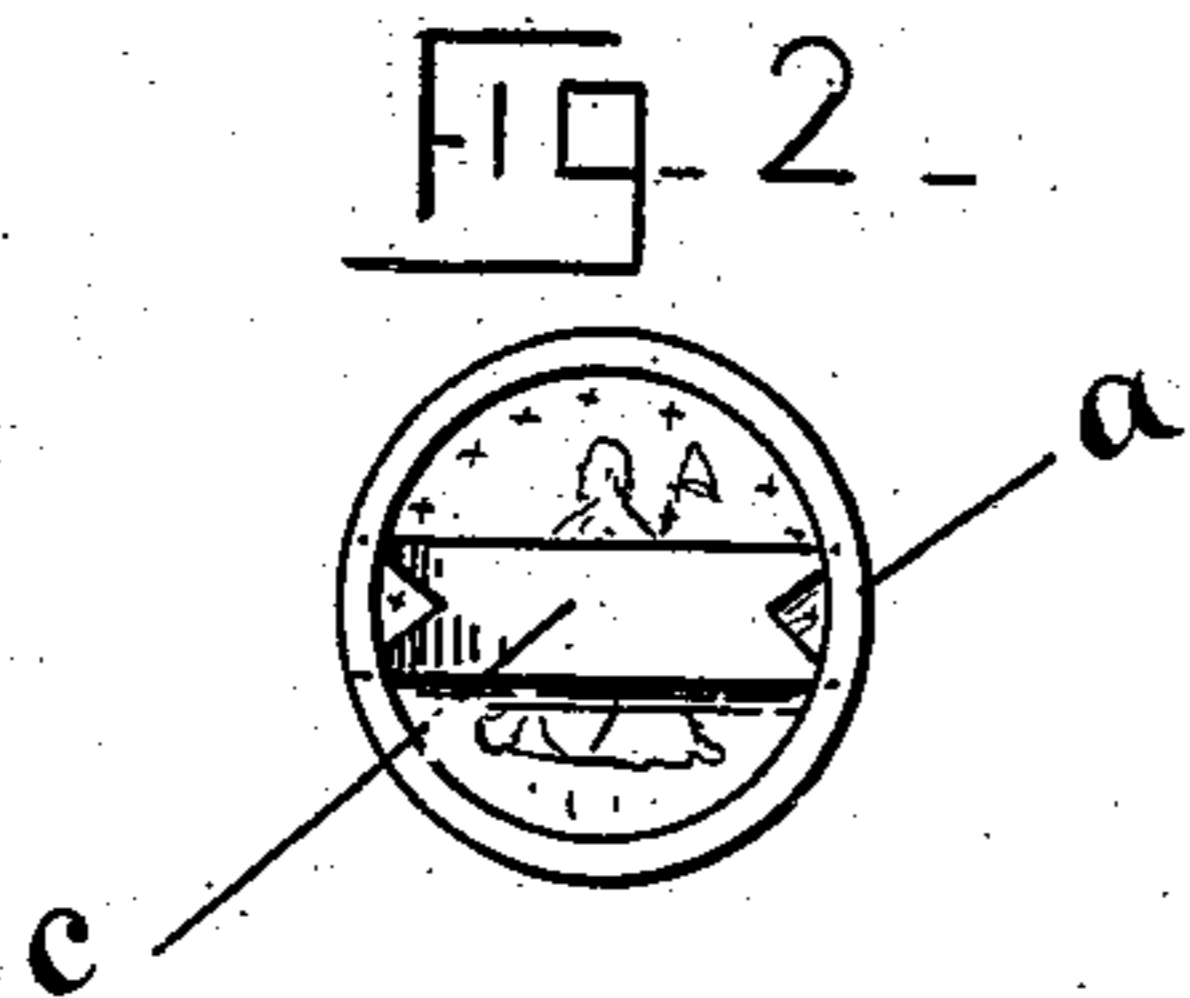
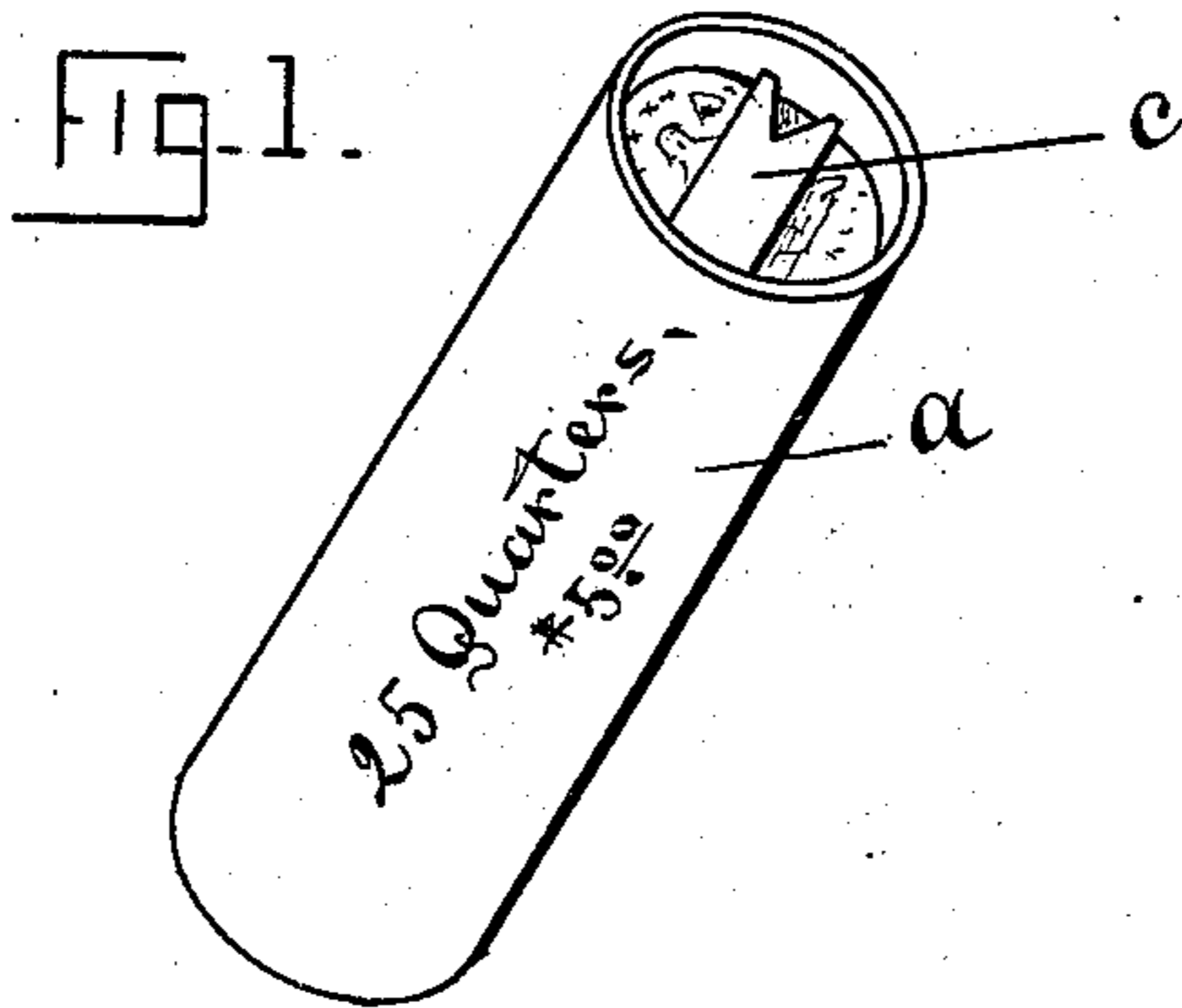
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. LUCE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Niantic, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Coin - Holders, which improvements are fully set forth and described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my new form of coin-holder, and Fig. 2 an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the case of said holder partly filled with coin. Fig. 4 shows plan and edge views of the locking-plate *c*, and Fig. 5 illustrates my preferred method of producing said plates.

My invention relates to packages or holders in which a limited number of coins of a given denomination may be packed for convenience in handling, counting, or storing the same; and it consists of a simple and strong device which may be cheaply constructed and easily operated.

My improved holder consists, in brief, of a wooden cylinder permanently closed at one end and of a depth to just receive a given number of coins, which, having been packed in said cylinder, are locked and retained in place by a sharply-pointed metallic strip wedged across the open end of said cylinder.

Referring to the drawings, the letter *a* indicates a cylinder, formed preferably of wood, although a card-board tube could be used with a fairly-satisfactory result. This cylinder *a* is permanently closed at one end, and is made in such regular lengths and depths as will accommodate coins of various denominations— as, for instance, twenty-five dimes, twenty quarter-dollars, ten half-dollars, twenty-five cents, &c.

In order to obviate all necessity of "counting in" the coins as they are packed, I preferably mark said cylinder inside, near the open end, as at *b*, said mark forming a gage by which to determine when the desired number of coins has been packed. After placing said coins in the case a section of tin or similar sheet metal, *c*, slightly curved, as shown in Fig. 4, and having its ends sharply pointed, is placed on the top coin of the package and pressed down flatly, which action spreads or extends the sharp ends and causes them to enter the wood on opposite sides, thus forming a lock or toggle to prevent the coins from dropping out or becoming displaced. These locking-plates *c* are cheaply produced by punching a diamond-shaped section from strips of metal of proper width, as will be understood by referring to Fig. 5.

My device is intended to be used by banks and other establishments which handle quantities of coin as a substitute for the paper wrappers now so commonly used. Said new form of holder may be preserved and reused many times without injury to the wooden case.

On the outer end or side of cylinder *a*, I print, in prominent characters, the number and denomination of the coins containable therein.

Having described my invention, I claim—

A coin-holder consisting of a cylinder of impressible material closed at one end, in combination with a pointed curved bar or plate adapted to be flattened and extended, as herein described, to retain the coins within said cylinder.

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