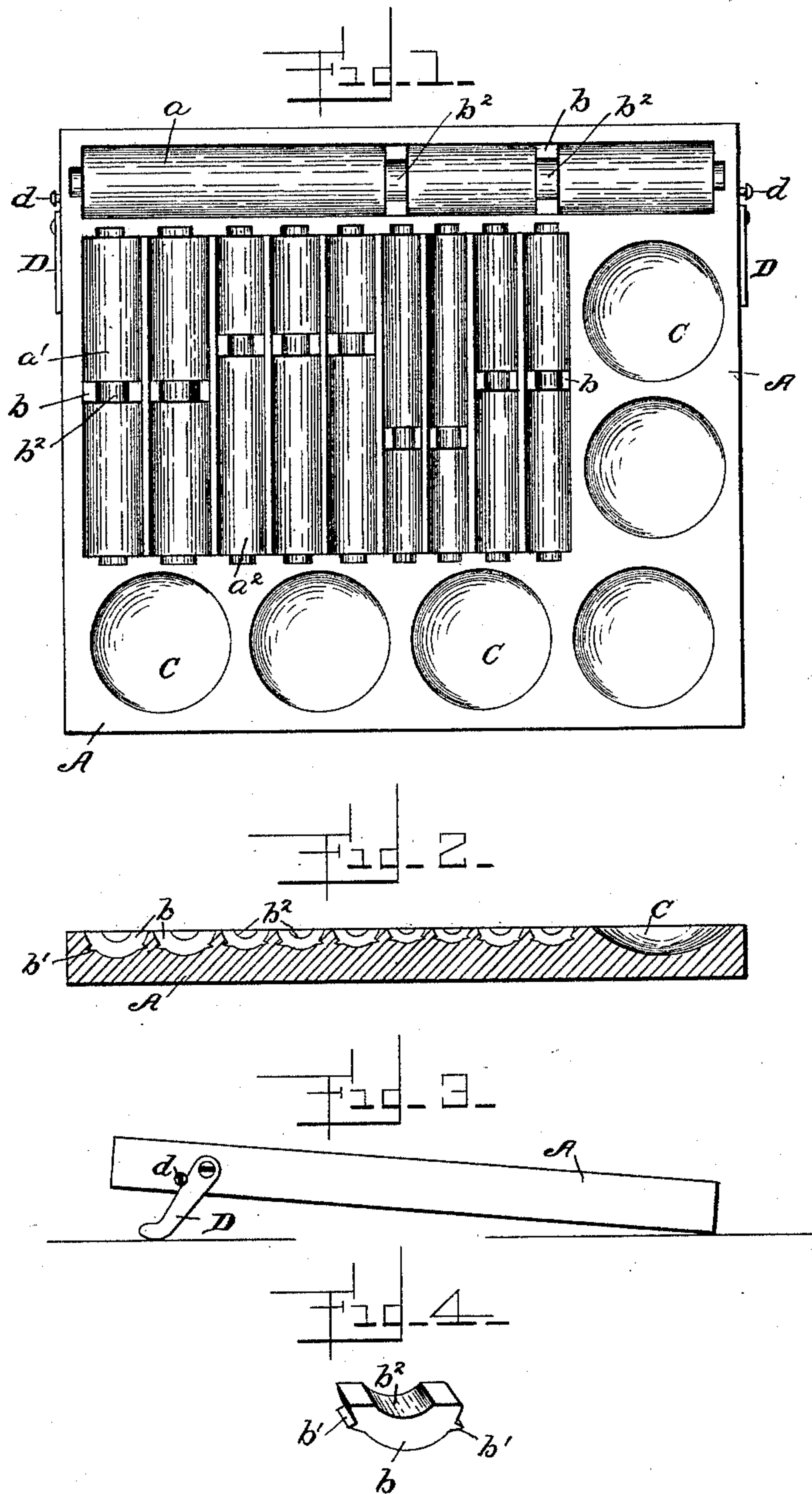


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. READ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Norfolk, county of Madison, and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coin-Trays, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

My invention relates to a novel construction of coin tray or drawer having horizontal grooves forming coin-receptacles; and it consists in providing said receptacles with adjustable partitions dividing the receptacles into separate compartments adjustable in length for adapting them to varying quantities of the coin to which the grooves are adapted, as may be desired.

It further relates to certain details of construction, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a coin-tray with my improvements applied. Fig. 2 represents a transverse section, and Fig. 3 a side elevation, of the same. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the movable partitions detached.

A indicates the tray, which in its construction and general appearance and except in particulars hereinafter noted is similar to that for which Letters Patent No. 189,956 were granted to me April 24, 1877. It may be made of wood, metal, paper, or other suitable material and is provided with a series of horizontal grooves extending either longitudinally or transversely of the tray, or both, as indicated, and of varying diameters to accommodate different denominations of coin set on edge therein, *a*, for example, indicating a groove adapted to receive silver dollars, *a'* *a'* halves, *a²* *a²* quarters, &c.

The partitions *b*, dividing the coin grooves or receptacles into separate compartments, instead of being fixed or rigid, as in my former patent referred to, are made separate from the tray, as shown in Fig. 4, and are provided on their ends with grooves or laterally-projecting lips *b'*, which engage corresponding ribs, grooves, or kerfs in the side walls of the coin-grooves, as shown in Fig. 2, for preventing ac-

cidental displacement of the partitions. These partitions are made, preferably, of rubber, as adapting them by its elasticity to be readily removed from and replaced in the coin-grooves; but they may be made of any suitable material, such as wood or part wood and part rubber, as may be found expedient, and when placed in the coin-grooves can be moved or adjusted longitudinally thereof for varying the size of the compartments to hold any desired number of coins. These movable partitions are notched or recessed on their upper faces at *b²* to facilitate the grasping and removal of the coin-packages.

CC are receptacles for loose coins of the various denominations and from which the other receptacles are filled, as occasion requires.

To the sides of the tray, near the back thereof, legs *D* are pivoted at one end to adapt them to be thrown down into the position shown in Fig. 3, in which they support the tray in an inclined position, facilitating inspection and the handling of the coin, and in which position the legs are upheld by stops or pins *d*, or they may be folded up at the sides of the tray or drawer, as shown in Fig. 1, for packing, storing, or transportation. These legs may be of any suitable design or configuration and may be fastened to the tray or upheld in any suitable manner, and the form of the sliding partitions and the means for engaging them with the coin-grooves may be varied without departing from my invention, so long as they are adapted to engage said grooves and be adjusted therein for the purpose explained.

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

1. A coin tray or drawer provided with series of semicylindrical coin-grooves of different diameters forming receptacles for coins of different sizes or denominations, in combination with partitions adjustable in said grooves for forming separate compartments therein adjustable in length, substantially as described.

2. A coin tray or drawer having horizontal semicylindrical grooves or coin-receptacles the side walls of which are provided with lon-

itudinal grooves or ways, in combination with partitions engaging and movable in said ways, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a coin tray or
5 drawer having semicylindrical coin-grooves of different diameters, of movable partitions adjustable in said grooves and provided with lips or ribs engaging ways in said grooves and

held in place thereby, substantially as described. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of March, A. D. 1892.

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