

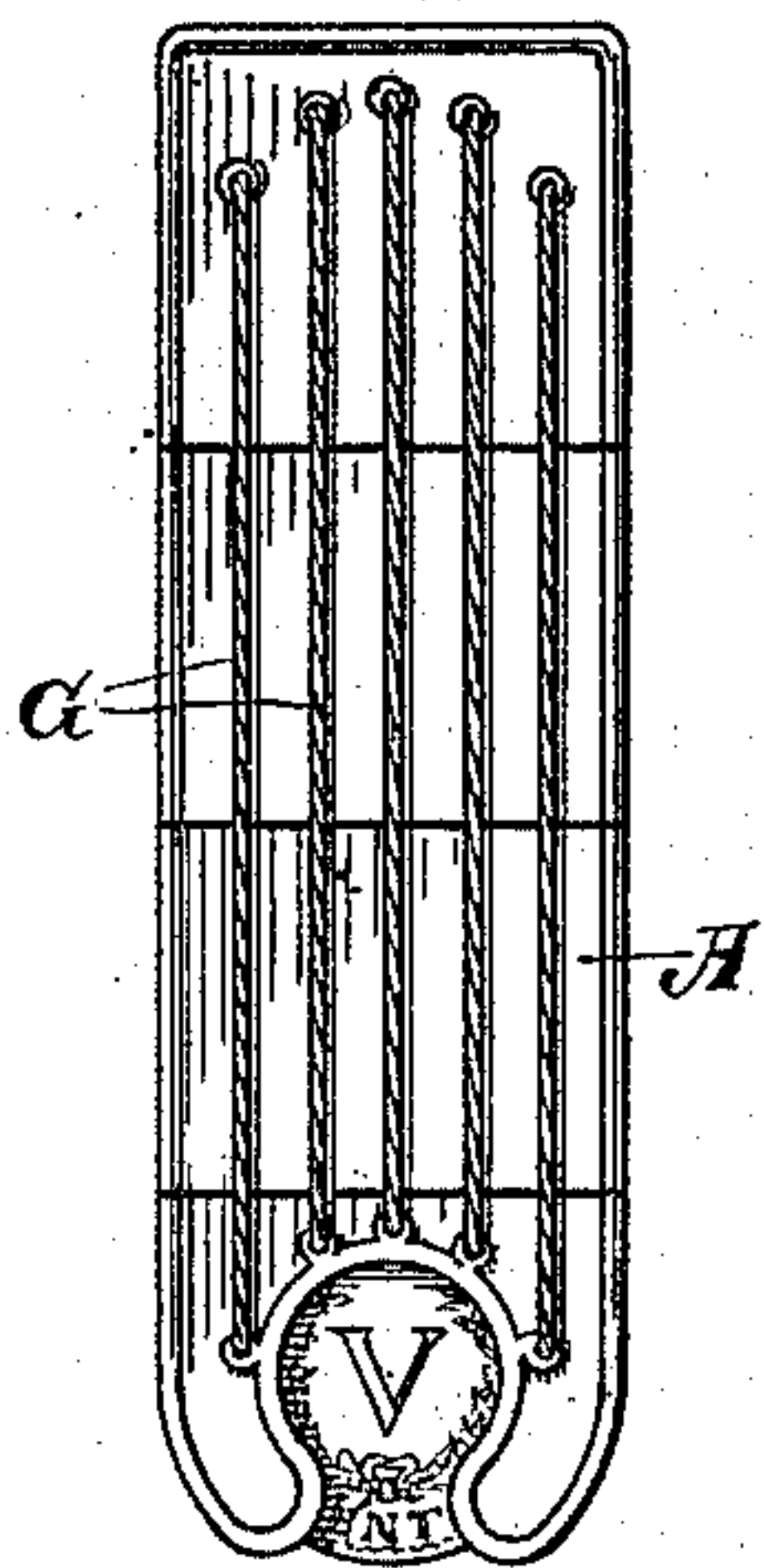
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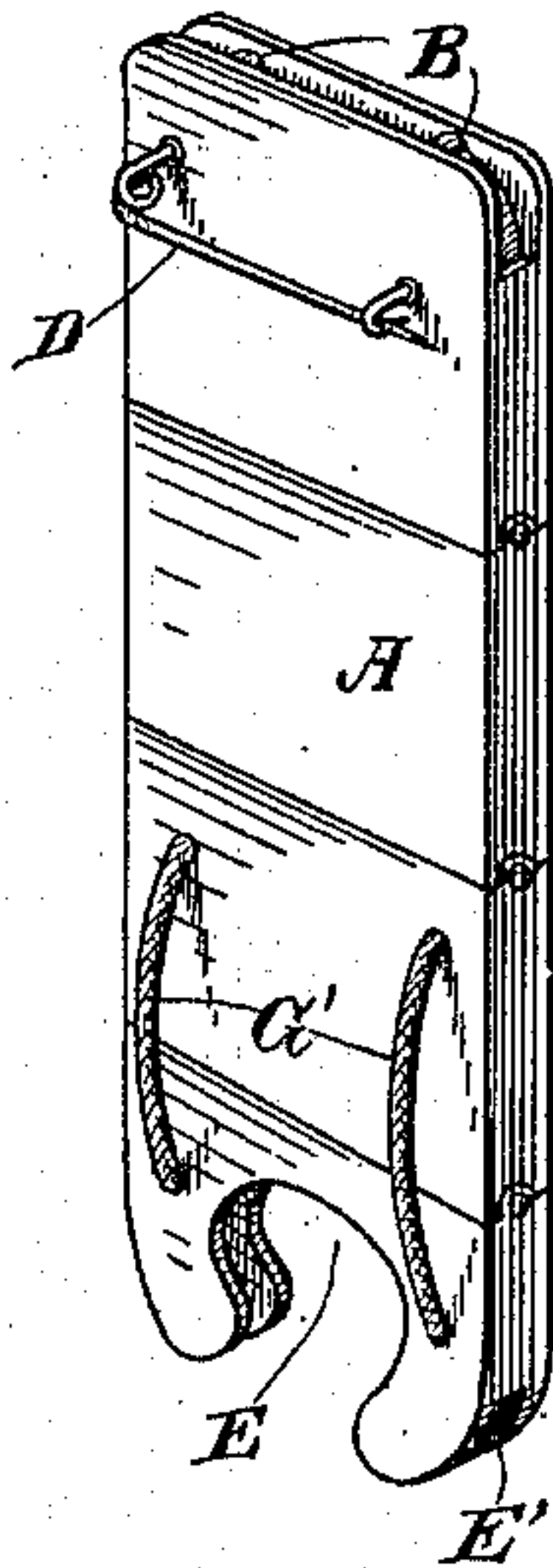
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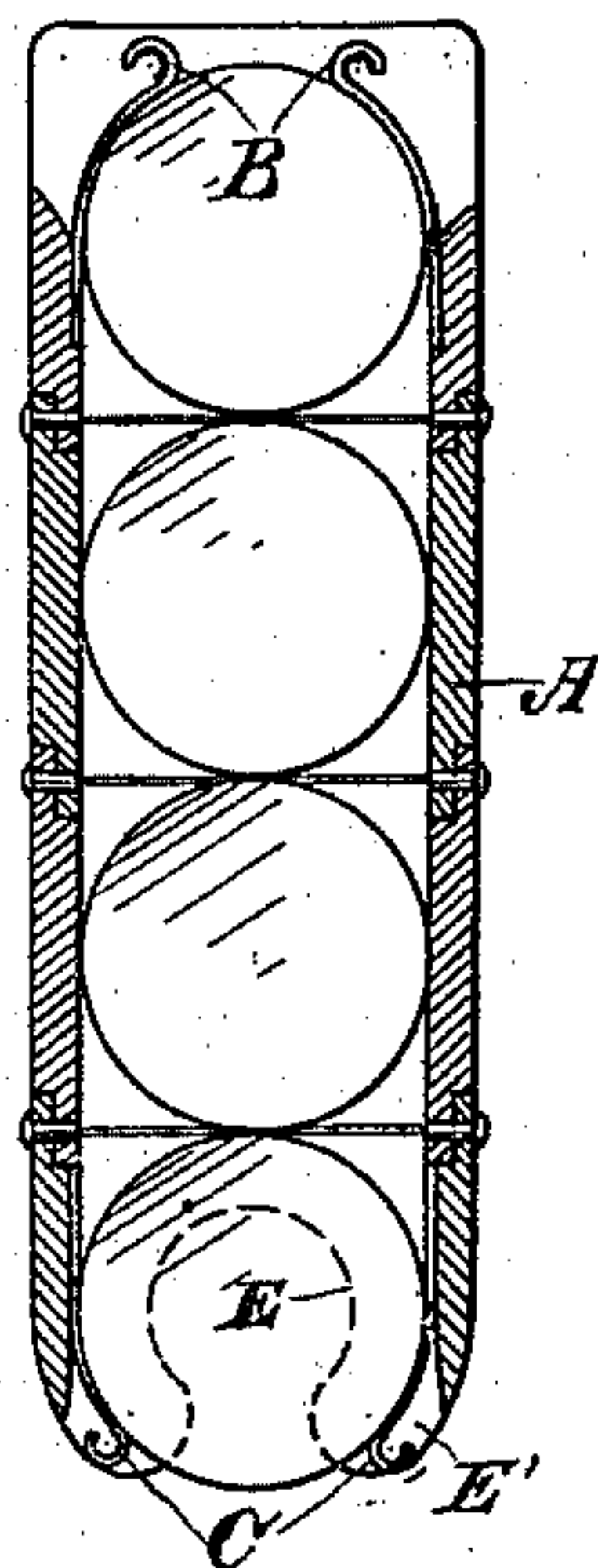
*Fig. 1.*



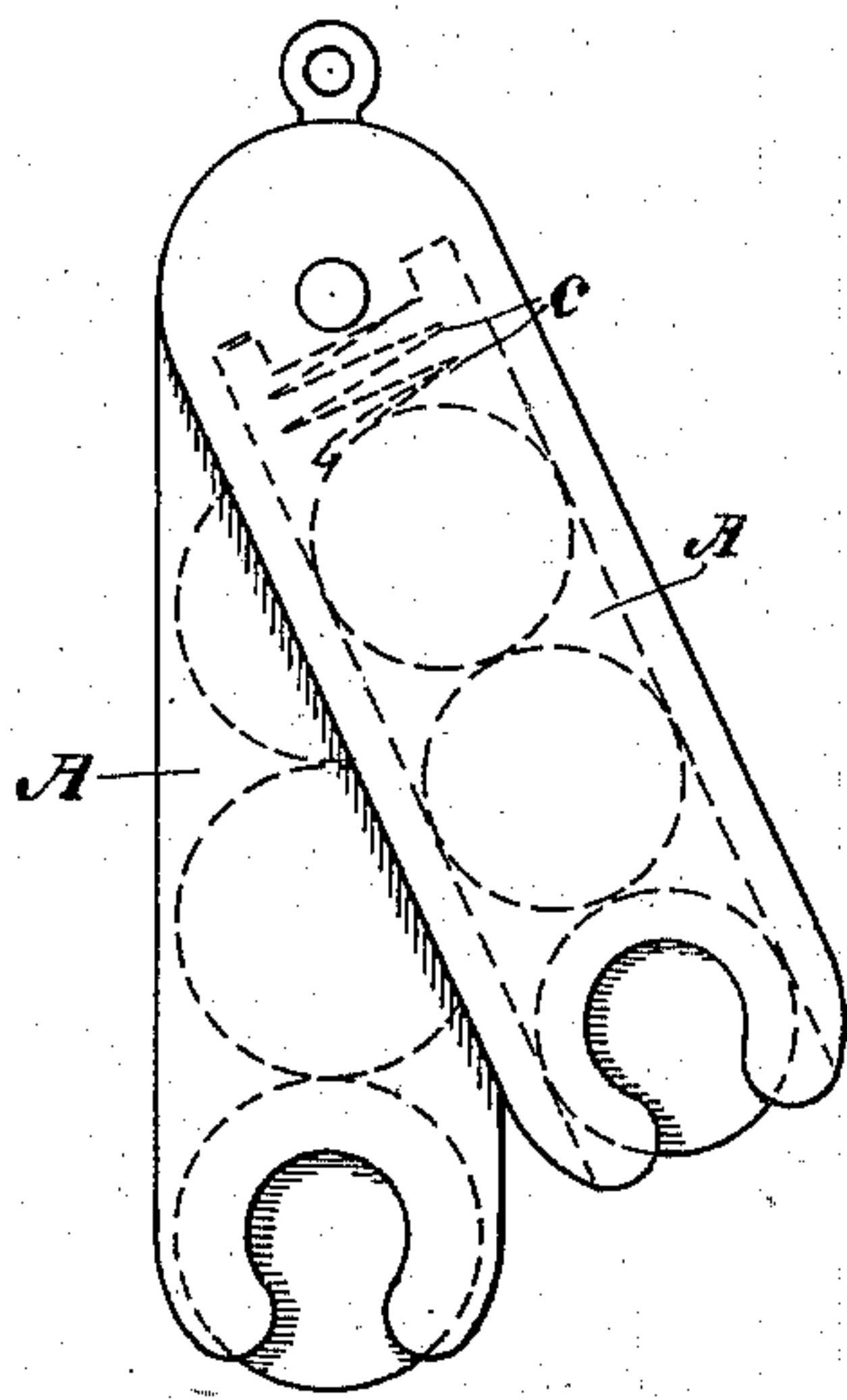
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## COIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. WEBSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Oakland, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Coin-Holders; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a device for holding coins so that they may be conveniently extracted.

It consists in certain details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my holder. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same. Fig. 4 shows two holders containing different sizes of coins as being pivoted together.

The object of my invention is to provide a device for holding coins of any description, but it is especially designed to hold nickels and other small coins which are used for paying fares upon the cars and for other similar purposes, so that said coins can be easily extracted, singly and successively, when it is desired to use them for any purpose, and at other times to be safely retained in the holder.

In the construction of my holder I employ a main body A, of sufficient length to hold as many coins in line as it may be desired to carry in any one holder. This body is channeled longitudinally, having a channel of sufficient width to admit the diameter of coin designed for it and of sufficient depth for the same purpose and to allow the coin to move freely.

The upper end of the holder has an opening into which the coin may be dropped and the lower end a corresponding opening through which it may be removed.

Springs B are fitted at the upper end, these springs being slightly separated as each coin is put in and closing in sufficiently to prevent the coin from passing out at that end if the holder should be reversed. At the lower end are corresponding springs C, closing inwardly around the periphery of the lowest coin with sufficient pressure to prevent the coin from

falling out by its own weight or the super-added weight of the coins above it.

In some cases the holder may be constructed so that two of the holders may be pivoted together at the upper end, one being adapted to receive nickels and the other ten-cent pieces or other desired coin, as in Fig. 4. The upper end may be closed and the coins introduced from the delivery end, in which case a spiral spring c or springs are fixed within the case so as to be compressed when the coins are introduced and to exert pressure to force the coins forward as fast as one is removed.

I have found that a very convenient way to make a holder is to make it in sections, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, these sections being each of a size to hold one coin, and pivoted or hinged together upon their edges, so that they have a movement about the hinge-pins. The hinging of the sections is desirable for the reason that it enables the device to conform to the shape or movement of the body when it is closely attached by the pin and elastic cords G', as it is of considerable length and would be more or less awkward if rigid. When flexible, as described, it is like a watch-fob or chatelaine, and the hinge-joints, besides their use, assist the ornamentation. Any ornamental designs G may be made upon these sections, and the uppermost section is provided with a pin D or other device by which it may be attached to some part of the clothing of the user, so as to hang in the manner of a watch-fob or other ornament, and the hinges make the device flexible and add to its convenience and ornamental qualities.

The lower end of the holder has a circular opening E formed in each of the sides, these openings having one side also opening out at the bottom, as shown at E', and this is an essential feature of my invention, as it enables the user to grasp the coin which lies in the lowermost of the compartments between the thumb and finger with force enough to draw it out between the holding-springs C at the bottom. The coins above moving freely in the channel will immediately drop down so that the lowermost remaining coin occupies



a position in the lower end of the holder and is held in place by the spring C, so that it is exposed through the openings E and is convenient to be grasped by the user when it is  
5 desired to use another coin.

In order to prevent the device from being pulled away from the wearer and swung about violently, I have shown light elastic straps G', fixed to the carrier near the lower  
10 part, and these straps are fastened to the clothing of the wearer, so as to hold the carrier easily in position, but it will allow it to be pulled outwardly to a short distance when it is desired or in the act of removing a coin.

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

1. A coin-holder consisting of plates having longitudinal channels extending from  
20 end to end, and having a transverse section sufficient to allow coins of a given dimension to pass freely, springs at the upper end, and springs at the lower end by which the coins are prevented from falling out by  
25 gravitation, openings made through the opposite sides of the lower end, whereby the

lowermost coin may be grasped between the thumb and fingers and withdrawn from the spring-holders, and a connection at both ends of the device for attaching it to the clothing  
30 of the user.

2. A coin-holder consisting of one or more channeled sections adapted to receive coins, springs at the upper end between which the coins are introduced, and springs at the  
35 lower end whereby the coins are prevented from falling out by gravitation, openings made in the lower end opposite the lowermost of the coins whereby it may be grasped and removed; hinges by which the sections  
40 are united together so that a single coin is contained in each section, a device at the upper end for attaching the holder to the clothing of the user, and an elastic connection from the lower end by which it is pre-  
45 vented from violent swinging motion.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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