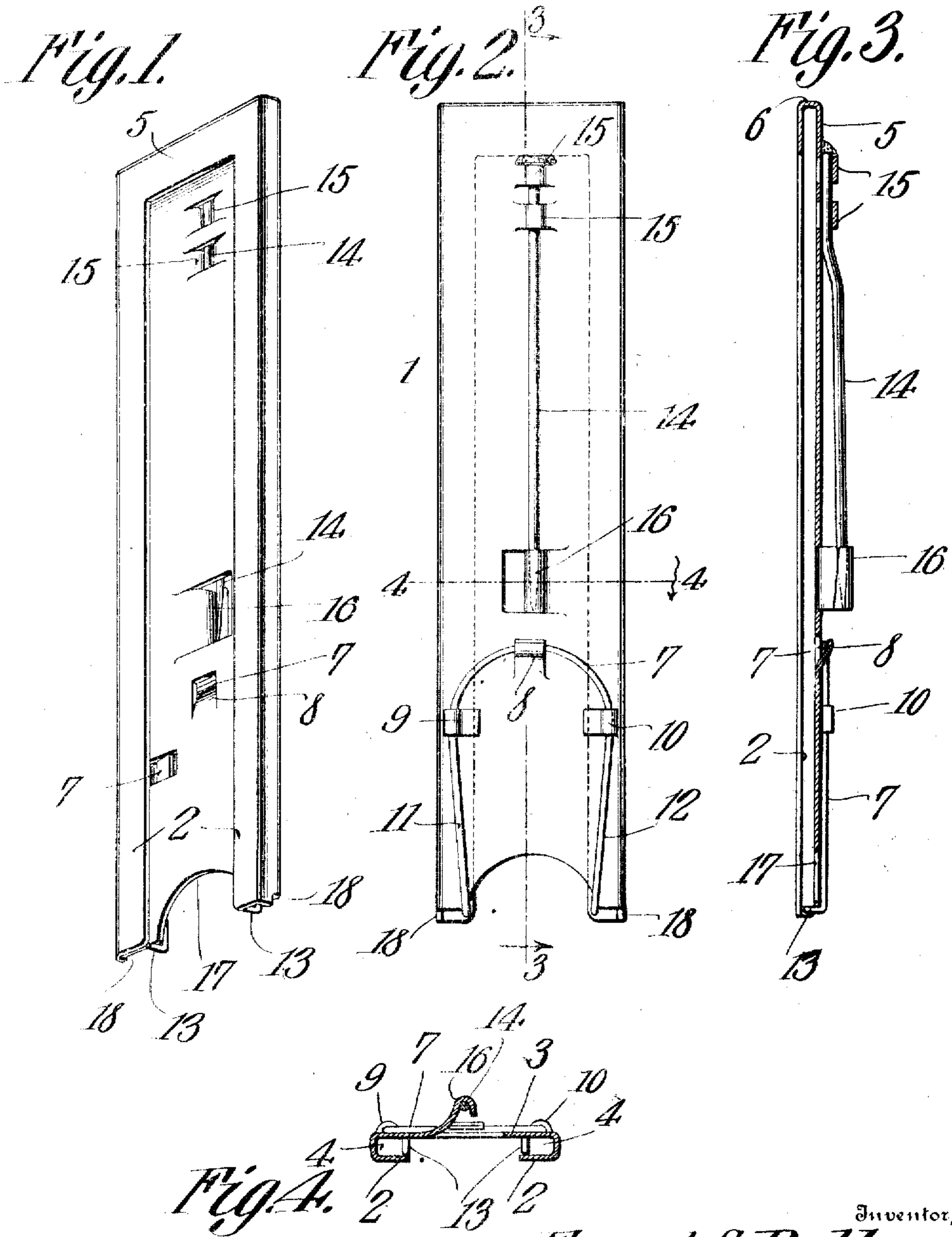


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNEST S. BELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Coin-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to coin holders, and particularly to one adapted for retaining, in convenient position for removal, a number of coins, preferably nickels, to be used in paying car fares.

As is well known, it is exceedingly troublesome in winter time for men to pay car fares where they are habited in an overcoat and are wearing gloves, as it frequently happens that the overcoat has to be unbuttoned and the glove removed before the necessary fare can be removed from the pocket or pocket-book. In addition to this objectionable feature, there is another, and that is that persons are often careless about having small change on hand, and to pay their fare will have to tender a bill, and in so doing will expose the contents of their pocket-books with the danger of attracting attention of dishonest passengers who might take advantage of such exposure to commit robbery.

It is the object of the present invention, in a ready, simple, and thoroughly feasible manner to enable a street car passenger at all times to have within convenient reach the necessary car fare, and to enable access thereto without unbuttoning a coat or removing a glove.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a coin holder for street railway passengers, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder viewed from the front. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The device comprises a body or holder 1, which is constructed from sheet metal of any preferred character and has its two edges in-

turned to form flanges 2, the space between which and the back wall 3 of the body forms two coin guides 4. The upper edge of the body is intumed to form a flange 5 and stop 6, the flange 5 being soldered or otherwise secured to the flanges 2.

Arranged at the back of the body is a coin retainer consisting of an approximately inverted U-shaped spring 7, of light wire, and which is held in place by three tongues 8, 9 and 10, which are formed by striking out the metal of the back and are pinched over upon the spring 7. As shown in Fig. 2, the tongue or spring retaining member 8 is arranged at the crest of the bend of the spring, and the two other members 9 and 10 adjacent to the crest, and by this arrangement the coin retaining arms 11 and 12 will be allowed to flex freely in the operation of the device. The lower ends of the arms 11 and 12 are intumed to provide coin stops 13 which, as shown in Fig. 4, practically bridge the coin guides, and thereby operate to retain the coins therein. The stops 13 are inset from the edges of the flanges 2, so that there will be no danger of the glove finger catching thereon. From a standpoint of simplicity and cheapness of construction, it will generally be preferred to employ the members 9—10 for securing the coin retainer in position, but, as will be obvious, other means may be employed for this purpose that will be equally as effective.

As a means for attaching the holder to the underside of the lapel of a coat, a pin 14 is provided, one end of which is secured to the back of the body by being soldered in a pair of ears 15 struck out from the back of the holder adjacent to its upper end. The lower end of the pin is pointed, and is housed in a keeper 16 struck out from the back of the body, and adjacent the tongue 8.

While the above described manner of assembling the pin with the back of the body will be thoroughly effective, this result may be secured by other ways, and it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the precise arrangement shown.

In the use of the device, the nickels are disposed in the coin guides, and the lowermost one will rest against the resilient coin stops 13. It is designed that the body shall be of a length to carry five nickels, but it may be made of a greater or less length if so desired. In order to facilitate removal of the nickels,



the back of the body at its lower end is cut away in a semi-circular form, as shown at 17.

After the holder has been filled with coins, it is pinned to the underside of the lapel of the coat, and will thus be out of sight. When a coin is to be removed, it will be only necessary to grasp it and pull downward, whereupon the arms 11 and 12 will be flexed laterally, thereby releasing the coin, and, as the stops 13 ride off of the periphery of the coin, they spring inward in sufficient time to catch and retain in position the next succeeding coin, and this arrangement will obviate loss of the coins.

It will be noted by reference to Fig. 1 that the lower end of the rear wall of the body is cut away at 18, and this will permit the fingers 13 to lie within the plane of the lower end and thus be prevented from presenting obstructions that might catch on the glove of the user or upon the cloth of the lapel of the coat.

The improvements herein described, while simple in character, will be found thoroughly efficient for the purposes designed, and will

result in overcoming a source of trouble and annoyance to patrons of street cars during the winter months.

I claim:—

1. An article of the class described comprising a body having lateral coin guides and a rigid coin stop at one end, and resilient coin stops arranged at the other end of the body and intersecting the guides and lying within the plane of the latter end.

2. An article of the class described, comprising a body having coin guides, the lower end of the rear wall of the body being cut away, and a spring secured to the body and having arms terminating in coin stops arranged across the guides and within the cut-away portions of the body.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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