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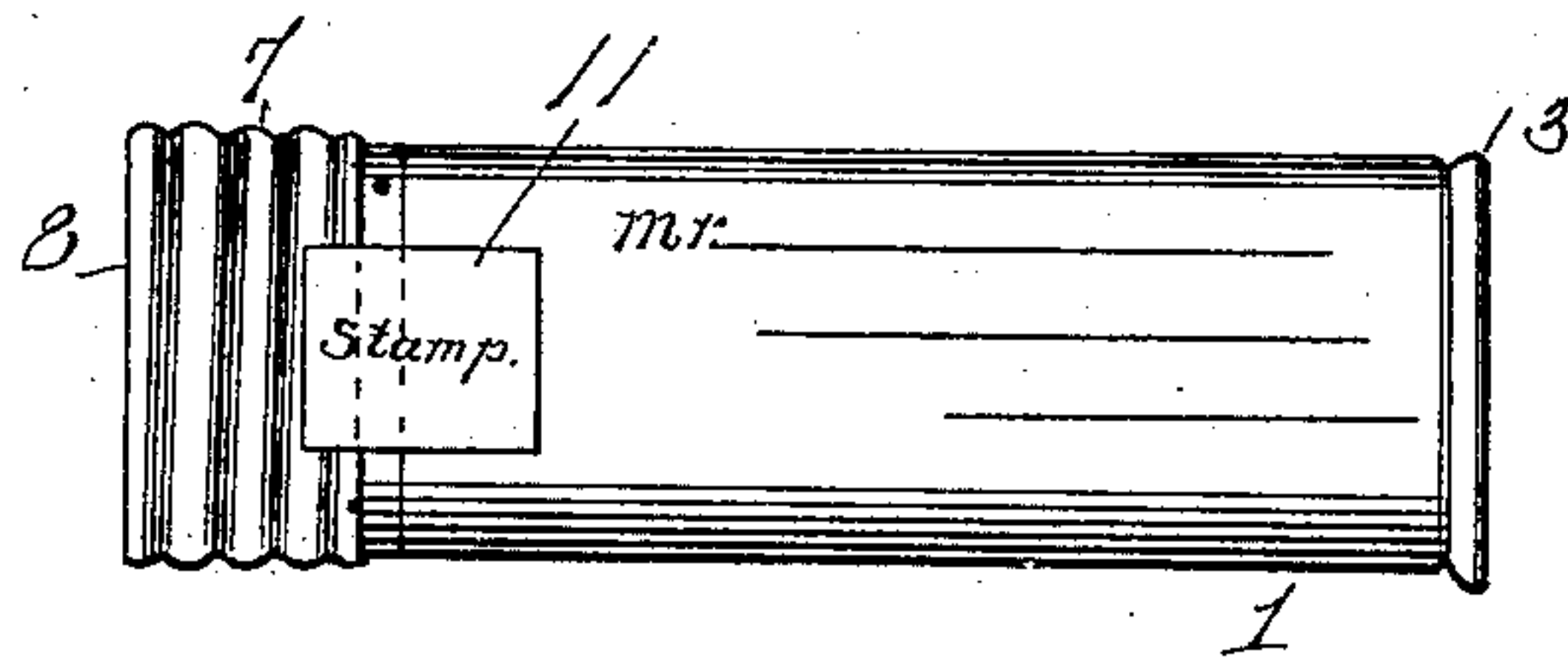


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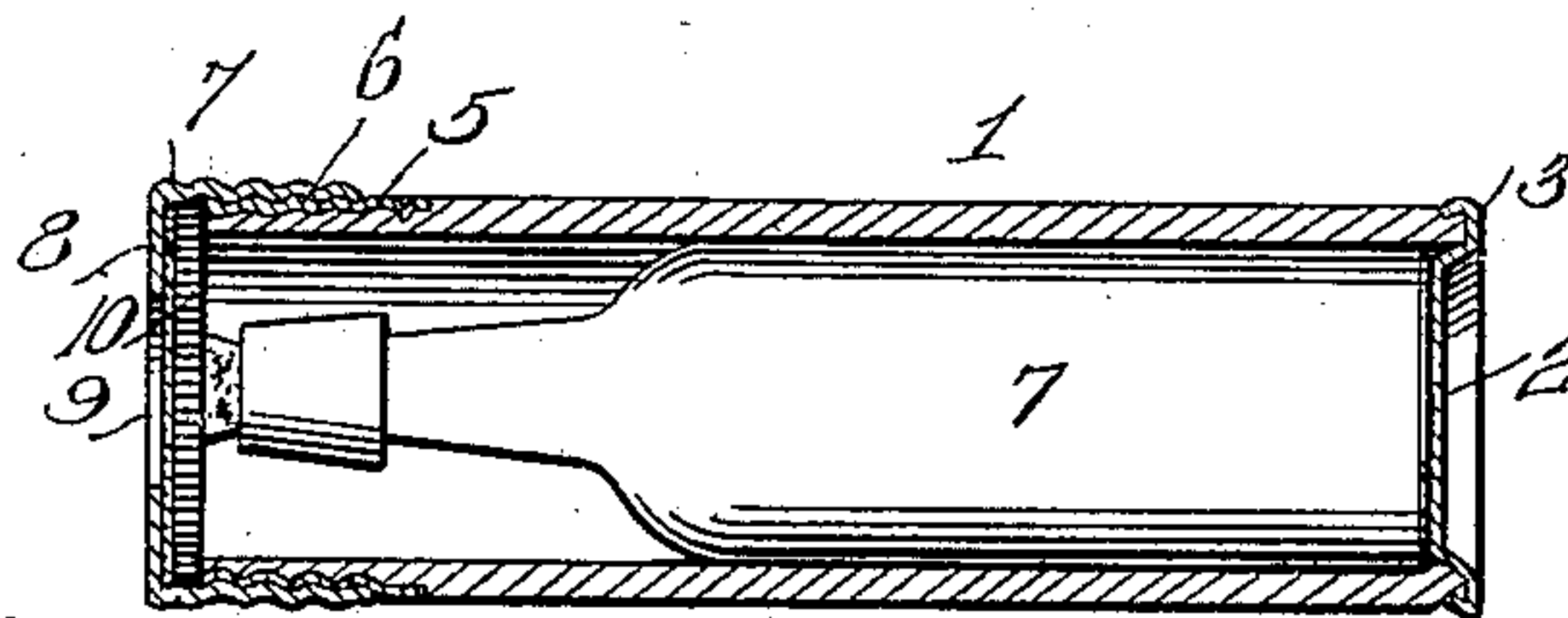


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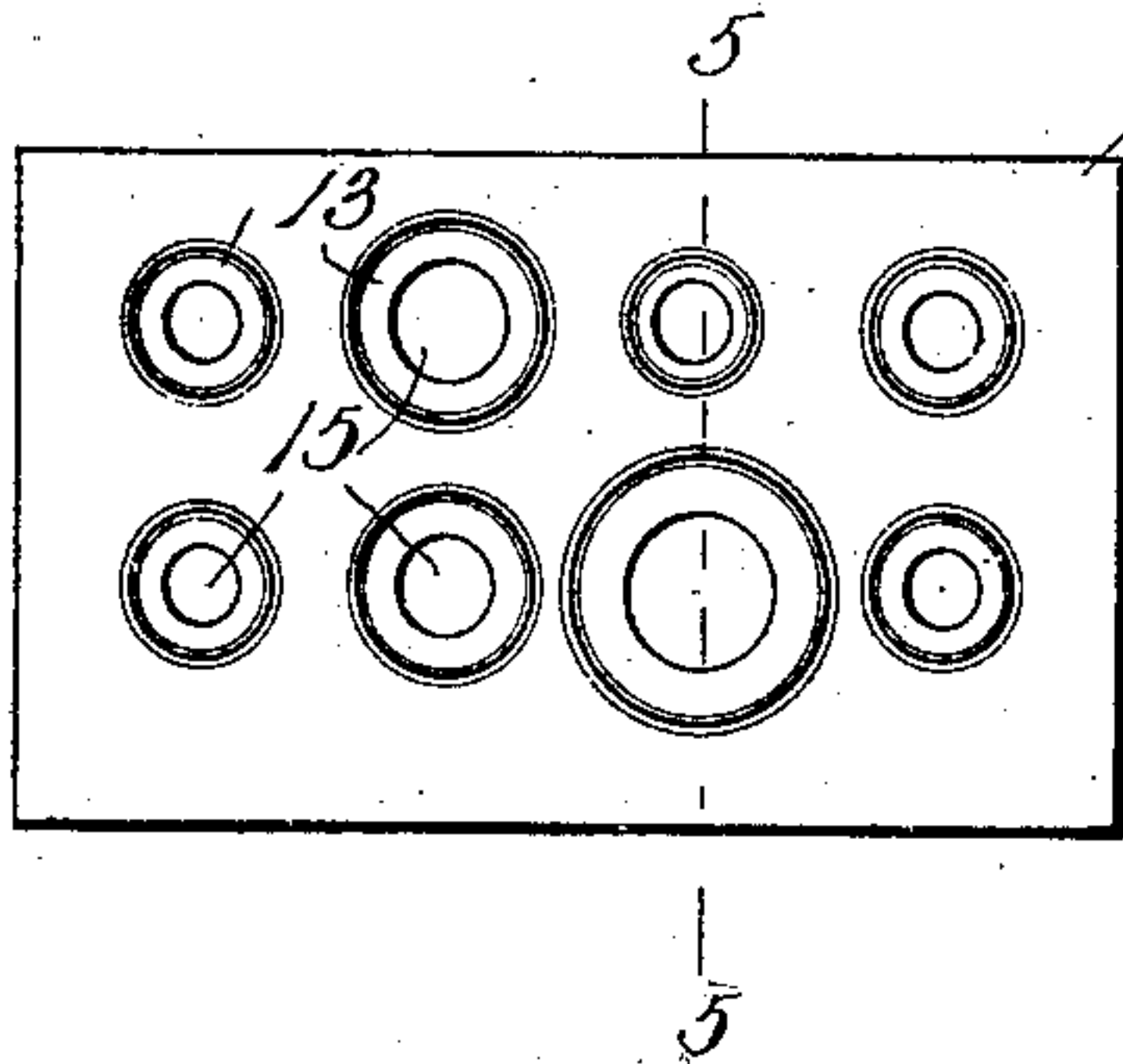


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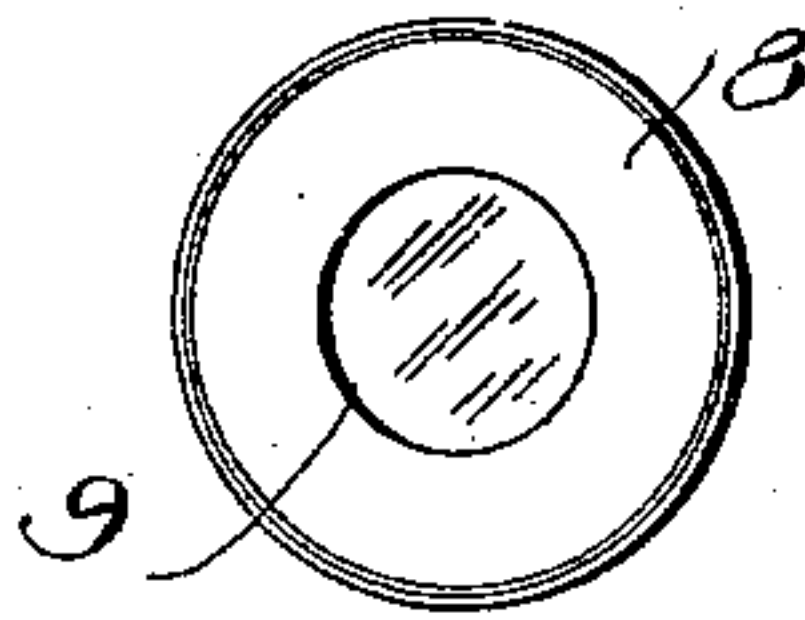
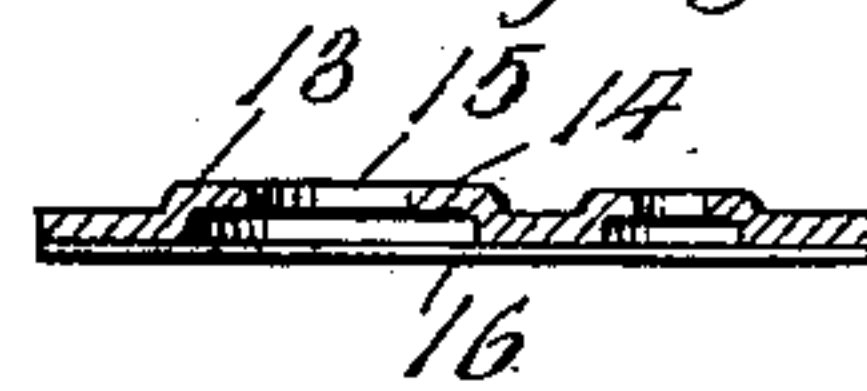


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## MAILING-TUBE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. SEYMOUR, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Haven, in the county of Van Buren and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Mailing-Tubes, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improvement in mailing tubes constructed and arranged for the convenient return of original packages for refilling.

The main object of the present invention is to so arrange the tube structure as to adapt it for securing not only the original package, but also the coin necessary to be forwarded for the refilling of the package.

The invention will be described in the following specification, reference being had particularly to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the mailing tube constructed in accordance with my invention, Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same, the coin and original package being shown therein, Fig. 3 is a top plan of the same, Fig. 4 is a plan of a card provided with my invention, Fig. 5 is a section on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Referring particularly to the drawings, my improved mailing tube comprises a cylindrical body 1, preferably of wood or similar material, with the bottom closed by a disk 2 preferably of metal and peripherally provided with a flange 3 arranged to be forced into the material of the tube to secure the disk in place. The tube is diametrically and longitudinally of a size to snugly receive the original package, such as a bottle 4, and adjacent its upper or open end is reduced to receive an annular band 5 seated in the reduced portion and formed with a series of threads 6. A cap 7 is arranged for threaded cooperation with the band 5, whereby said disk may be seated on the tube by the usual screwing operation. The face disk 8 of the cap is centrally formed with an opening 9 of materially less diameter than the diameter of the disk, and hereinafter termed the sight opening. With the original package in place a coin, as 10, is positioned to overlie the free edge of the tube, as illustrated in Fig. 2, after which the cap 7 is screwed in place, tightly embracing the coin and forcing the same into close contact with the end of the original package and the free edge of the

tube. After properly addressing the outer surface of the tube the stamp 11 in prepayment of the necessary postage is affixed to the tube so as to partly overlie the tube and body and partly overlie the cap 7, thereby sealing the cap against unauthorized removal without the knowledge of the receiver. In this arrangement of the parts it is obvious that the coin, though guarded against abstraction, is visible through the sight opening in the face disk of the cap, so that the postal authorities, as well as any other person interested, can instantly advise themselves without the necessity of opening the package as to the presence of the coin therein.

In Figs. 4 and 5 I have shown a slightly modified arrangement of my improvement in that the same is applied to a mailing card. The card bearing this improvement comprises a backing sheet 12 in which is formed a series of cylindrical offsets 13, of a depth and diameter to receive the determinate coin, one backing sheet being preferably provided with a series of different sized openings to adapt the sheet for the reception of different coins. The outer or offset wall 14 of the depression is centrally formed with an inspection opening 15, whereby the coin is visible and yet securely retained within the offset. A face sheet 16 is designed to be secured to the face of the backing sheet to overlie and seal the entrances of the depressions 13, it being understood that the face sheet is adapted to bear the address of the party to whom the mailing card is being forwarded and also such stamps as is required by the postal regulations. The face is, of course, secured in place after the particular coin or coins are inserted in the respective depressions.

The distinctive feature of the present invention is a mailing receptacle designed to receive and support a coin in such manner that the presence of the coin is at all times visible to any one handling the package, while at the same time is guarded against unauthorized removal. It is, therefore, obvious that the invention is capable of application in other forms, such for example as forming in a mailing card a cylindrical depression for the reception of the coin, the base of which depression is formed with a sight opening, and the securing of the coin in said depression by an overlying adhesive disk. The coin would thus be secured against



unauthorized abstraction, but its presence would be clearly illustrated at all times through the sight opening.

Having thus described the invention what  
5 is claimed as new, is:—

A mailing tube comprising a cylindrical  
body portion, a removable cap for said tube,  
said cap being provided with a sight opening  
in the center thereof to permit a coin to be  
10 seen which is placed underneath the cap and  
resting upon the upper edge of the tube, and

a sealing device connected to the body of the  
mailing tube and to the cap to prevent the  
coin from being withdrawn without detec-  
tion.

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In testimony whereof, I affix my signature  
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