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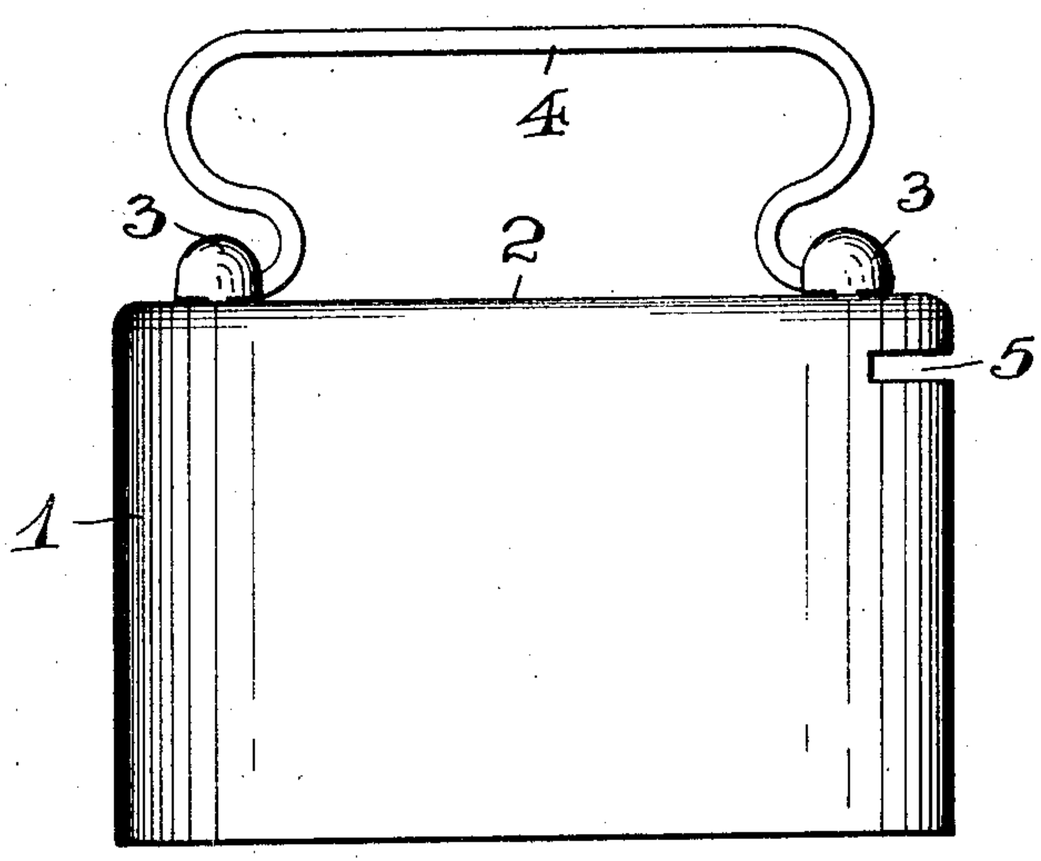

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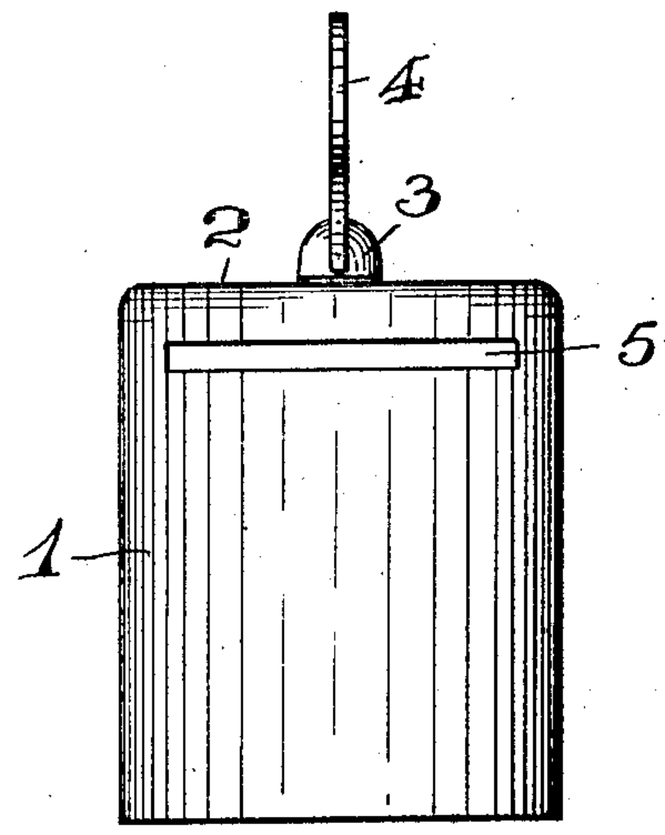

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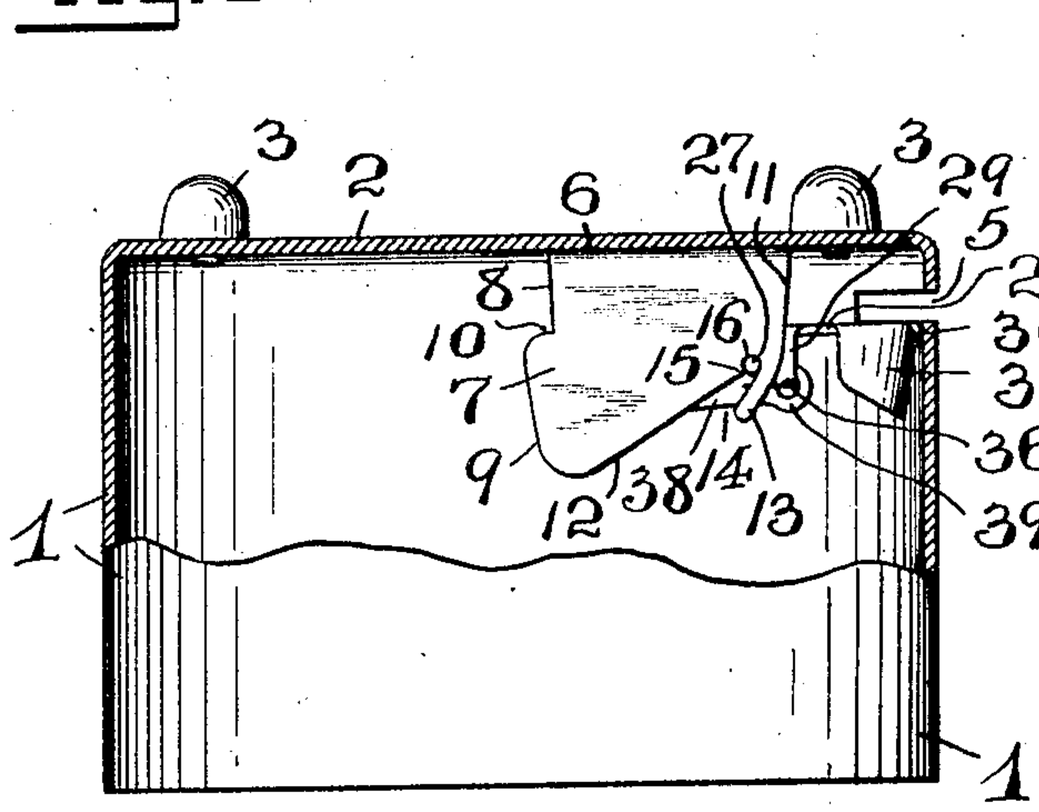

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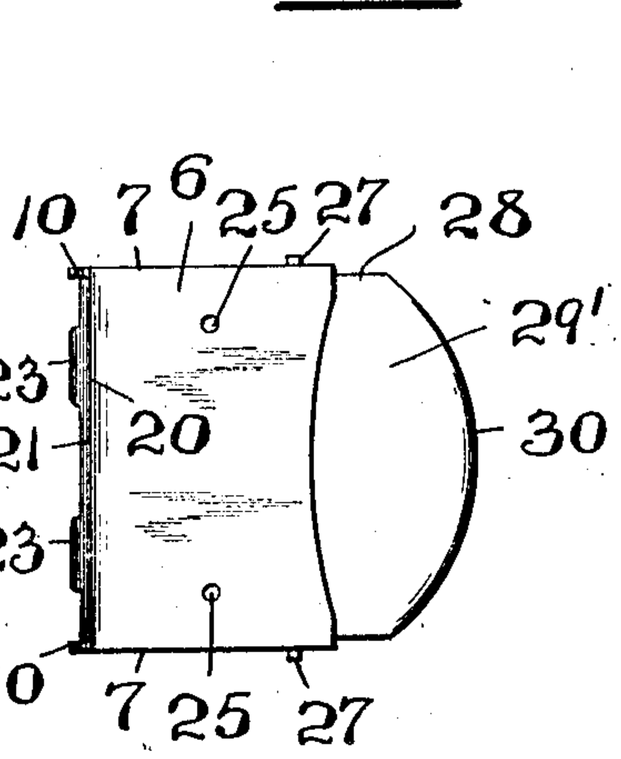

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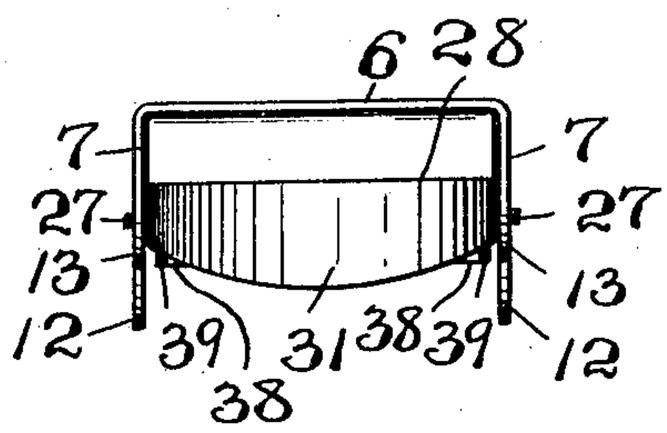

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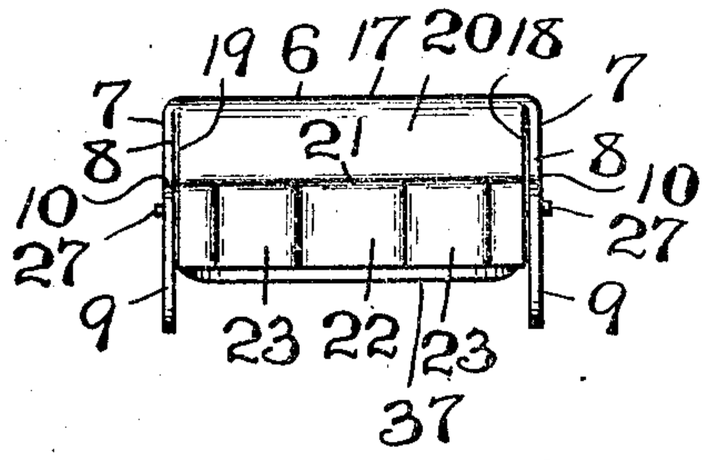

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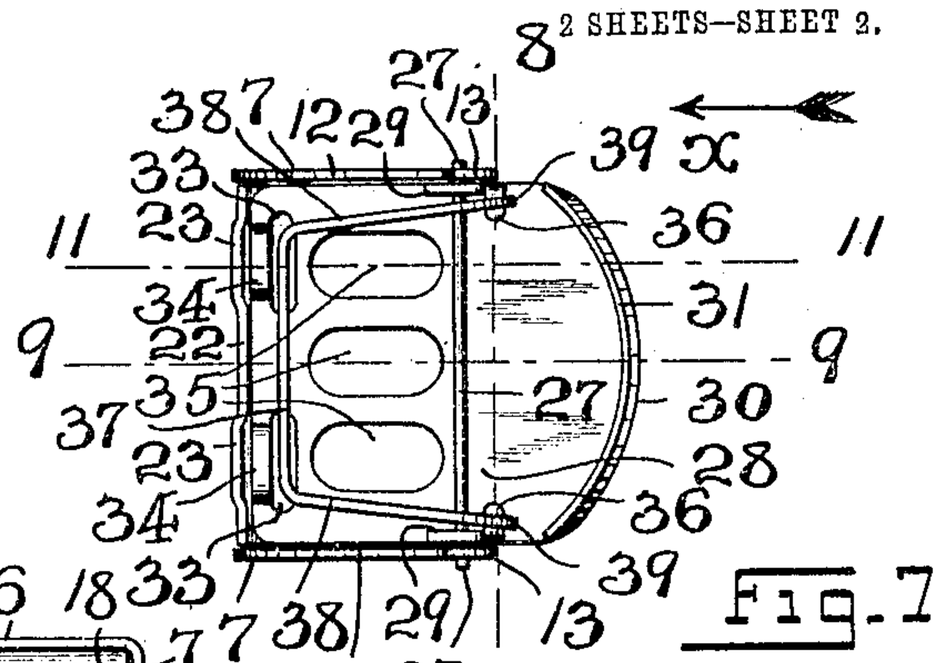

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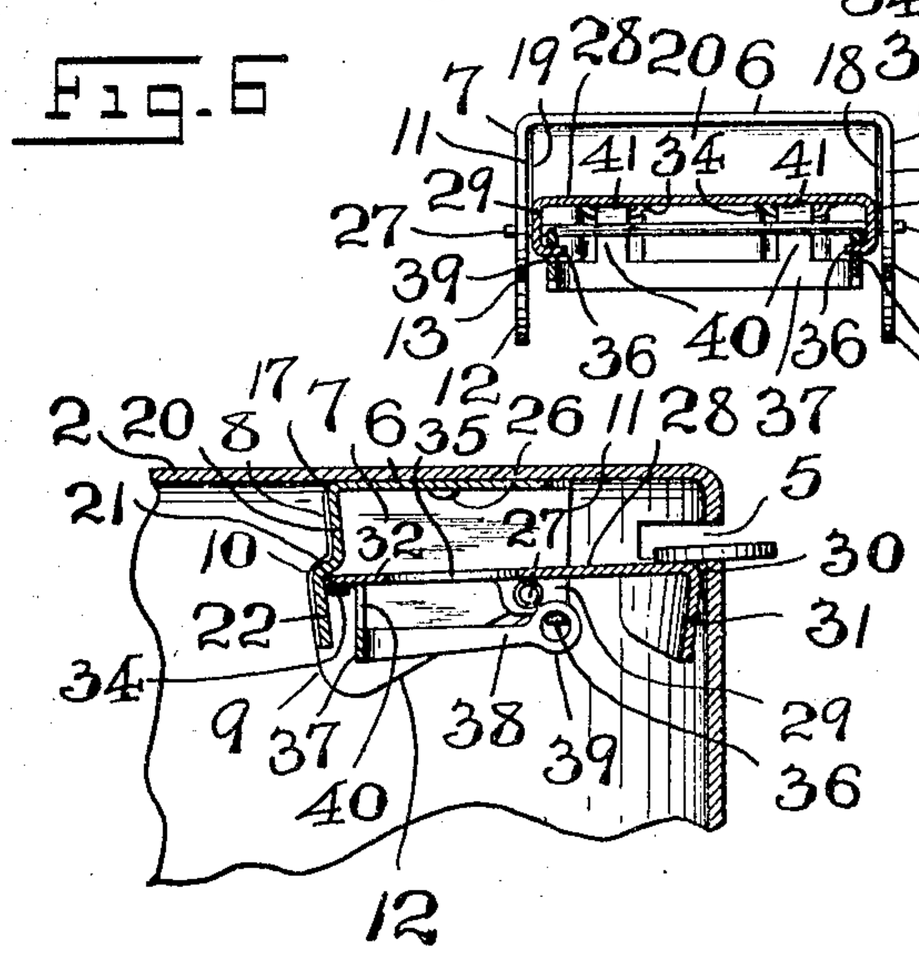

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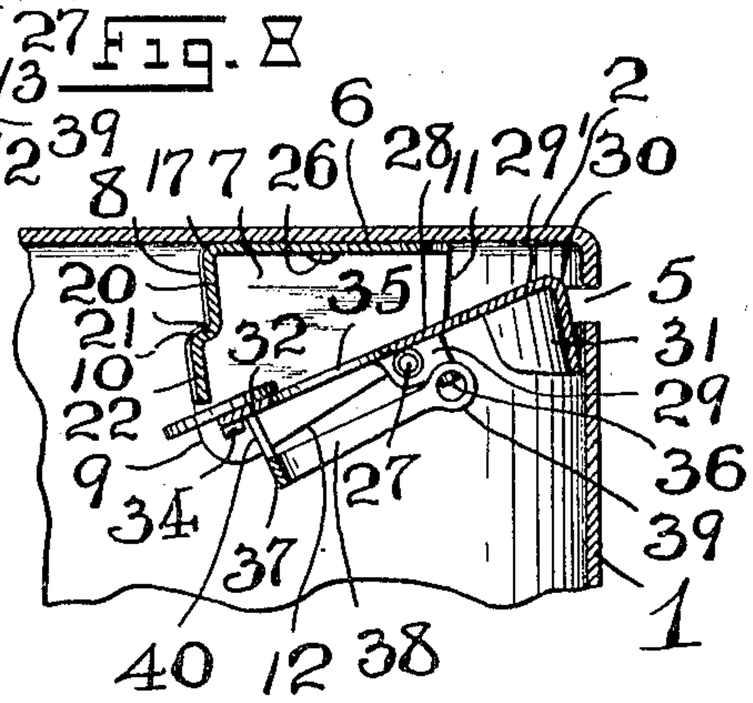

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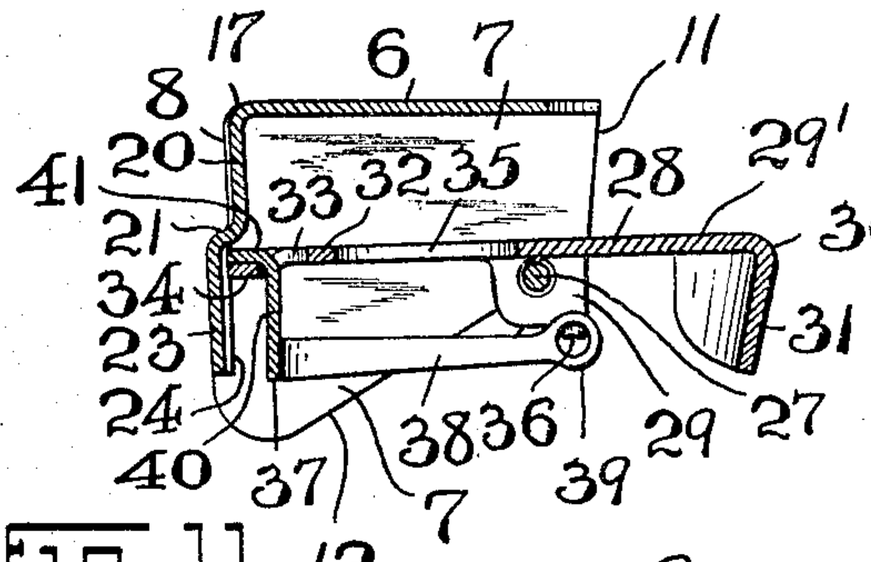

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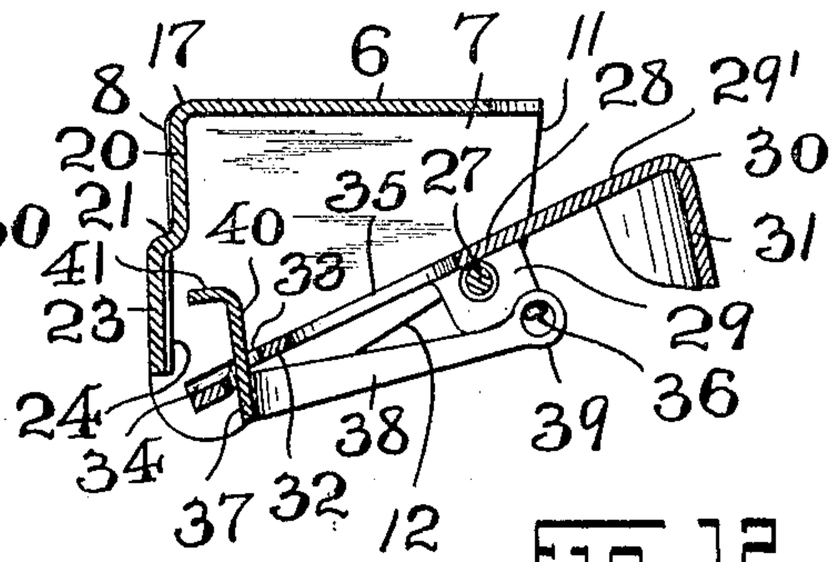

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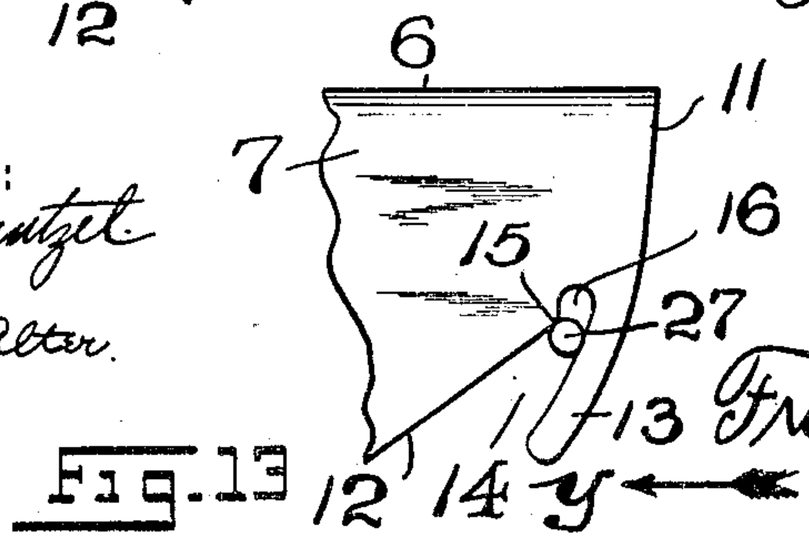

Fig. 13

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENNO VOM EIGEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Repositories; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has reference, generally, to improvements in coin-repositories or banks; and, the invention relates, more particularly, to a novel coin-slot closing means or guard which will readily permit a coin to be inserted in the slot of the bank, but acts as a closing device and safe-guard against tampering with the contents of the bank, and serves as a positive means to prevent the removal of a coin from within the bank through the coin-slot of the same, no matter in which manner the bank is manipulated or tilted.

The invention has for its principal object to provide a novel, cheap and simple construction, as well as a positively and effectively operating coin-slot closing means or guard which permits a coin to be deposited through the coin-slot, but positively prevents the removal of a coin, no matter of what size the coin may be, from the interior of the bank through the coin-slot.

Other objects of this invention not at this time more particularly enumerated will be clearly understood from the following detailed description of the said invention.

With the various objects of my present invention in view, the same consists, primarily, in the novel coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories or banks which will prevent the removal of a coin from within the bank through the coin-slot thereof, but will not interfere with the depositing of a coin through the slot.

The invention consists, furthermore, in the novel arrangements and combinations of the various devices and parts, as well as in the details of the construction of the same, all of which will be more fully described in the following specification, and then finally embodied in the clauses of the claim which are appended to and which form an essential part of this specification.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view and Fig. 2 an end elevation of one form of coin-repository or bank with which the coin-slot closing means made according to the principles of the present invention is employed. Fig. 3 is a view of the bank, shown partly in side elevation and partly in longitudinal vertical section, with a side elevation of the coin-slot closing device or guard in its operative position within the coin-repository or bank. Fig. 4 is a top or plan view of the said coin-slot closing device or guard detached from the body of the bank; and Figs. 5 and 6 are the two end views of the same. Fig. 7 is a bottom view of the coin-slot closing device or guard; and Fig. 8 is a transverse section of the same, said section being taken on line 8—8 in said Fig. 7, looking in the direction of the arrow *x*. Fig. 9 is a longitudinal vertical section of a portion of the casing and of the said coin-slot closing means or guard, showing the parts in their normal initial positions, the said section being represented as taken on line 9—9 in said Fig. 7; and Fig. 10 is a similar section of the various parts represented in said Fig. 9, but showing the movable parts of the coin-slot closing means or guard in their operated positions, during the depositing of a coin into the interior of the coin-repository or bank. Fig. 11 is a longitudinal vertical section taken on line 11—11 in said Fig. 7, said section being made on an enlarged scale, and the movable parts being represented in their normal initial positions; and Fig. 12 is a similar sectional representation of the same parts, but showing the movable parts of the closing means or guard in one of their operated positions, when the body or casing of the bank is tilted or being shaken in the endeavor to remove a previously deposited coin through the coin-slot of the bank, the portions of the body or casing of the bank, however, having been omitted from these views. Fig. 13 is a detail view of a part of the main shell or housing of the coin-slot closing means and an end-view of a pintle or pin, said view showing one manner of forcing the end-portions of the pintle or pin in holding engagement with slotted receiving portions formed in the sides of said main shell or housing.

Similar characters of reference are employed in all of the above described views, to indicate corresponding parts.

Referring now to the several figures of the drawings, the reference-character 1 indicates a suitably shaped body or casing, having a closed top 2 from which may extend in an upward direction suitably constructed handle-posts, as 3, and with which may be suitably connected a handle 4 of any desired shape. In one of its sides, in this case one of the ends, the said body, shell or casing is formed with a coin-receiving slot or opening 5. The said body or shell is also provided in any suitable point, usually the bottom of the shell or casing, with a hinged and lock-provided member, not here shown since this feature does not constitute a part of this invention, which member can be opened by means of a key-operated lock when it is desired to get at the contents of the coin-repository or bank.

The previously mentioned coin-slot closing means or guard consists, essentially, of a main shell or body which is made from sheet-metal and forms a suitable housing in which the movable parts of this device are disposed. This main shell or housing comprises a back or plate-like member 6 from the two side-edges of which extend in downward directions suitable ears or members 7, each ear being bounded by the downwardly extending marginal edge-portions 8 and 9 having an intermediately disposed offset 10. The said ears are also formed with the downwardly extending marginal edge-portions 11, and the lower and angularly disposed marginal edge-portions 12, each ear being also formed with a downwardly extending and slightly curved finger or extension, as 13, each finger forming with the marginal edge-portion 12 a pintle or pin-receiving slot 14 having a slightly narrowed part, as 15, across the slot, and being formed directly back of said narrow part 15 with a bearing-portion 16. Extending in a downward direction from the marginal edge 17 of the back or plate-like member 6, with its edge-portions 18 and 19 conforming to and registering with the edge-portions 8, 9 and 10 of the ears or members 7, is a vertical member or element 20 which is formed with an outwardly extending offset 21 and a downwardly extending portion 22, said portion being formed with a pair of outwardly pressed parts, as 23, each part 23 providing upon the inner face of the said downwardly extending portion a pocket or receiving member 24. The back or plate-like member 6 is provided with suitably disposed holes or perforations 25 for the reception of suitable pins or rivets 26 by means of which the shell or housing can be suitably secured upon the inner face of the top 2 in the positions clearly indicated in Figs. 3, 9 and 10 of the drawings. Having its end-portions arranged and suitably held in said bearing-portions 16 is a pintle or rod 27. One manner of firmly securing the end-portions of said pintle or rod 27 is indicated in Fig. 13 of the drawings, and it consists in inserting the end-portions of the pintle or rod into the receiving-slots 14 and forcing the end-portions past the narrow spaces 15 until they rest in the bearing-portions 16. A slight tap by means of a hammer, or the like, upon the edge of each finger or extension 13, in the direction of the arrow *y* in said Fig. 13, will sufficiently close the parts, so that the pintle or rod 27 is securely held in place, as will be clearly evident. Oscillating upon the said pin or rod 27 is a balanced plate 28, said plate being provided upon its longitudinally extending marginal edge-portions with downwardly extending and perforated ears or lugs 29 in which the said end-portions of the pintle or rod 27 are loosely arranged, so that the plate 28 will freely oscillate upon said pintle or rod, between the two ears or members 7 of the main housing, and which retain the said plate in its operative position upon the rod 27 against any lateral displacement therefrom, as will be clearly evident.

As shown in the several figures of the drawings, the portion 29′ upon one side of the pivotal support of the plate 28 extends rearwardly from the open portion of the housing to a point in close proximity to the coin-slot 5 of the main body or shell 1, the marginal edge-portion 30 of the said part 29′ being preferably made arc-shaped, as shown, and formed with a downwardly extending flange or guard 31. In the portion 32 upon the other side of the pivotal support of said plate 28 are suitably disposed openings, as 33, the portions of the metal directly in front of the said openings 33 being slightly depressed in the downward directions, as at 34, and as clearly shown in the several figures of the drawings. For lightness of construction, and that the plate 28 may also be perfectly balanced, the portion 32 of this plate 28 may also be provided with suitably formed openings 35. Each ear 29 is also provided with an inwardly extending pivot-lug, as 36, preferably extending from the lower marginal edge of each ear and forming, preferably, an integral part of the ear. Pivotally connected with the said pivot-lugs 36 is a yoke-shape guard comprising a member or element 37 from the respective end-portions of which extend suitably formed side-arms 38, each arm 38 being formed at its free end-portion with a loop-shaped part or eye 39 into which the said pivot-lugs extend and are arranged in the manner illustrated more particularly in Figs. 7 to 12 inclusive. The member or element 37 of this device is made with a pair of upwardly extending guide-posts 40, each

post extending into and through, and being movably arranged in an opening or hole 33 of the plate 28. The posts 40 are also made upon their free end-portions with forwardly extending fingers or projections 41, movably arranged in the depressions or pockets 24, as indicated in Figs. 9 and 11 of the drawings, and the fingers or projections 41, when the parts are in their normal initial positions, resting directly in the depressed portions 34 of the said plate 28, as clearly shown. Thus, under normal conditions, when the coin repository or bank is placed or held in the positions represented in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings, then the movable parts of the coin-slot closing means or guard will maintain the relations shown in Figs. 3, 9 and 11. A coin which is inserted through the coin-slot 5 is passed directly upon the balanced plate or element 28, the plate immediately being tipped to such a degree, so that the coin will slide from said plate and will drop to the bottom of the shell or casing 1 of the bank, as will be clearly understood from an inspection of Fig. 10 of the drawings. As soon as the coin has passed from the plate 28, the plate and parts connected therewith will again assume their balanced relation, indicated in Figs. 9 and 11, the plate 28 and parts being retained in the positions shown, by the edge-portion of the part 32 of the plate 28, directly in front of the openings 33, engaging with the inner surface of the offset 21 which acts as a stop to arrest any further upward movement of the part 32 of the plate 28, as will be clearly evident. The movements of the various parts of the said coin-slot closing means or guard are such that no matter in what manner and position the body or casing of the coin-repository or bank is held or manipulated, the parts of the coin-slot closing means or guard will assume any one of the various positions indicated in Figs. 9, 10, 11 or 12 of the drawings, so that, as shown in Fig. 10, the coin-slot will be closed against the removal of a coin from within the bank; or, as shown in Figs. 9, 11 and 12, it will be impossible for a coin to pass into the main housing of the slot-closing means and upon the oscillating or balanced plate 28. The parts of the coin-slot closing means or guard are also constructed and assembled in such a manner that it is utterly impossible to manipulate the movable parts for the removal of a coin through the coin-slot, by the insertion of the blade of a knife or other flat instrument.

I am aware that changes may be made in the arrangements and combinations of the various devices and parts, as well as in the details of the construction of the same, without departing from the scope of my present invention as defined in the appended claims. Hence I do not limit my invention to the exact arrangements and combinations of the devices and parts as set forth in the foregoing specification, nor do I confine myself to the exact details of the construction of the said parts.

I claim:—

1. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving plate mounted between said ears, said plate being provided at one end with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same, and means connected with the opposite end-portion of the coin-receiving plate constructed and arranged to prevent a previously deposited coin from being located upon said plate from within the coin-repository, consisting of a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts having fingers adapted to be brought in holding engagement with portions of said coin-receiving plate.

2. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said plate being provided at one end with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same, and means connected with the opposite end-portion of the coin-receiving plate constructed and arranged to prevent a previously deposited coin from being located upon said plate from within the coin-repository, consisting of a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts having fingers adapted to be brought in holding engagement with portions of said coin-receiving plate.

3. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extend-

ing side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said receiving plate.

4. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

5. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said receiving plate, said plate being provided with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

6. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said plate being provided with openings, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate.

7. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said plate being provided with openings, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

8. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said plate being provided with openings, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving-plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, and said plate being provided with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

9. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its

end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said coin-receiving plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with the ears of said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate.

10. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said coin-receiving plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with the ears of said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

11. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said coin-receiving plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with the ears of said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving-plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate, said plate being provided with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

12. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a pin having its end-portions secured to said ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said coin-receiving plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with the ears of said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate.

13. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving-plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said coin-receiving plate being provided with openings, and with a receiving depression located directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with the ears of said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

14. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving-plate provided with perforated ears pivoted upon said pin so as to oscillate freely between the ears of the housing, said coin-receiving plate being provided with openings, and with a receiving depression located directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with the ears of said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, said plate being provided with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

15. The combination with the casing of a coin-repository having a coin-receiving slot, of a housing secured within said casing, said housing consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, and a vertical member extending downwardly from the back-plate between the marginal edge-portions of the ears thereof, said member being provided with an off-set forming a stop, a coin-receiving-plate pivotally mounted between the ears of said back-plate, said plate having a portion adapted to be brought in engagement with said stop, said plate being provided at one end with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same, and means connected with the opposite end-portion of the coin-receiving plate constructed and arranged to prevent a previously deposited coin from being located upon said plate from within the coin-repository, consisting of a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts having fingers adapted to be brought in holding engagement with portions of said coin-receiving plate.

16. The combination with the casing of a coin-repository having a coin-receiving slot, of a housing secured within said casing, said housing consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, and a vertical member extending downwardly from the back-plate between the marginal edge-portions of the ears thereof, said member being provided with an off-set forming a stop, a coin-receiving plate pivotally mounted between the ears of said back-plate, said plate having a portion adapted to be brought in engagement with said stop, and said plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

17. The combination with the casing of a coin-repository having a coin-receiving slot, of a housing secured within said casing, said housing consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, and a vertical member extending downwardly from the back-plate between the marginal edge-portions of the ears thereof, said member being provided with an off-set forming a stop, a coin-receiving plate pivotally mounted between the ears of said back-plate, said plate having a portion adapted to be brought in engagement with said stop, and said plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

18. The combination with the casing of a coin-repository having a coin-receiving slot, of a housing secured within said casing, said housing consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, and a vertical member extending downwardly from the back-plate between the marginal edge-portions of the ears thereof, said member being provided with an off-set forming a stop, a coin-receiving plate pivotally mounted between the ears of said back-plate, said plate having a portion adapted to be brought in engagement with said stop, and said plate being provided with openings, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate, said plate being provided at one end with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same, and means connected with the opposite end-portion of the coin-receiving plate constructed and arranged to prevent a previously deposited coin from being located upon said plate from within the coin-repository, consisting of a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts having fingers adapted to be brought in holding engagement with portions of said coin-receiving plate.

19. The combination with the casing of a coin-repository having a coin-receiving slot, of a housing secured within said casing, said housing consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears and a vertical member extending downwardly from the back-plate between the marginal edge-portions of the ears thereof, said member being provided with an off-set forming a stop, a coin receiving plate pivotally mounted between the ears of said back-plate, said plate having a portion adapted to be brought in engagement with said stop, said plate being provided with openings, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be

brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate.

20. The combination with the casing of a coin-repository having a coin-receiving slot, of a housing secured within said casing, said housing consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears and a vertical member extending downwardly from the back-plate between the marginal edge-portions of the ears thereof, said member being provided with an off-set forming a stop, a coin-receiving plate pivotally mounted between the ears of said back-plate, said plate having a portion adapted to be brought in engagement with said stop, said plate being provided with openings, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

21. The combination with the casing of a coin-repository having a coin-receiving slot, of a housing secured within said casing, said housing consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears and a vertical member extending downwardly from the back-plate between the marginal edge-portions of the ears thereof, said member being provided with an off-set forming a stop, a coin-receiving plate pivotally mounted between the ears of said back-plate, said plate having a portion adapted to be brought in engagement with said stop, said plate being provided with openings, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, said plate being provided with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

22. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of the coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with openings and with downwardly extending ears, and a means of pivotal connection between the ears of said back-plate and said coin-receiving plate, each ear of said coin-receiving plate being provided with an inwardly extending finger, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms, each side-arm being provided with a loop-shaped end-portion pivotally arranged upon said inwardly extending fingers, said main member of the guard being formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate.

23. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of the coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with openings and with downwardly extending ears, and a means of pivotal connection between the ears of said back-plate and said coin-receiving plate, each ear of said coin-receiving plate being provided with an inwardly extending finger, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms, each side-arm being provided with a loop-shaped end-portion pivotally arranged upon said inwardly extending fingers, said main member of the guard being formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with the upper portions of said coin-receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

24. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of the coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with openings and with downwardly extending ears, and a means of pivotal connection between the ears of said back-plate and said coin-receiving plate, each ear of said coin-receiving plate being provided with an inwardly extending finger, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms, each side-arm being provided with a loop-shaped end-portion pivotally arranged upon said inwardly extending fingers, said main member of the guard being formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the

openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with upper portions of said coin-receiving plate, said plate being provided with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

25. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of the coin repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with openings and with downwardly extending ears, and a means of pivotal connection between the ears of said back-plate and said coin-receiving plate, each ear of said coin-receiving plate being provided with an inwardly extending finger, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms, each side-arm being provided with a loop-shaped end-portion pivotally arranged upon said inwardly extending fingers, said main member of the guard being formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate.

26. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of the coin repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with openings and with downwardly extending ears, and a means of pivotal connection between the ears of said back-plate and said coin-receiving plate, each ear of said coin-receiving plate being provided with an inwardly extending finger, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms, each side-arm being provided with a loop-shaped end-portion pivotally arranged upon said inwardly extending fingers, said main member of the guard being formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

27. A coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories comprising a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of the coin repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, a coin-receiving plate provided with openings and with downwardly extending ears, and a means of pivotal connection between the ears of said back-plate and said coin-receiving plate, each ear of said coin-receiving plate being provided with an inwardly extending finger, and a receiving depression in said plate directly in front of each opening, and a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms, each side-arm being provided with a loop-shaped end-portion pivotally arranged upon said inwardly extending fingers, said main member of the guard being formed with upwardly extending posts inserted in the openings of said coin-receiving plate, said posts being provided with forwardly extending fingers adapted to be brought in engagement with said receiving depressions in said coin-receiving plate, said plate being provided with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same.

28. In a coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories, a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, each ear being provided with a finger forming with the body of each ear a pintle-receiving slot, a pintle having its end-portions arranged in said slots and having said fingers slightly closed down upon the end-portions of said pintle so as to retain the same in a fixed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

29. In a coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories, a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, each ear being provided with a finger forming with the body of each ear a pintle-receiving slot, a pintle having its end-portions arranged in said slots and having said fingers slightly closed down upon the end-portions of said pintle so as to retain the same in a fixed position, a coin-receiving plate mounted between said ears, and means connected with said coin-receiving plate constructed and arranged to prevent the withdrawal of a coin from within the coin-repository through the coin-slot thereof.

30. In a coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories, a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, each ear being provided with a finger forming with the body of each ear a pintle-receiving slot, a pintle having its end-portions arranged in said slots and having said fingers slightly closed down upon the end-portions of said pintle so as to retain the same in a fixed position, a coin-receiving-plate mounted between said ears,

said plate being provided at one end with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same, and means connected with the opposite end-portion of the coin-receiving plate constructed and arranged to prevent a previously deposited coin from being located upon said plate from within the coin-repository.

31. In a coin-slot closing means or guard for coin-repositories, a housing adapted to be secured within the casing of a coin-repository, consisting of a back-plate having downwardly extending ears, each ear being provided with a finger forming with the body of each ear a pintle-receiving slot, a pintle having its end-portions arranged in said slots and having said fingers slightly closed down upon the end-portions of said pintle so as to retain the same in a fixed position, a coin-receiving-plate mounted between said ears, said plate being provided at one end with a downwardly extending flange adapted to be brought in front of the coin-slot of the coin-repository so as to close the same, and means connected with the opposite end-portion of the coin-receiving plate constructed and arranged to prevent a previously deposited coin from being located upon said plate from within the coin-repository, consisting of a yoke-shaped guard comprising a main member having a pair of rearwardly extending side-arms pivotally connected with said coin-receiving plate, and formed with upwardly extending posts having fingers adapted to be brought in holding engagement with portions of said coin-receiving plate.

In testimony, that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of November, 1908.

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