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Fig. 1.

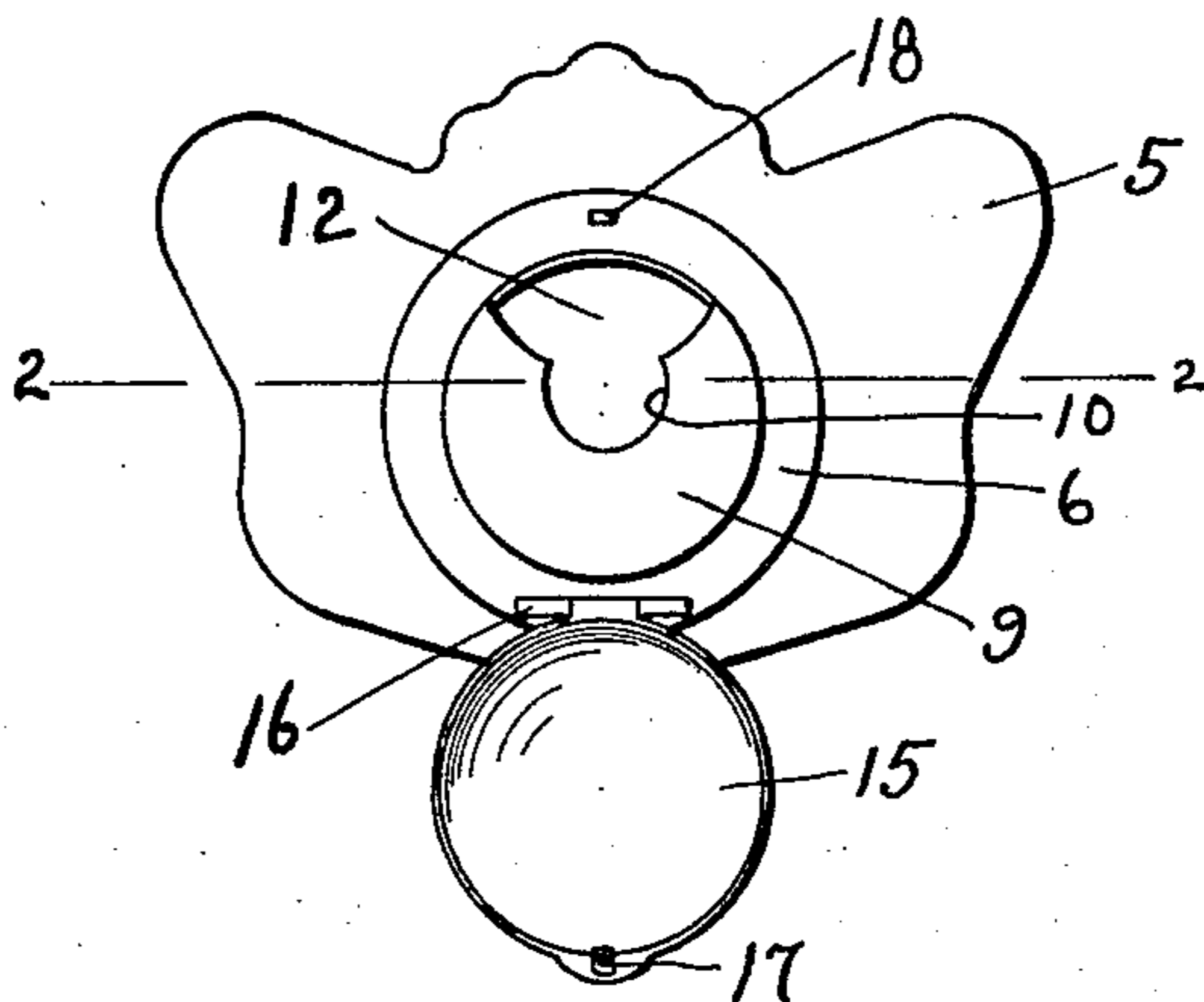


Fig. 2.

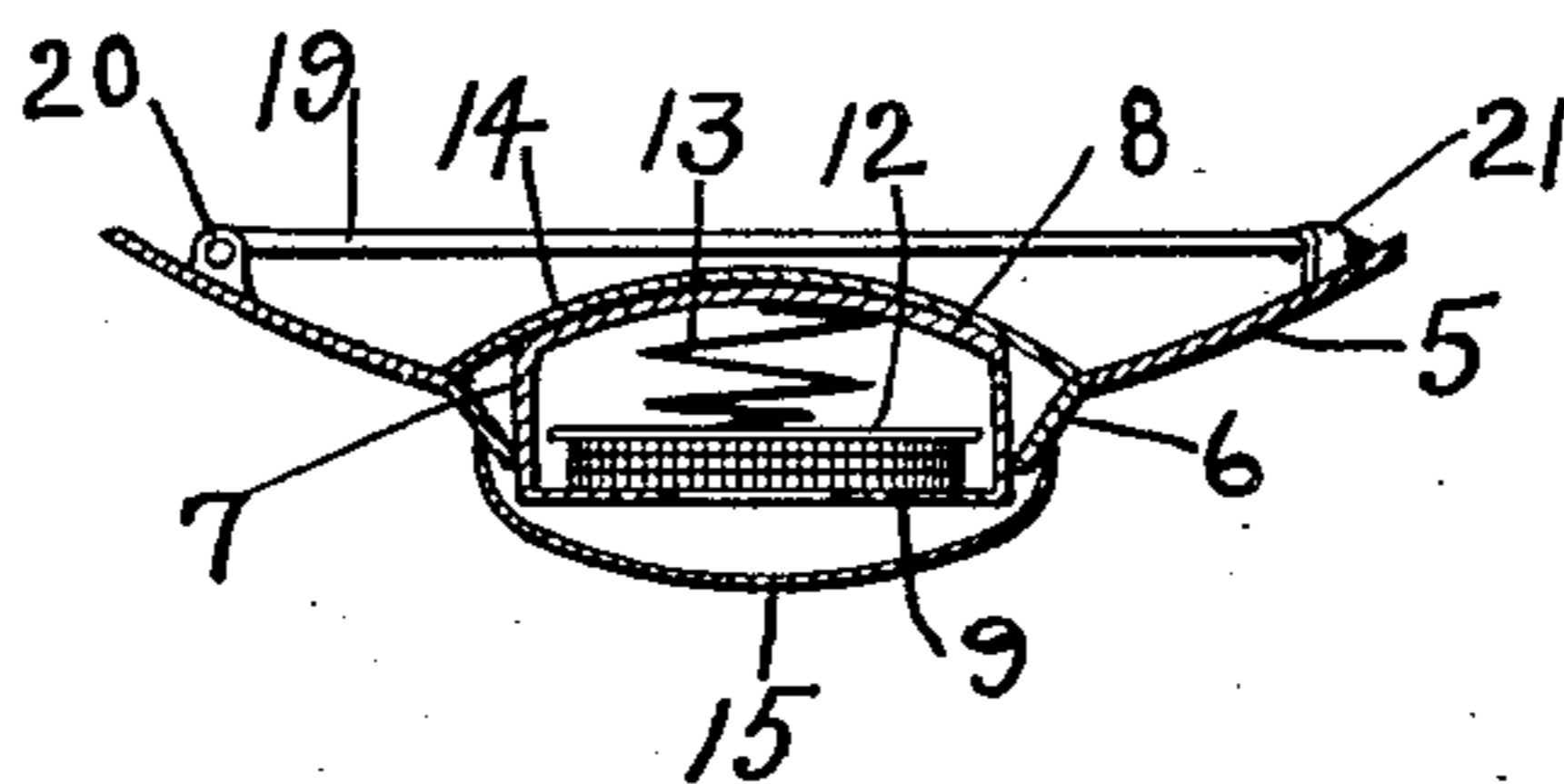
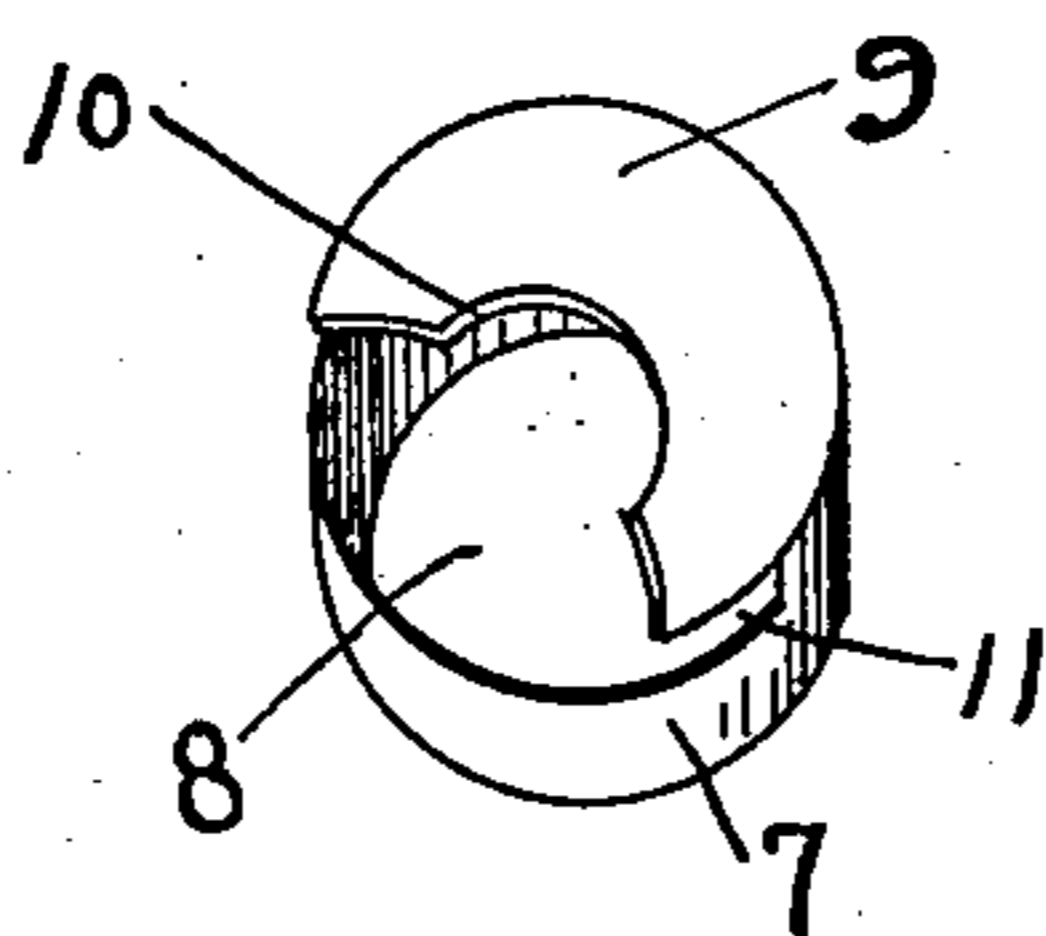


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS D. BERGERON, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Locket-Purse Sash-Pins, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to articles of combined ornament and utility, and has particular reference to ornamental pins formed and constructed to carry coins.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a device of this character which can be readily changed in its use so as to be worn with any sash.

Another object is to provide a combined pin and coin receptacle constructed to have the greatest possible capacity for the coins. With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1—is a front elevation of a pin constructed in accordance with my invention, the cover or lid of the coin cup or receptacle being open. Fig. 2—represents a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3—is a detail perspective view of the coin cup or receptacle.

Similar reference characters indicate the same or similar parts in all of the views.

The main plate 5 of the pin may have any configuration. It is usually more or less ornamented. Preferably it is curved as indicated in Fig. 2, but I do not limit myself to a curved main plate. The plate 5 is provided with a central opening around which the metal is bent outwardly to form an inclined or beveled margin 6. Within the opening is secured a cup-shaped member comprising a circular wall 7 and a bottom 8 which may be integral with the circular wall. A fixed top plate 9 forms, with the cup, a coin receptacle. Said top plate is cut away as at 10 to form a recess to enable a finger of the user to remove a coin by frictional engagement therewith. Of course the side of the circular wall is cut away or slotted sufficiently to enable the coin to be inserted or removed. Such slot is indicated at 11 in Fig. 3, and it is of course located close to the top plate 9.

Within the cup is a disk shaped presser

plate 12 between which and the bottom of the cup is a spring 13 to act upon the presser plate to hold such coin or coins as may be within the receptacle against the under surface of the top plate 9. A concavo-convex support 14 for the back of the cup is suitably secured in place as by brazing or soldering its margin to the back of the plate 5. The member 14 also provides a better finished appearance at the back of the device. A cover 15, the outer surface of which may be suitably ornamented, is hinged at 16 to the front of the main plate or its beveled circular portion, and is provided with a suitable catch pin 17 adapted to co-act with a keeper 18 to hold the cover closed. A pin 19 is pivoted at 20 to the back of the main plate, the latter having a catch member 21 to retain the pin point.

It will readily be understood that owing to the structure of the coin receptacle in the manner described, and having a pin 19, the device may be readily used in connection with any sash. When it is in place connecting the ends of a sash, the wearer may readily open the cover 15 and slide out the uppermost coin to pay a car-fare or such other monetary obligation as the contents of the receptacle will warrant. In practice I have found it perfectly feasible to place five silver quarters within the receptacle without unduly thickening the device for use as a sash pin. This is because of the fact that the receptacle extends both sides of the plane of the plate 5. And no coin can slip laterally behind the central opening of the plate 5 because of the circular wall 7. The circular wall 7 is an essential feature of this device since otherwise, as the pin is naturally worn in a position so that the coins are supported in a substantially vertical plane, said coins would be almost certain to slip downwardly behind the inclined or beveled margin 6 of the plate 5. The bottom 8, however, is not so essential, since the spring might bear directly against the inner surface of the member 14. I do not limit myself to the use of the member 14 if the bottom 8 of the cup is employed, because the cup comprising the parts 7 and 8 might be secured firmly enough in position without being backed up by the support 14.

The cover 15 is preferably so formed as to leave a sufficient space between it and the plate 9, when the cover is closed, to permit

the inner surface of the cover to carry a picture.

I claim:

1. In a device of the character described,  
5 a main plate having a central receptacle provided with a lateral opening, a hinged cover for said receptacle the hinge of said cover being located to permit it to swing open in a direction opposite to the direction  
10 in which the receptacle opening faces, and a pin and catch member carried by said main plate, the pin being substantially parallel with the axis of the cover hinge.

2. In a device of the character described,  
15 a curved main plate having a central receptacle provided with a lateral opening, a hinged cover for said receptacle, the hinge

of said cover being located to permit it to swing open in a direction opposite to the direction in which the receptacle opening  
20 faces, the portion of the main plate which is adjacent the receptacle being in a plane intermediate the bottom and cover of the receptacle, and a pin and catch member carried by said main plate, the pin being sub-  
25 stantially parallel with the axis of the cover hinge.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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