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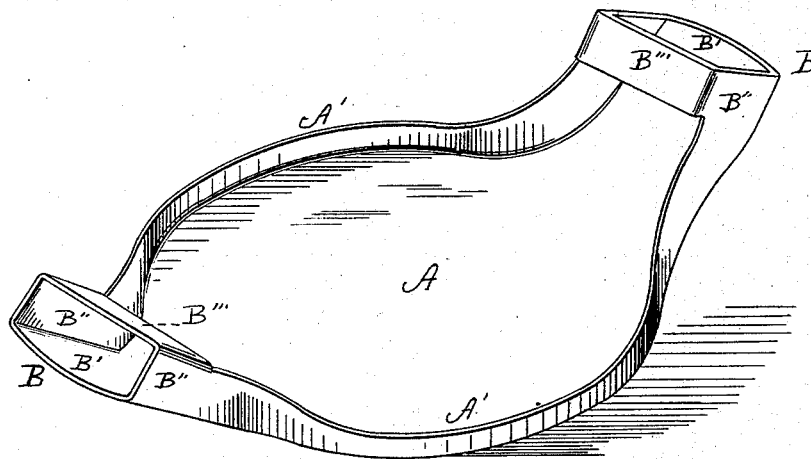


Fig. 1.

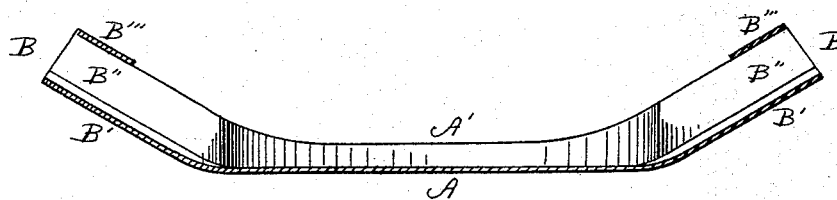


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL BARKER PRATT, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and  
5 Improved Tray for the Collection of Coin, of which the following is a specification.

This is a tray or receptacle intended for use in shops, stores, &c., in making change. In practice, the customer having handed to the  
10 salesman a bank-note or other piece of money, the change is deposited by such salesman in the tray, which is then used by the customer in pouring or depositing the change into his hand or pocket-book, thus obviating the ne-  
15 cessity of picking up small change from a smooth counter or show-case, an act which is often difficult and always awkward, especially if the hand be gloved.

In the accompanying drawings, in which  
20 similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a coin-collecting tray embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same.

A represents the floor of the tray, flat, or  
25 nearly so, and of substantially the shape shown, and provided with turned-up edges A', forming sides, whereby the coin is prevented from spilling out. Extending from the main portion of the tray and integral therewith are  
30 one or more noses or guiding-spouts, B. In the drawings two of these noses or spouts are shown. The floors B' of these spouts are preferably concavo-convex, so as to guide the coin as it slips into the hand. The sides B'' extend  
35 from the sides A', as shown, and roofs B''' complete the noses or spouts. These roofs,

however, may be omitted, if desired, as they are not absolutely essential to the proper working of the device.

In practice the salesman or shop-keeper 10 drops the change into the tray, which is supposed to be lying upon the counter, and the customer grasps the tray by one of the spouts B, and, lifting it, pours the change through the same spout into his hand or pocket-  
45 book, thus saving time and the necessity for picking up change from the counter, which, when the denominations are small, is not easy, especially if gloves are worn.

This device affords an excellent advertising 50 medium, as an advertisement upon the floor A would be very noticeable and apt to be observed and read by customers.

The tray may be made of pasteboard, hard rubber, wood, metal, or other material, and is 55 well adapted for ornamentation.

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

The herein-described coin-collecting tray, 60 consisting, essentially, of the main portion or floor A, having suitable upturned edges and one or more raised guiding noses or spouts, B, extending therefrom, said noses or spouts being turned up at an angle with said floor and 65 provided with suitable sides, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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