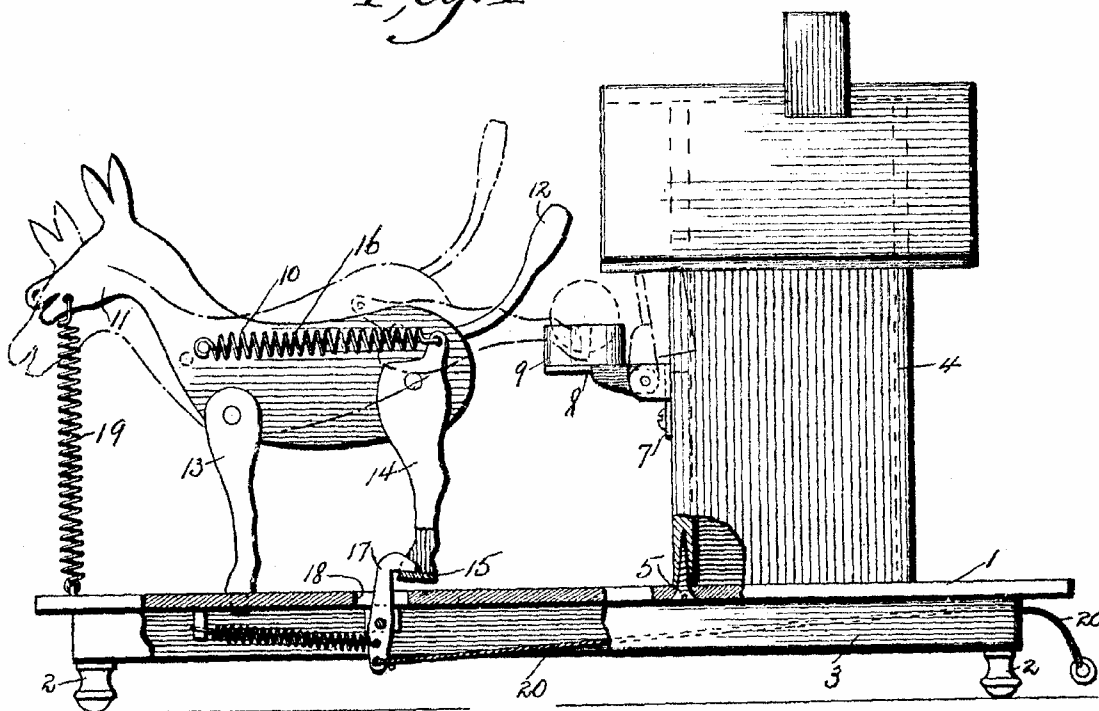


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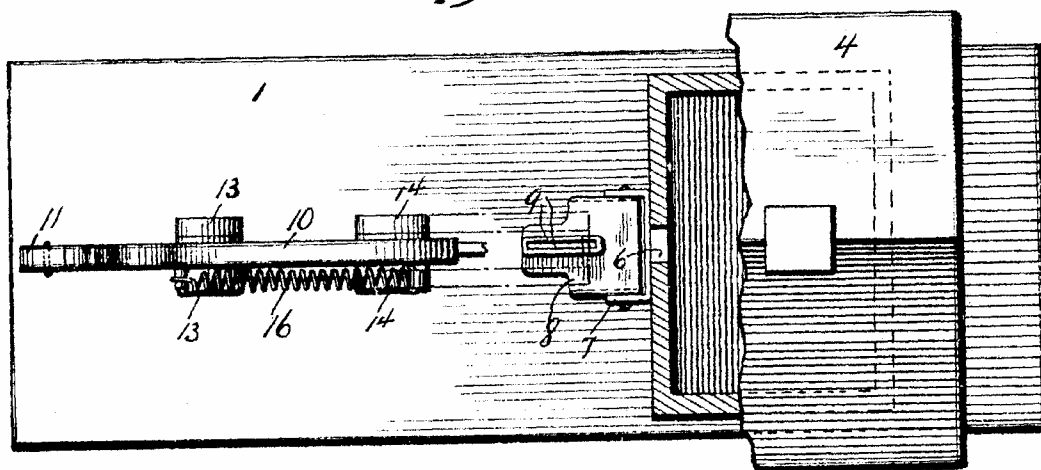
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MELVILLE STOLTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful improvement in Toy Banks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part thereof.

This invention relates generally to toys and, more particularly, to a certain new and useful improvement in toy-banks, the principal object of my present invention being to provide a toy-bank which is simple in construction and attractive in appearance, which, in the depositing of the coin in the saving-receptacle or bank proper, affords a source of amusement especially to children, and which, through the amusement or entertainment so afforded, excites a desire to operate the bank and hence efficiently aids in the accumulation of savings.

With the above and other objects in view, my present invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter described and afterward pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing—  
Figure 1 is a side elevational view, partly broken away and in section, of a toy-bank embodying my invention; and  
Figure 2 is a plan view, also partly broken away and in section, of the same.

Referring now more in detail to the said drawing, in which like reference characters refer to like parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates the base, which is preferably rectangular oblong in shape and which is preferably provided with corner-feet 2 to rest or stand on a table or other place of support. Fixed to and beneath base 1, are side and end pieces composing a finishing-frame 3 for increasing the attractive appearance of the toy.

Mounted upon the base 1 preferably adjacent one end thereof, is the savings-receptacle or bank proper 4, which, as shown, preferably takes the form, or is in the representation, of a barn. As one means of providing for the convenient removal of the coins which may be accumulated in the receptacle 4, I have shown the receptacle 4 as detachably secured to the base 1, as by the screws 5. Receptacle 4 is provided with a vertically disposed slot 6, suitably located

in its front wall for purposes shortly appearing, through which coins may be deposited within the receptacle or bank proper 4.

Fixed upon and outstanding laterally from the front wall of the barn or receptacle 4 at or adjacent the lower end of slot 6, is a bracket 7, hinged to which, as by a ratchet-joint to tilt or swing toward and from the barn 4, is a plate 8 provided with a pair of spaced walls 9—9 connected at their ends and forming a receiver or pocket for the coin to be deposited within the barn or receptacle 4. The plate 8 and its said pocket-providing walls 9 form what I may designate as the coin-depositing member of the bank, the coin-receiving-pocket being angularly in alignment with the slot 6 when the plate 8 is in normal position or in the position thereof illustrated in full lines in Figs. 1 and 2 and the walls 9—9 being projected into the slot 6 to deposit the carried coin within the receptacle 4 when the plate 8 is tilted or swung into so-called abnormal or coin-depositing position or into the position thereof indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1.

Arranged upon the base 1 in front of the barn or receptacle 4, is the coin-depositing member actuating or tilting means. This means preferably takes the form, or includes the representation, of an animal, such as, for instance, the mule or donkey here shown. This represented mule or donkey comprises a body 10, head 11, tail 12, and pairs of fore and hind legs 13 and 14, respectively, legs 13 and 14 being pivotally attached to the body 10, as shown, and the front legs 13 being rigidly fixed at their lower or hoof-ends to the base 1.

Rigidly connecting the rear or hind legs 14 together at their lower or hoof ends, so that the same will pivotally move or swing in unison relatively to the body 10, is a cross-piece 15, and having one end attached to the body 10 and its other end attached to one of the hind legs 14, is a coiled spring 16 whose tension is exerted to yieldingly hold or maintain the hind legs 14 in rearwardly swung or kicked position or in approximately the position thereof indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1. The cross-piece 15 also provides an engaging-member for a spring-pulled latch or catch 17 pivoted to the base 1, as shown, to swing or oscillate in a suitable slot, as at 18, provided for the purpose.

In use or operation, and to set the donkey or mule to actuate or tilt the plate 8 out of its described normal position, the hind legs 14 are swung downwardly and forwardly against the tension or pull of spring 16, and latch 17 lockingly engaged with cross-piece 15 to yieldingly hold the hind legs 14 in the position thereof shown in full lines in Fig. 1 or in what I will designate their normal or "kicking" position. Through or by means of a coiled spring 19 having one end attached to the donkey-head 11 and its other end attached to the base 1, an upward pull is exerted through body 10 upon the cross-piece 15 to increase the locking engagement between the cross-piece 15 and the latch 17.

A coin being now placed in the coin-pocket of plate 8, and the latch 17 being then released from engagement with the cross-piece 15 by means of a pull exerted thereupon through a cord or other releasing member 20 preferably for convenience and attractiveness projecting beneath, and to the rear of, the base 1, as illustrated in Fig. 1, the hind legs 14 will be at once, under the pull of spring 16, swung rearwardly and upwardly into actual or physical engagement with the plate 8 and thereby tilt or kick the plate 8 into its described abnormal position to deposit the coin within the receptacle or barn 4, the rearward and upward "kicking" movement of the legs 14, when so released, being increased by a forward tilting of body 10, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, under the pull of said spring 19.

I am aware that changes in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of my toy-bank may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

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

1. A toy-bank comprising, in combination, a base, a coin-receptacle upon the base, a coin-depositing member mounted to

freely tilt upon the receptacle, means for kicking said member to tilt the same to deposit the coin within the receptacle, said means including the representation of an animal comprising a body, supporting fore-legs fixed to the base and having engagement with the body, and spring-pulled kicking hind-legs pivotally attached to the body, and a spring-pulled latch pivoted upon the base to releasably engage and lock the hind-legs in kicking-position.

2. A toy-bank comprising, in combination, a base, a coin-receptacle upon the base, a coin-depositing member mounted to freely tilt upon the receptacle, means for kicking said member to tilt the same to deposit the coin within the receptacle, said means including the representation of an animal comprising a body, supporting fore legs fixed to the base and pivotally attached to the body; and spring-pulled kicking hind-legs pivotally attached to the body, a spring-pulled latch pivoted upon the base to releasably engage and lock the hind-legs in kicking-position, and yielding means having engagement with the body for increasing the locking engagement between said latch and hind-legs and the kicking action of said hind-legs.

3. A toy-bank comprising, in combination, a base, a coin-receptacle mounted upon the base and provided with a vertically disposed slot, a plate mounted for free tilting movement on the receptacle and pivoted with a coin-holding pocket normally disposed in angular alignment with the slot, and means for kicking the plate to tilt the same to project the pocket into the slot to deposit the held coin within the receptacle, said means including the representation of an animal comprising a body, supporting fore-legs having engagement with the body and fixed to the base, and spring-actuated "kicking" hind-legs pivotally connected to the body.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

MELVILLE STOLTZ.