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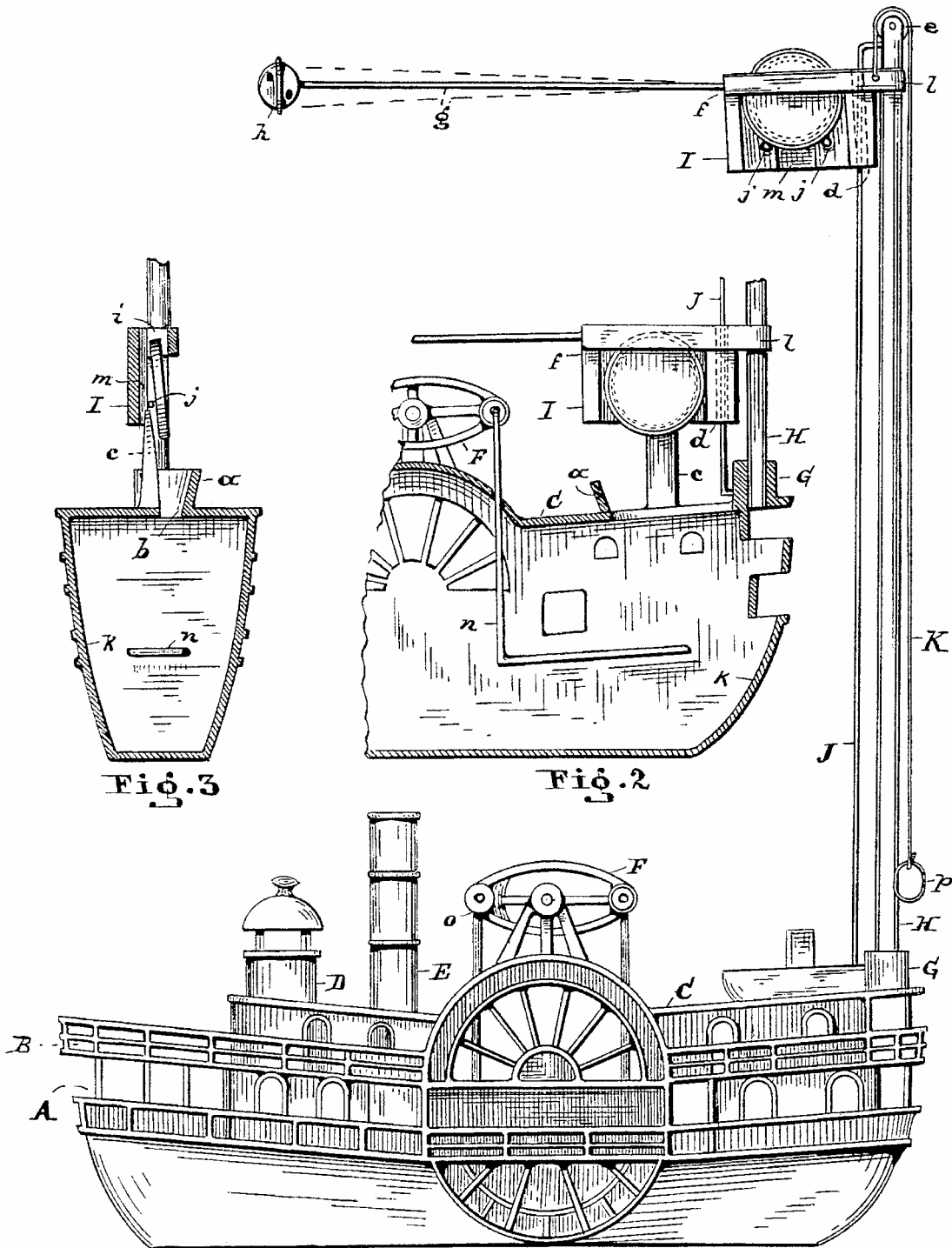


Fig. 3

Fig. 2

Fig. 1

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT J. SELLENTINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Toy Money-Boxes; 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.

My invention relates to toy money-boxes and embodies a novel feature in connection with the manner and means in and with which the coins are deposited into a receptacle of some striking, fancy design.

That the invention may be fully understood and seen reference will be had to the following specification, in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a general view of said toy. Figs. 2 and 3 are detached views of certain parts of said toy, which will be hereinafter more fully explained.

Like letters of reference denote like parts in the drawings and specification.

For the coin-receptacle I select the design of a steamboat, as I consider such design most appropriate for the means and the unique and entertaining manner by and in which the coins are intended to reach the receptacle, (steamboat in this instance.)

For illustration I have shown a "side-wheeler," with lower deck A, upper deck B, hurricane C, pilot-house D, smoke-stack E, and engine-beam F. At the stern end of the boat I provide a socket G for reception of the pole II, which, in this instance, is intended to represent the flagstaff. Near said socket I imitate the shell of a small boat, which virtually, however, is only a guard *a*

over the opening *b*, which leads to the interior or hold of the boat. Opposite the guard *a* I provide the post *c*, which becomes useful in connection with the coin receiver or carrier I, presently described. Said carrier is arranged in operative connection with the side rod *J* of the pole II, that is, the hub *d*

of said carrier forms the means of connecting said carrier with said rod in such manner as to hold same in suspended position at any height of the pole by mere frictional

resistance. A cord K is used for hoisting the carrier. On top of the pole there is a pulley *e*, over which said cord is strung to enable the raising of the carrier. If preferred, an eyelet may be substituted in place of the pulley *e*. To the free side *f* of the carrier is attached a flexible rod *g*, having a knob or bell *h* at the end thereof, and it is the weight of said rod which causes the carrier to "bind" or impinge upon the rod *J* to cause sufficient resistance for support of said carrier in any height of the post.

It is intended that the carrier should convey the coin from the top of the pole to the opening below, and in doing so amuse the player (children) with its automatic action.

When the carrier is raised to the top of the pole, then the coin is inserted through the slot *2* (see Figs. 1 and 3) to find support upon the pins *j*. Now by slightly tapping upon the bell *h* at the end of rod *g* the latter begins to vibrate, as indicated in Fig. 1, and in doing so the carrier releases itself from the rod *J* sufficiently for a gradual descent toward the opening *b*. Resultant from the vibrations of the rod *g* the movement of the carrier becomes jerking in its nature and the carrier reaches the bottom of the pole at slow or retarded speed. The movement of the carrier is very pleasing, too, and in itself is a feature of amusement. As soon as the carrier comes within reach of the post *c* then the coin is drawn from the pins or supports *j* to drop through the opening *b* into the receptacle *k* or hold of the boat.

From the hub *d* of the carrier the projection *l* laps over the pole to prevent lateral displacement of said carrier, and in the central part of said carrier there is a groove *m*. Thus the post *c* can and will effect a sure and easy release of the coin. (See Figs. 2 and 3.) The carrier always "lands" in alignment with said post, and the groove admits of the post to pass in behind the coin to gradually withdraw it from its supports. In dropping, the coin strikes the lever *n* of the beam F. Said beam thereupon begins to vibrate, owing to the counterbalance at *o*. (See Fig. 1.)

The hoisting of the carrier and subsequent descent thereof, the jingling of the bell, and the releasing of the coin and swinging of the beam as a whole becomes quite fascinating

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for children, aside from the usefulness of the toy as a safe or money-box.

The "open-work" of the boat is intended for gratification to look upon the collection of coins, but is so limited as to exclude "tamping" or accidental dropping out of the coins.

A locked door or opening may be provided at or in connection with any suitable part of the boat, so that the coins can only be removed upon or with the use of the essential key.

As shown, there is a ring *p* attached to the end of the cord K. However, configurations of amusing design may be substituted therefor to still more enhance the attractiveness of said toy.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a toy money-box the combination of an imitation steamboat having an opening on

top with post and guard adjacent said opening, a pole with side rod and a coin-carrier with vibrating rod and jingle-bell at the end thereof arranged in operative connection with said pole for depositing coins substantially in the manner as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a toy the combination of a box, resembling a boat with movable beam and an opening through the deck of said boat, a pole with side rod placed adjoining said opening and a coin-carrier with vibrating bar and jingle-bell sidlingly connected with said pole to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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