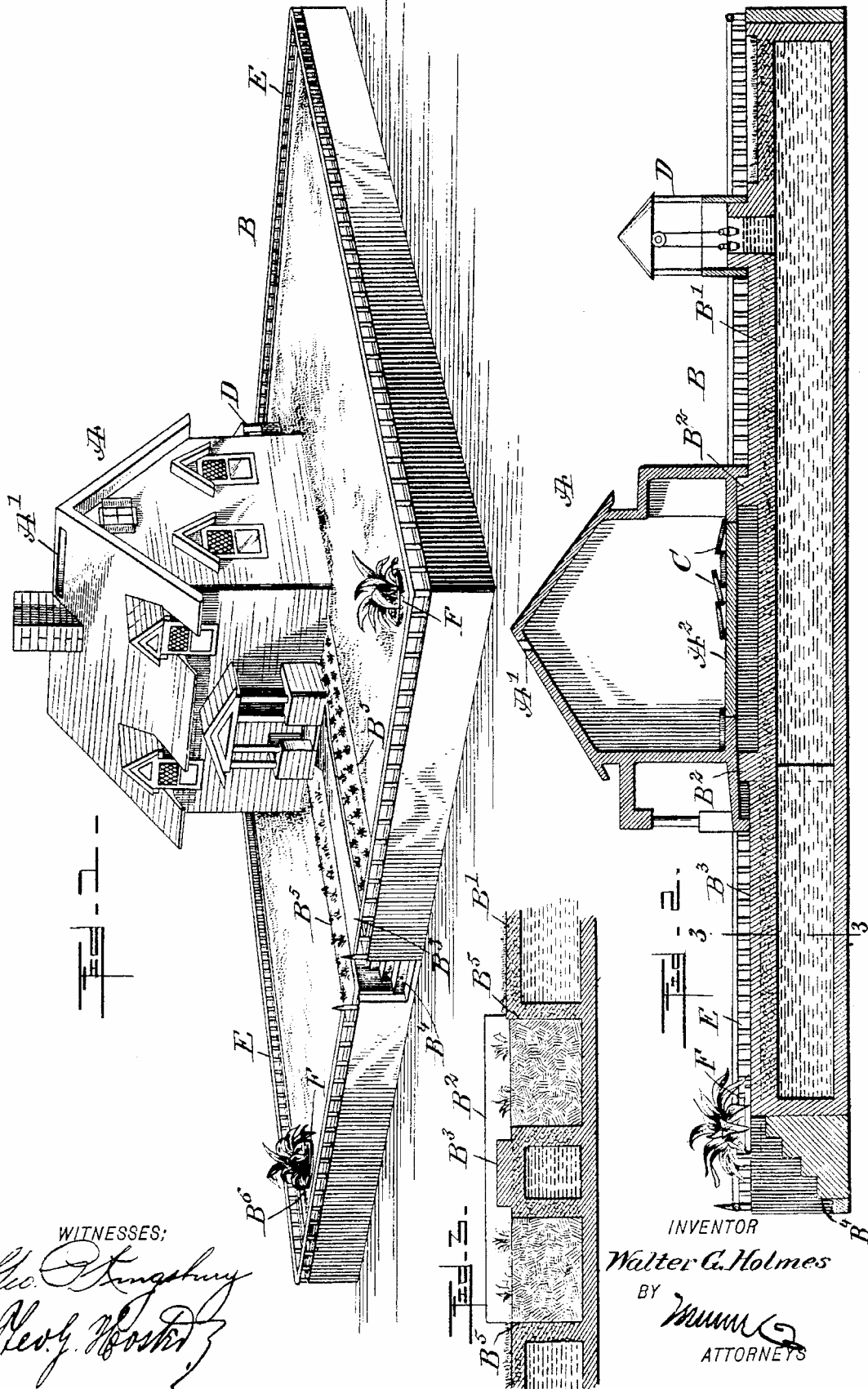


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER G. HOLMES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Juvenile Savings-Bank, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to toy money-boxes; and its object is to provide a new and improved juvenile savings-bank which is simple and durable in construction and exceedingly ornamental and arranged to stimulate saving by constantly reminding children and other persons of a home that may be owned if money is saved.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, which will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a sectional front elevation of the same on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2.

The juvenile savings-bank illustrated in the drawings consists, essentially, of a miniature dwelling or like building A and a miniature lot B. The miniature building A is removably set on the top B' of the lot B and fits onto raised portions B<sup>2</sup> to hold the building A against accidental displacement on the miniature lot B, but permitting removal of the building A whenever it is desired to empty the building A of the coins C introduced from time to time by way of a slot A'. formed on some portion of the house—for instance, in the roof, as indicated in the drawings. The bottom of the building A is preferably provided with a removable and ordinarily locked portion A<sup>3</sup> to permit removal of the money from the building whenever it is desired to empty the same of the savings.

The miniature lot B is in the form of a casing or receptacle adapted to contain water, held with its upper surface continually in contact with the under surface of the top B', and as the latter is made of a porous material it is evident that the water passes into the said top B' by capillary attraction to supply the plant-seeds and the like placed on the

upper surface of the top B' with sufficient moisture to cause the same to germinate, and thus produce on the upper surface of the miniature lot B a growth of plants—such, for instance, as grass, if grass-seed is used.

In order to maintain the water in constant contact with the top B', a water-supply is arranged on the miniature lot B, preferably in the form of a well D, the top surface of which is a considerable distance above the under surface of the top B', so that when the well D is kept filled with water it is evident that sufficient pressure is exerted by this well-water onto the water contained in the lot-casing to hold the upper surface thereof constantly in contact with the under surface of the top B'. From the foregoing it will be seen that by the arrangement described the plants are supplied with sufficient moisture to keep the same in a green condition, thus greatly heightening the appearance of the lot B and giving the whole the natural appearance of a house and lot.

The miniature lot B is preferably provided with a suitable railing or fence E, and the top B' is provided with a raised portion B<sup>2</sup>, representing a walk leading to the entrance of the miniature building A from steps B<sup>3</sup>, formed on the casing, as plainly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. On opposite sides of this raised portion B<sup>3</sup> are formed recesses B<sup>4</sup> in the miniature lot for containing soil sufficiently rich for facilitating plant life—that is, to permit of growing plants in the soil—to heighten the appearance of the house and lot. The lot-casing may also be provided with recesses B<sup>5</sup>, preferably near the front corners, for the reception of bulbs or miniature flower-pots F, adapted to contain soil and plants to render the entire construction still more attractive.

It is understood that the several minor features mentioned can be varied to a great extent without deviating from my invention, the essential feature of which is to provide an exceedingly ornamental juvenile savings-bank arranged to stimulate savings by constantly reminding children and other persons of a home that may be owned if money is saved, especially as the construction discloses a miniature house and lot on which plant life is active. It will also be noticed that the device is instructive to children and other persons as active plant life is produced.

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Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a juvenile savings-bank, a base therefor, comprising a casing having a porous top and adapted to contain water, the casing having a step-like opening in one side and the top provided with recesses, and with

2. In a juvenile savings-bank, a base therefor, comprising a casing having a porous top and adapted to contain water, the casing having an opening in its top, the wall of which extends above the upper face of the said top.

3. In a juvenile savings-bank, a base therefor, comprising a casing having a porous top and adapted to contain water, the casing having a step-like opening in one side and the top provided with a raised portion leading inwardly from the step-like opening.

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the said raised portion being provided on opposite sides with recesses.

4. In a juvenile savings-bank, a base therefor, comprising a casing having a porous top and adapted to contain water, the casing having a step-like opening in one side and the top provided with recesses, and with a raised portion leading inwardly from the step-like opening, said raised portion being provided on opposite sides with recesses.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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