

## PREVENTION OF THE MALICIOUS OBSTRUCTION OF COIN CHUTES IN BOXES, COIN-COLLECTING, Nos. 14 AND 16

★[NOTE :—As this Instruction has been completely revised, individual paragraphs have not been 'starred.' Amendment has been necessary because of the introduction of a new design of coin slot hood which has greater strength and is more easily fitted than the previous model]

**1. Need for precautions.**—Blockage of the coin slots of Boxes, Coin-collecting is sometimes caused by the malicious insertion of strips of paper, bus tickets, and match sticks, especially where a person occupying a kiosk or cabinet is not easily overlooked. The result of this interference is the incorrect functioning of the equipment with consequent inconvenience and loss of money to both the public and the P.O.

**2. Method of protection.**—A completely satisfactory method of protection is not possible because, since it is necessary to insert coins in the slots, it is also impossible to completely prevent the insertion of obstructive matter. However, it can be made difficult for trouble-makers to operate by placing a hood over the slots. This is designed to allow coins to be slipped in, but to make it difficult for a non-rigid article, such as a bus ticket, to be inserted. Fig. 1 illustrates the hood, which is coded Hood, Coin Slot, No. 1 and is obtainable from the Supplies Dept.

**3. Limitations of hooded coin slots.**—The hood has the following disadvantages :—

(a) It is not completely successful except where the obstruction is caused by merely mischievous persons.

(b) It tends to make the insertion of coins more difficult and boxes so fitted may be ignored in favour of normal boxes, if there are some nearby. For this reason, where the hoods are necessary, they should be fitted to a whole group of adjacent coin boxes.

(c) Unless all boxes around an affected box or suite of boxes are also modified, trouble-makers may transfer attention to adjacent boxes and no improvement is effected.

**4. Decision to fit hoods.**—The decision to fit hoods will be left to the discretion of the T.M. They should only be fitted when the trouble is widespread and persistent. The need for action will probably be apparent from maintenance reports.

**5. Fitting of hoods.**—Remove the coin denomination plate from Container No. 8A. Fit the hood

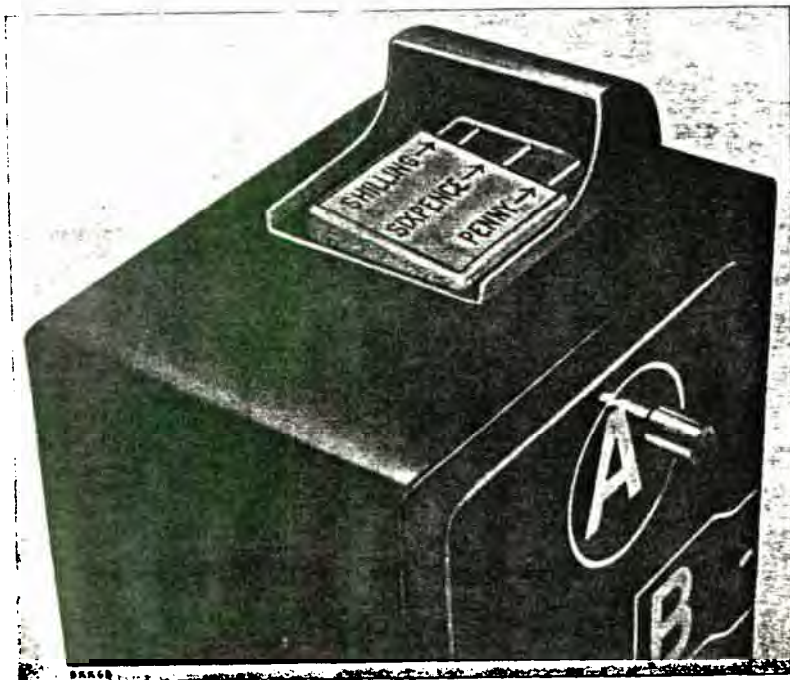


FIG. 1.—PROTECTIVE HOOD FOR BOXES, COIN-COLLECTING

between the Container No. 8A and the replaced coin denomination plate and secure with Screws, 4BA  $\frac{1}{4}$ in., Csk. Hd., Br., N. Pl., obtainable from the Factories Dept.

6. Recovery of containers fitted with hoods.—The hood should be removed when a container is to be

returned, under maintenance exchange procedure or otherwise, to the Supplies Dept. If hoods recovered in this way are still required locally, they should be fitted to new containers after having been re-enamelled, if necessary. Otherwise they should be returned, as separate items, to the Supplies Dept.

Reference :—None  
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