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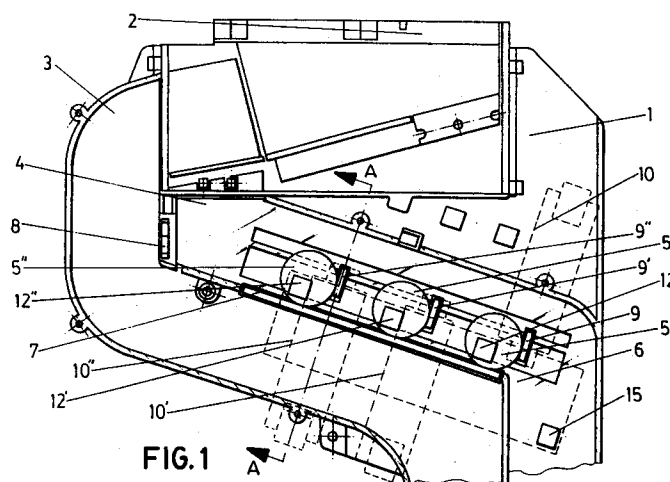
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(54) **Monochannel device for control, storage and collection of coins.**

(57) The device of the invention is prepared for mounting in paystation telephones and is of the monochannel type through which the coins (5-5'-5"...) slide to be collected one after the other. The device is so designed that, without any need to separate the coins, it is capable of controlling, storing and collecting, at least, two of these, regardless of the type and of the order in which they have been inserted, with no requirement for the use of motors or movable stores and having suppressed the problem of jamming.

To achieve this, the device is based on having the coins (5-5'-5"...) retained separately in the monochannel (4) by means of corresponding retractable levers (9-9'-9"...), each of which is associated with its respective energising coil (10-10'-10"...). There are also sensors to detect the presence of coins (12-12'-12"...) inside the monochannel (4) and a sensor to detect the passage of collected coins (15) situated at the outlet of the monochannel device (4) and at the entrance (6) of the collection box.

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