

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed to a coin detection apparatus that is specially designed to avoid coins' sticking in a coin passage and that is capable of distributing an item to a customer only when a predetermined number of valid coins are paid. Coins (C) deposited by the customer are kept in a coin shoot (13). The coins (C) stand upright on a floor plate (20) that forms a part of the coin shoot (13). The floor plate (20) is urged by a spring member to protrude into the coin shoot (13). As a rotary disk (100) rotates, one end (119) of a recessed portion (120) defined in the rotary disk (100) leans on the floor plate (20) against elastic force of the spring member to make the floor plate (20) tilt. Subsequently, recessed edge of the rotary disk (100) continues to tilt the floor plate (20). As the other end 118 of the recessed portion (120) reaches the floor plate (20), the floor plate (20) is disengaged from the rotary disk (100). Tilt of the floor plate (20) causes the coins (C) to be evacuated from the floor plate (20), and the coins fall direction into a coin drop.



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