

“From Mint Venders to Live Jackpots”

From 1927 through to 1935, there was a brisk trade in slot machine conversions from Mint Venders and early slot machines with solid fronts, to live jackpot models.

Several independent operators converted their machines themselves, many of those conversions were crude to say the least.

This resulted in several coin machine companies producing a range of “Slot Fronts” as a business, the following adverts show just how wide spread this was, the adverts shown are just a few of those companies.

HERE IT IS!

The new Front Vender with return coin device. Vender holds 50 packages mints and when empty coin circulates back to the player and machine does not operate until refilled with mints. All overflow coins return to player. Drop mints in the vender same as dropping a letter in a mail box. No vender key to fool with or misplace.

Mechanism all roller bearing. Makes no noise in operation.

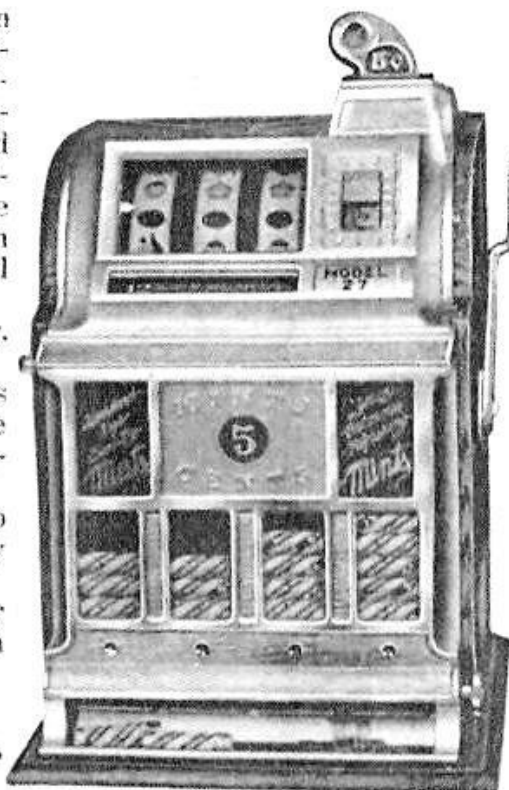
On a purchase of ten machines we protect the purchaser and give him local county rights, and refer inquiries in his county to him.

Filled with checks ready to set up and operate on arrival. Should pay for itself inside 30 days.

Write us for prices on any style or make of machine. Also prices on mints, checks, gum and repairs.

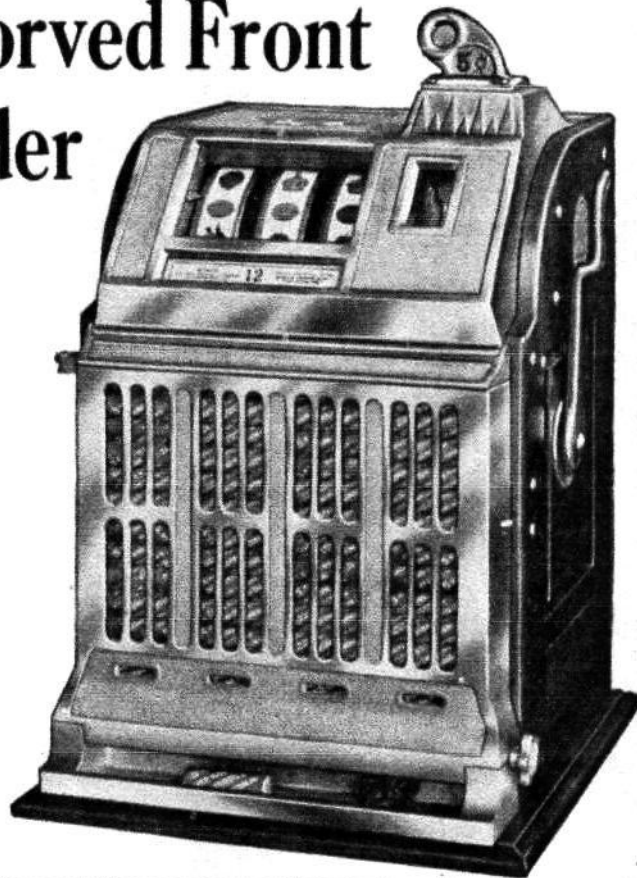
O. A. WILLIAMS CO.

611 North Capitol Ave.,
Indianapolis Indiana



An O.A. Williams Company produced a “Mint Vender” using coin or checks, in 1926.

Improved Front Vender



Use one 10 days and if you are not satisfied return it and your money will be refunded.

Troubles of other makes have been eliminated: No front or back grab hooks to wear away the discs; no mixing of nickels and checks in payout tube; no slipping of reels.

Return coin feature prevents lapping of coins.

Flat faced roller indicator cannot get out of adjustment.

All wearing points fitted with roller bearings.

Extra heavy clock for life of machine.

Evenly balanced turning of reels, requiring no brake wires. 2 and 4 pay-off independent of each other.

Highly polished aluminum reinforced front and back doors. Outside cash box door independent of door to mechanism.

Nickel and quarter play same price.

Weight 75 lbs.

Get Operators prices.

SILVER KING NOVELTY CO.

611 N. CAPITOL AVE.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The Silver King "Mint Vender" produced in 1927

New and Improved
ROBERTS JACK-POT ATTACHMENTS
for MILLS AND JENNINGS
BELLS AND SIDE VENDERS

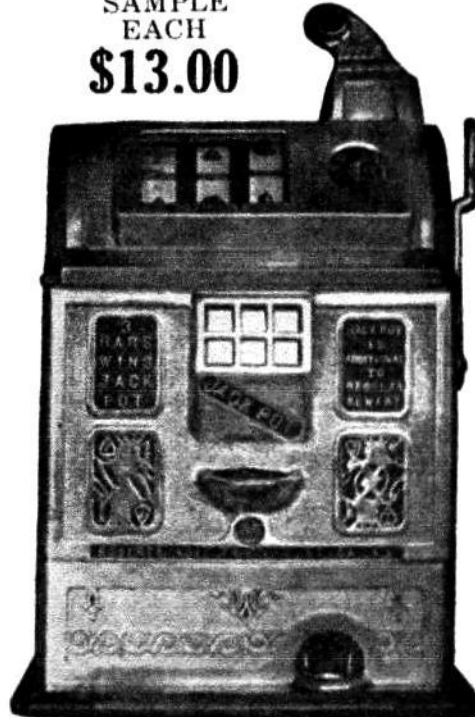
GUARANTEED—100%
 Improved and New Jack-Pot
 Attachment for Mills Bell
 Side Vender

SAMPLE
EACH
\$13.00



PRACTICAL—GUARANTEED
 Improved and New Jack-Pot
 Attachment for Jennings
 Bell and Side Vender

SAMPLE
EACH
\$13.00



MILLS
24-Hour Service
 Operators—Jobbers

Write For
 Quantity Prices
 Phone or Wire
 Orders

OLD STYLE
EACH

\$7.00



MILLS
BELLS SIDE
VENDERS

Immediate
Shipments
 1-3 Deposit With
 Order

OLD STYLE
EACH

\$7.00

ROBERTS NOVELTY COMPANY
 116 LIBERTY ST. UTICA, N. Y.

A add from the Roberts Novelty Co, from June 1929, Roberts was one of the leading producers of "Jackpot Fronts" at that time.



Jack Pot Attachments for Mills Bells, Side Venders

World's finest Jack Pot. Has mechanical features found in no other device of its kind.
Has Automatic Feed to Jack Pot.

PRICES

Single Attachment...\$20.00 Lots of 5...\$17.50

Operators Write for
Quantity Prices

Jack Pot Attachments for Jennings Bells, Side Venders

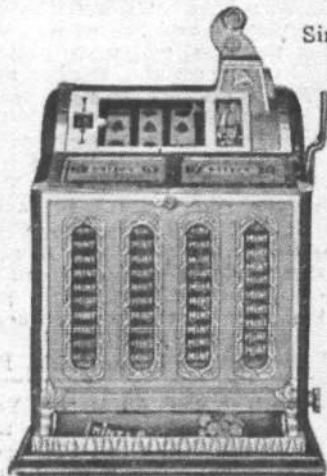
This is the Jack Pot the boys have been waiting for. Years ahead of any other Jack Pot.
Order one on approval.



PRICES

Single Attachment...\$20.00 Lots of 5...\$17.50

Operators Write for Quantity Prices



Jack Pot Attachments for Watling Bells, Front Venders

The Only One on
the Market
Convert your old
style machines into
Jack Pots at small
cost.

PRICES

Sample Jack Pot
\$25.00



Jack Pot Attachments for Mills Front O. K. Venders

Fits on all Front Venders. Automatic — Foolproof — Dependable.

PRICES

Sample Jack Pot \$25.00

ROCK-OLA MANUFACTURING CO.

617-631 JACKSON BLVD.

CHICAGO, ILL.

An add from Automatic Age dated July 1929.

In 1929, Jack Keeney had developed a range of "Jackpot Fronts" that would retrofit the various "Mint Vendor" and "Side Vender" range of slot machines that was produced by the leading manufacturers such as Mills, Jennings and Watling these "Jackpot Fronts" were marketed by the Rock-Ola Mfg, Co.

WILSON JACKPOT

For Mills and Jennings Bells
and Side Venders

Now you can buy
the Wilson Jack-
pot for \$10.00
each. We are the
originators of the
Jackpot attach-
ment. Guaranteed
100% improved.

The Wilson Jackpot

does not need any
introduction as
there are 15,000
of them in use
today. Send for
a sample and
convince your-
self.



Mills—5-cent Bell	-----	\$10.00
Mills—10-cent Bell	-----	10.00
Mills—25-cent Bell	-----	10.00
Mills—Front Venders	-----	12.00
Jennings—5, 10 and 25-cent Bells	-----	\$10.00 each

This price includes in quantity
or sample.

G. W. WILSON

1315 Washington St.

Toledo, Ohio

An add dated August 1929 from G.W. Wilson.

***G.W. Wilson who was an operator, claimed that he was the originators of the
“Jackpot Front” attachments and had already produced 15,000 units.***

SOMETHING NEW

For
Any Make
Jackpots

—o—
Beautifully
Finished
and
Will Stand
Hard
Use

—o—
SAMPLE
\$17.50
EACH



For Any
Machine
Venders

—o—
Equipment
New

—o—
Skill Sign
Complete
Reel Strips
Reward Card
with Rivets
Front Plate
Assembly

—o—
LOTS OF 10
\$16.50
EACH

Foot Ball Equipment

We are running these equipments under State and City License. Why don't you?

A demonstration proves it is an amusement machine. The game can be won in one turn or maybe a thousand—and can they play a game? I'll say so!

Hoke Manufacturing Co.

3115 Adams Mill Road, N. W.

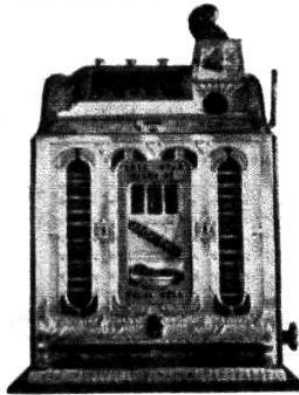
Washington, D. C.

Can furnish Foot Ball Mints for this equipment.

An add from February 1930, by the Hoke Mfg, Co.

The Hoke Mfg, Co, introduced a "Mint Vender" based on a Football theme, claiming that it was a game of skill, and that they were operating this machine legally under under a State and City license.

**Yes, It Has Reserve
Jack Pot Attachment for
Mills Front Vender**



Vends Mints from the front. Jack Pot pays off nothing but checks, or, by placing plate over Jack Pot, can be operated as a straight Mills Front Vender, or with a visible or invisible Jack Pot. Can be operated as a straight Bell. In fact, you have everything in the Mills Front with this Jack Pot Attachment that you have in all the rest of the machines put together, with the exception of the Baseball Front. Any change can be made on location in two minutes.

Sample	\$22.50
Lots 5 and Up	20.00
Lots 10 and Up	17.50
Get Our Quantity Price.	
MILLS FRONT VENDER, as above, shown with Jack Pot.	
Single Machine	\$57.50
Lots of 5	54.00
Lots of 10	51.00
Mills 25c Bell, with Jack Pot Attachment	\$47.50
Mills 5c Bell, with Jack Pot Attachment	42.50
Straight Mills Front Venders	39.00
Jennings Today Venders	32.50
Jennings Side Venders	30.00
Mills Side Venders	27.50
With Jack Pot Attachment	39.00
MINTS—Single Case, \$9.50; 5-Case Lots, \$8.75; 10-Case Lots, \$8.50.	
FOLDING STANDS, \$4.75.	

All machines have been thoroughly gone over, reconditioned, old parts replaced with new where necessary. Have new appearance. We pay cash or exchange Jack Pots or Jack Pot Machines for Mills Front Venders. Must be serial over 180,000. Our terms are one-third cash with order, will ship, balance C. O. D.

LONE STAR SALES CO.
827 East Third St. TULSA, OKLA.

Add from Lone Star Sales in July 1930.

This company claimed that the operator could change their "Jackpot Fronts" on location in 2 minutes, it was also a convertible model, operating on cash, with a jackpot of checks, or a Mint Vender.

Only the BEST in Vending Machines

[NEW OR USED]

Many Remarkable Improvements



IF OTHER makes, or our first models have discouraged you, we urge you to try JUST ONE SAMPLE of our improved Model C—"Three Jacks". If the sample does not prove itself a Big Money Maker as well as Cheat-Proof, return it in ten days and we will refund both purchase price and express charges.

YOU CAN'T MISS NOW

JUST ADDED — FOUND ON NO OTHER MACHINE. Among which are three outstanding ones to prevent cheating, namely:

1. Separated cash box to prevent pennies being shaken into mechanism and either putting mechanism out of order or causing Jack Pots to empty.
2. Locking device on the three winning slots to prevent more than one Jack Pot being won at a time and thus leaving all Jack Pots empty at the same time. Player must now turn handle at once when a penny enters a winning slot, otherwise all three slots remain closed against further play.
3. Locking device to prevent player from holding open with a wire (after once won) a Jack Pot and thereafter getting back all pennies that drop into that Jack Pot.

Keeney's Three Jacks Easily Leads Them All

A Fascinating Game of Skill. Boys — It Gets the Money! Eight astounding, Cheat-Proof improvements just added — not found on any other "3 Jacks". All cheaper "Jacks" are easily cheated.

Inferior "Jacks" spell F-A-I-L-U-R-E.

Keeney's "Jacks" spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S.

Compare Our 3 Jacks with other makes. There IS a difference. Why save pennies and lose dollars! Three models: 1c, 5c and 10c. Write for quantity prices.

Sample Machine \$20.00

Terms: one-third cash with order, balance c. o. d.

Model K Reserve Jack Pot Front

Simplest to install—no parts on mechanism. Makes all other Jack Pot Fronts obsolete.

We Carry Them All!

Mills • Jennings • Watling • Pace

JACKPOT BELLS • JACKPOT SIDE VENDERS
FRONT VENDERS

BASEBALL FRONT VENDERS

and All Kinds of Skill and Amusement Machines.

JACKPOT FRONTS
for Mills and Jennings Machines.

BASEBALL FRONTS
for Mills, FOK's and Jennings Todays

Write Today
for Our
Catalog.
It's FREE!

WE BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE

Sample
\$15.00



WORLD'S HEADQUARTERS for VENDING MACHINES
OUR STOCK IS THE LARGEST — OUR PRICES THE LOWEST

Keeney & Sons, 706 E. 40th St., Chicago, Ill.

Add July 1930 from Keeney & Sons, advertising their own Model K, JP fronts.

ROYAL MACHINE WORKS

1250 Main Street

Hartford, Conn.



Patent Pending

HERE IT IS!

**A Solid Complete
JACKPOT FRONT
for
MILLS FRONT VENDER**

*High Polish - Brilliant Flash
Simple to Install —
30 Minutes That's all.*

**You don't have to be a
Machinest to install this.**

Cheat Proof

**Largest Reserve on any Jackpot ever built.
Unbreakable Glass.**

**Finest Mechanism ever built on a Jakpot.
1000 in actual operation without a complaint.**

*Try one, if not Satisfactory, return it at our
expense and we will refund your money.
Good things are Cheapest in the end.
One Third Deposit with each Order.*

**Lots of Ten \$16.00
\$18.00 A FRONT
PROMPT SHIPMENT**

Add by Royal Machine Works, dated Sept 1930.

New Rock-Ola Front Modernizes Older Machines

A Jackpot Front—a triple jackpot—is the latest innovation offered to bell operators by the Rock-Ola Mfg. Corp.

Ever since the jackpot with the visible reserve first came out, operators have realized the advantage of a big jackpot display. Those who invested their money in earlier machines with the single jackpot were caught flat-footed, according to Rock-Ola officials. Their machines are said to have depreciated to less than one-fourth their original value as soon as the double jackpot came out. The play was taken away from their locations. A decreased income together with the depreciated value of their machines made it difficult to buy the newer models.

Many things were tried, it is pointed out. Operators who were caught with the older machines even tried to make their own visible reserves. But this was little better since the jackpots were set into the machines instead of bulging out in the manner of the new Super Triple. Thus their display value was minimized. It is true a little more display was added but it lacked the appeal of a permanent visible reserve always chock-full of coins.

So things went along with operators buying new machines when they could, and getting along as best they might with their older machines. Then the news broke at the Coin Machine Show! Rock-Ola had come out with a new Front!—a Front combining all the patented features of the original Rock-Ola Front with new improvements and reported to have the biggest jackpot display on the market.

In looking it over, operators recognized several old and tried devices that had added to their profits in the past. For instance, there was the famous "butterfly" stamping originated and pioneered by Rock-Ola to control the flow of coins. The advantage of this stamping has been long recognized by operators all over the country. As soon as the Jackpot and reserve fill, the "butterfly" closes automatically and shifts the flow of coins into the payout tube until that fills, and then into the cash-box. When the jackpot "spits," the "butterfly" opens and allows the coins

to pour into the reserve. This is one of the advantages of the original Rock-Ola Front that have been incorporated into the Super Triple.

Among the new improvements, the adjustable neck stands out as one of the most important. No more is it necessary to fit or file when putting on a Front. Special construction of the neck on the Rock-Ola Super Triple makes it possible for the operator to move it backwards and forwards to fit any Mills Bell or Side Vender. Since different machine mechanisms vary as much as three-eighths of an inch at this important point, it can be seen how convenient the adjustable neck will be.

Another feature that is said to add to the ease of installing the Super Triple is that the cover to the Jackpot mechanism may be removed and the operator can thus get a clear view of all that he is doing.

By far the most outstanding of the new improvements, however, is the big jackpot display itself. The main jackpot, together with the permanent visible reserve, has an actual display space of 16½ square inches. But to make the display even greater, the Jackpot is set off by a striking design and exciting colors.

There are at least 17 features of merit, according to Rock-Ola officials, which do their part toward making a smooth-working jackpot that allows the mechanism to run smoothly and freely.

"It is interesting to note that some time ago, we decided not to go into the manufacturing of a jackpot since several types were already on the market," said David C. Rockola. "But operators continued to ask for a double jackpot Front built on the order of the original one."

MAKE MONEY WITH

HANSON



PENNY SCALE

Highest grade and trouble-free mechanism; plug proof; accurate. Needs little service. Discount to operators. Write for booklet, prices.

HANSON Penny Counter

Two styles: one weighs pennies up to \$7.50; other to \$15. Amazingly accurate. With carrying case. \$16. 30% discount to operators.



Hanson Scale Co.

511 N. Ada St. CHICAGO



ADVANCE MACHINES

More than 100 models, for nearly every purpose. Send for Catalogue No. 34.

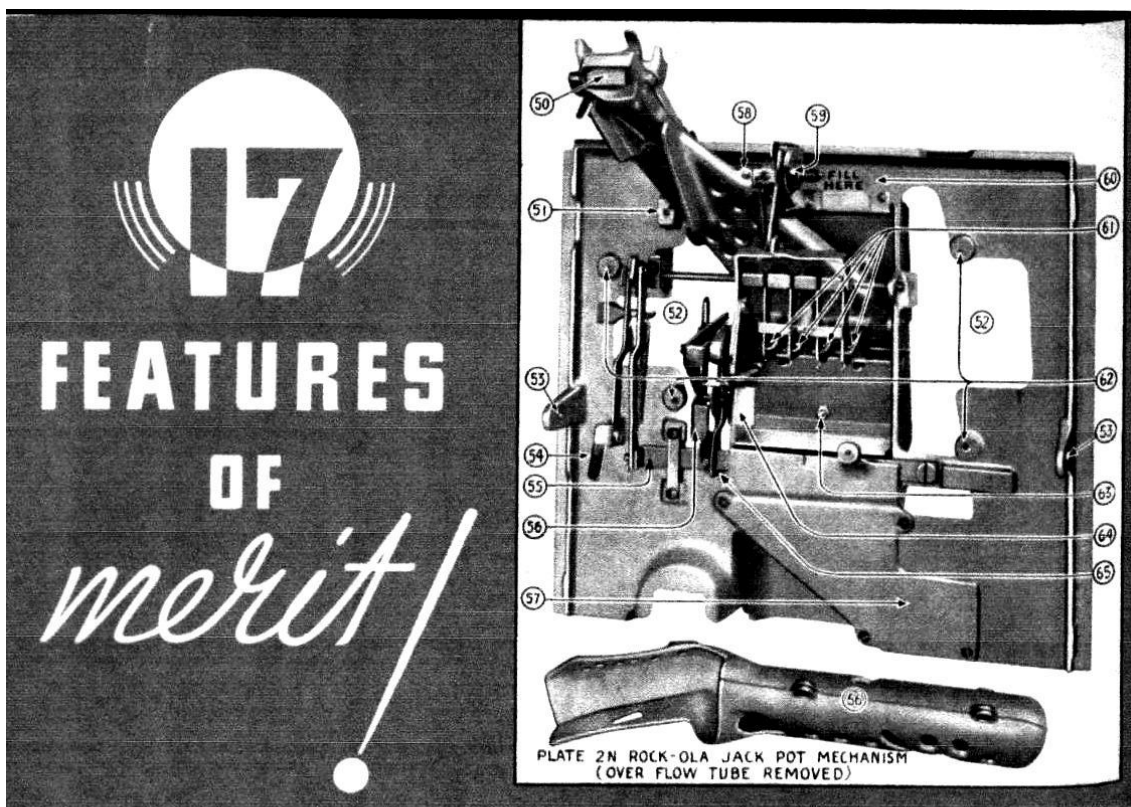
In business nearly 35 years

Advance Machine Co.

4641-47 Ravenswood Ave. CHICAGO, ILL.

New York Distributor: ADVANCE VENDING CO. 347 W. 39th St.

A two page add from the Rock-Ola Manufacturing Corporation March 1934



ROCK-OLA'S new Super-Triple JACKPOT is a clean cut job. It's as fine and finished a product as was ever turned out in the coin machine industry. To say that it is "a work of mechanical magic" is simply to bring into the spotlight an actual fact—one that is proved by the following 17 Features of Merit:

1. Part No. 50 is the famous butterfly stamping which was originated and pioneered by ROCK-OLA engineers. It automatically controls the flow of coins.
2. Part No. 51 is the special "boss" to which you fasten the overflow and check separator tube.
3. The two openings, indicated by No. 52, are made by removing the cover to the Jackpot mechanism. Thus, you can see all the working parts and know what you are doing.
4. The two lugs, indicated by No. 53, are used to bolt the Jackpot Attachment securely to the sides of the cabinet.
5. No. 54 is the Anti-Trip Lever, which keeps the JACKPOT from tripping when the mechanism is removed from the cabinet.
6. No. 55 is the Jackpot Lock Lever. It is probably the most important single factor on any Jackpot. It is so adjusted that when the Jackpot door is opened, the Jackpot automatically locks!
7. The Jackpot Trip Lever, No. 56, is so arranged that pressure is never put on the pay slides. Thus, Rock-Ola's Super-Triple Jackpot is so built that the mechanism can work freely and easily.
8. Cover No. 57 is set at a special angle so as to allow for ample operating space between the machine mechanism and the cover itself.
9. Adjustable Neck. This is one of the greatest features ever introduced on a Jackpot! No more do you have to fit or file. Neck screw No. 58 makes it a simple matter to move the neck backwards or forwards without interfering with the mechanism. Since different machine mechanisms vary as much as $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch at this important point, you can see how convenient this adjustable neck will be when you fit the Jackpot to your various machines.
10. No. 59 is the Adjustable Feed to the Jackpot. It can be set to regulate the number of coins flowing to the Jackpot.
11. No. 60 is the slot to the permanent visible reserve. It is so conveniently placed that it can be filled in two minutes.
12. No. 61 shows you the four lock levers of the super-reserve. These are connected with the door control lock lever No. 55 in such a manner that the coins cannot get out of the reserve when the Jackpot door is open.
13. No. 62 points to the four screws by which the front plate can be removed whenever necessary. This is an all-important feature, since the removal of the front plate makes possible a clear view of both the Jackpot and the machine mechanism.
14. Adjustable Jackpot Screw No. 63. This screw enables you to adjust the Jackpot capacity from 50 to 80 coins.
15. No. 64 is the Jackpot Feed Lever. It acts as an auxiliary push rod lever. It is connected with the main frame back of the slot machine. The push rod of the machine mechanism pushes on this lever. No. 63 automatically operates No. 59.
16. No. 65 is the upright Anti-Trip Lever. It hooks under the Anti-Trip Lever No. 55 and holds fast. It will not "give" except when it goes back with the slides. It assures a 100% fool-proof Jackpot!
17. No. 66 indicates the overflow and check separator tube. It is detached in the picture so as to give a clear view of the mechanism. It is quickly and securely attached to the mechanism by two screws.

Again, we repeat, ROCK-OLA'S new Super-Triple JACKPOT ATTACHMENT is the Jackpot attachment for 1934! It's the Jackpot that will give your machines all the color, all the beauty, and all the flash of the highest priced machines. And it's easy to install. Send for a sample to-day. Let it bring your Mills Bells and Side Venders up-to-date!

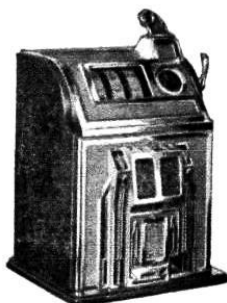
By 1934 Rock-Ola had developed a full line of "Jackpot Fronts" and claimed in the attached statement that their fronts were the most professional fronts available.

12 Outstanding Features

IN THE **National Twin Jack Pot**



Mills Bullseye



Jennings Primer



Mills FOK

Opening to the coin track is so constructed as to turn the coin on edge immediately after it leaves payout tube, thereby insuring swift passage of the coin.

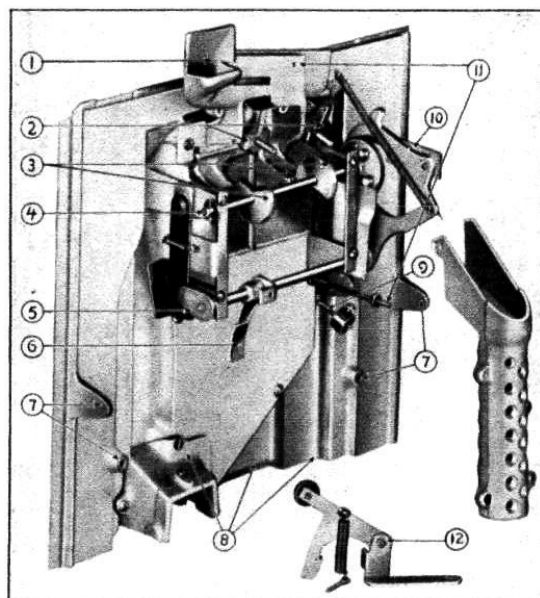
Well balanced shut-off gates to the Jack Pot allow no seepage of coin into the Jack Pot after same is once full.

Perfect circle cams and rollers insure positive opening and closing of the Jack Pots.

Cams are mounted on this tool steel shaft to give them a smooth positive action.

The Famous National Triple Lock—

- (a) Locks Jack Pot when mechanism is removed from cabinet.
- (b) Locks Jack Pots until Jack Pot is paid.
- (c) Locks Jack Pot when an attempt is made to cheat the machine.



Push rod installed on mechanism engage at this point, thereby insuring positive locking of the Jack Pots and removing the strain from the payout slides.

Jack Pot is installed on cabinet with either screws or bolts.

All parts of the National Twin Jack Pot are built forward so that it is not necessary to cut out any part of the cabinet for its installation.

Weight balanced gate prevents wires and the like from being run up into an open Jack Pot.

Push lever used to turn cams embodies simplicity and positive action.

Overflow tube attaches to the coin track at these two points.

Jack Pot trip lever is attached to the payout slides cover and works off payout slides. Light spring is used.

Increased Profits

You can rely upon the National Twin Jack Pot Attachment to put new life in your old machines and increase your profits beyond your expectations. The National Twin Jack Pot has brought untold numbers of obscure Mills and Jennings' Machines out of retirement and put them into profitable operation for their owners.

Warning to Operators

It has come to our attention that Jack Pot Attachments identical in appearance with National Twin Jack Pot Attachments are being advertised to the trade at cut prices. Preliminary investigation indicates that though the castings for these imitations of our product were made from our patterns, the superior workmanship and performance of National Attachments could not be copied and offered to the trade at a price comparable with NATIONAL Jack Pot prices. Steps have already been taken for the protection of both Operators and ourselves in this matter and we sincerely trust that no operator has bought one of these imitations in the belief that he was buying a guaranteed National Twin Jack Pot Attachment.

NATIONAL COIN MACHINE EXCHANGE, 2137 Tryon Lane, Toledo, Ohio

An add by the National Coin Machine Exchange in Automatic Age dated July 1934

DOUGHBOY JACKPOT ATTACHMENT

STRONGLY BUILT—FINELY POLISHED HEAVY ALUMINUM CASTINGS

FITS ANY PIN GAME EVER MADE

PAYS ITS COST IN LESS THAN A DAY!

Size 5 by 12 inches



Made for Any Size Slug or Coin
Penny, Nickel, or Dime

NO TAX \$10⁰⁰
IN LOTS OF TEN

\$11.00 IN LOTS OF 5 \$12.00 FOR SAMPLE

We Pay the 10% Federal Tax

TERMS: 1/2 Money Order or Certified
Check, Balance C. O. D. No
shipments without Deposit.

Fits 99 1/2% of all games made without making coin chute change however Pin Games with Wow
or Bingo Style Coin Chutes Must be Changed to A. B. T. or Similar Coin Chutes.
We supply these for \$1.00 Each.

(ALL OTHERS ARE O. K. AS THEY ARE—NO COIN CHUTE CHANGE NECESSARY)

American Games Engineering Company

1113 to 1119 Cambridge St. Cambridge, Massachusetts Tel. University 2127-2128

12,000% INCREASE

Dying pin games have picked up from
\$1.00 a week to as high as \$121.30

a week after attaching our
**DOUGHBOY JACKPOT
ATTACHMENT**

FREE INSTALLATION. On first sample purchase when machine is sent in.

AUTOMATIC SELF RELOADING. Every fifth coin goes to jackpot, this protects the operator.

AUTOMATIC PAY OUT. When ball gets into Jackpot hole plunger is pulled and contents are released.

FULL JACKPOT ALWAYS. When in a hurry Jackpot can be filled in fifteen seconds either with slugs or coins, an exclusive patented feature in our attachment.

LEGAL ANYWHERE, SKILL AND SLUGS OR COINS. Wherever any kind of machine is now operated with no value brass checks, or even where these are not permitted, our Jackpot can be made to show checks only and therefore is legal. The only Jackpot with this patented idea.

VERY EASY TO INSTALL. Taking into consideration that most operators are not engineers or expert machinists, and that they have very little time, we have constructed this attachment so that it can be installed by a ten-year-old child. Printed instructions, fully illustrated with many photographs furnished with each Doughboy Jackpot Attachment to make it so much easier. Full anti-cheating information.

IT IS WORTH MORE. Operators that ordered sample Doughboy Jackpot Attachment now order 50 to 100, jobbers wire for a few hundred each week, and manufacturers of high-class pin games order for entire production.

THEY OUGHT TO KNOW.

AVOID HEADACHES. We use no dry-cell batteries, that die out; electricity that cause fuse blow-outs and fires, cardboard, tin, etc. Ours is built of heavy aluminum, steel and bronze castings, and aeroplane strut wire; the best of everything, finely machined, the original and still only dependable automatic Jackpot attachment.

TREMENDOUS PLAYER APPEAL. People actually wait in line to play pin games when they are equipped with Doughboy Jackpots.

An add from march 1934 for a "Jackpot" feature for the Payout Pinball Game.

I hope this article as been of some help to our members. Freddy Bailey