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Fig. 1.

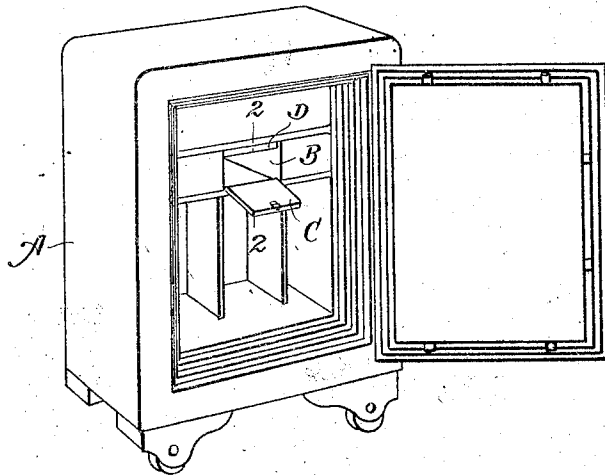


Fig. 2.

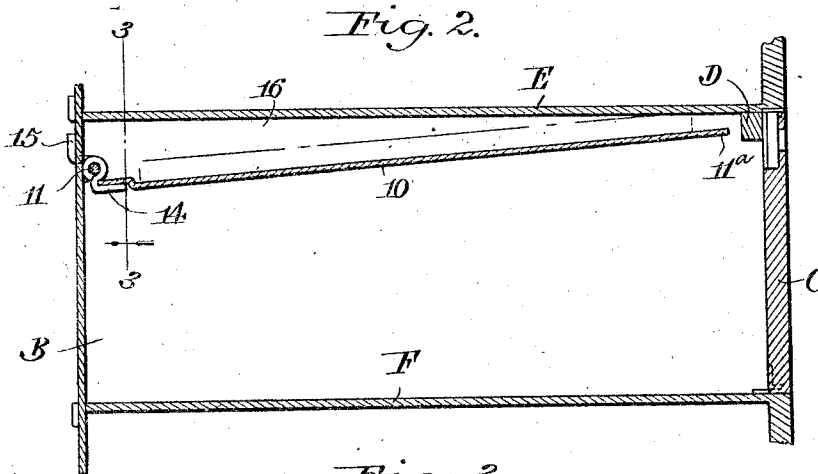
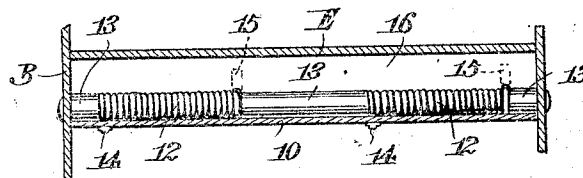


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN BAER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of the Bronx, in the county of Bronx and State of New York, United States of America, have invented a new and Improved Concealed Compartment for Safes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 This invention relates to safes and has particular reference to a concealed or hidden compartment in a safe for the storage of valuables.

In the majority of robberies, hold-ups, or thefts, the perpetrator is usually in a hurry and does not take the time to carefully examine or search the safe for concealed or hidden valuables, but is satisfied to make way with whatever valuables are readily at hand.

It is, therefore, the principal object of the present invention to provide the built-in strong box of a safe with a horizontally pivoted partition or shelf located adjacent the upper wall and upon which bills of large denomination, expensive jewelry, or other valuables may be supported and concealed against casual search or examination.

As a further object the invention contemplates an attachment for the built-in strong box of a safe which affords a concealed or hidden storage compartment for the valuables and which is so constructed as to allow for the ready introduction or removal of the contents.

As a still further object the invention comprehends an attachment of the character set forth, which is extremely simple in its construction, inexpensive to manufacture and install, and which is highly efficient in its purpose.

With the above recited and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel construction set forth in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that the right is reserved to embodiments other than those actually illustrated herein to the full extent indicated by the general meaning of the terms in which the claims are expressed.

In the drawings—

55 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a safe equipped with a hidden compartment constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view through the strong box taken approximately on the line indicated at 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary transverse sectional view taken approximately on the line indicated at 3—3 in Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, A designates a safe provided with the usual built-in strong box B having a door C and provided with a member acting as a stop D depending from the forward end of the upper wall E. The attachment includes a horizontal shelf, partition or tray 10 which is pivoted at its rear end by means of a transverse pivot pin 11 to the rear end of the strong box adjacent the upper wall whereby the free forward end 11^a of the shelf is capable of vertical swinging movement and when swung upwardly is spaced slightly in rear of the door stop D to facilitate the grasping and lowering of the shelf. A coil spring or springs 12 surround the pivot pin 11 between the hinged knuckles 13 at the rear edge of the shelf and the opposite terminals 14 and 15 of said springs cooperate respectively with the shelf and the strong box to normally effect the upward swinging movement of the forward end 11^a to dispose the same behind the door stop D. Under this construction and arrangement when it is desired to conceal a package of bills, jewelry, or other valuables in the compartment 16 defined between the shelf 10 and the upper wall E of the strong box, the forward edge 11^a of the shelf is grasped and swung downwardly, after which the valuables are placed thereon to permit the spring to again return the shelf to its normally raised position as illustrated in Fig. 2. In event of a robbery, hold-up, or theft, the perpetrator will remove whatever valuables are arranged on the bottom wall F of the strong box and the chance of discovering or observing the hidden compartment 16 is reduced to an absolute minimum, due to the fact that the door stop D overlies and conceals the forward edge 11 of the shelf 10.

From the foregoing it will thus be seen that an extremely simple and inexpensive attachment for the built-in strong box of a safe has been provided which will constitute a hidden or concealed compartment for the reception of articles of extreme value.

I claim:

The combination with the built-in strong box of a safe, of a member acting as a door stop extending completely across the width of and depending from the forward end of its upper wall, a horizontal shelf pivoted at its rear end adjacent the rear upper end of the strong box for vertical swinging movement of the forward end to define a concealed compartment adjacent the upper wall of the strong box, the said forward end being spaced in rear of the door stop, and means for normally elevating the shelf to dispose the forward free end behind the door stop whereby to conceal said compartment and shelf from view.

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