

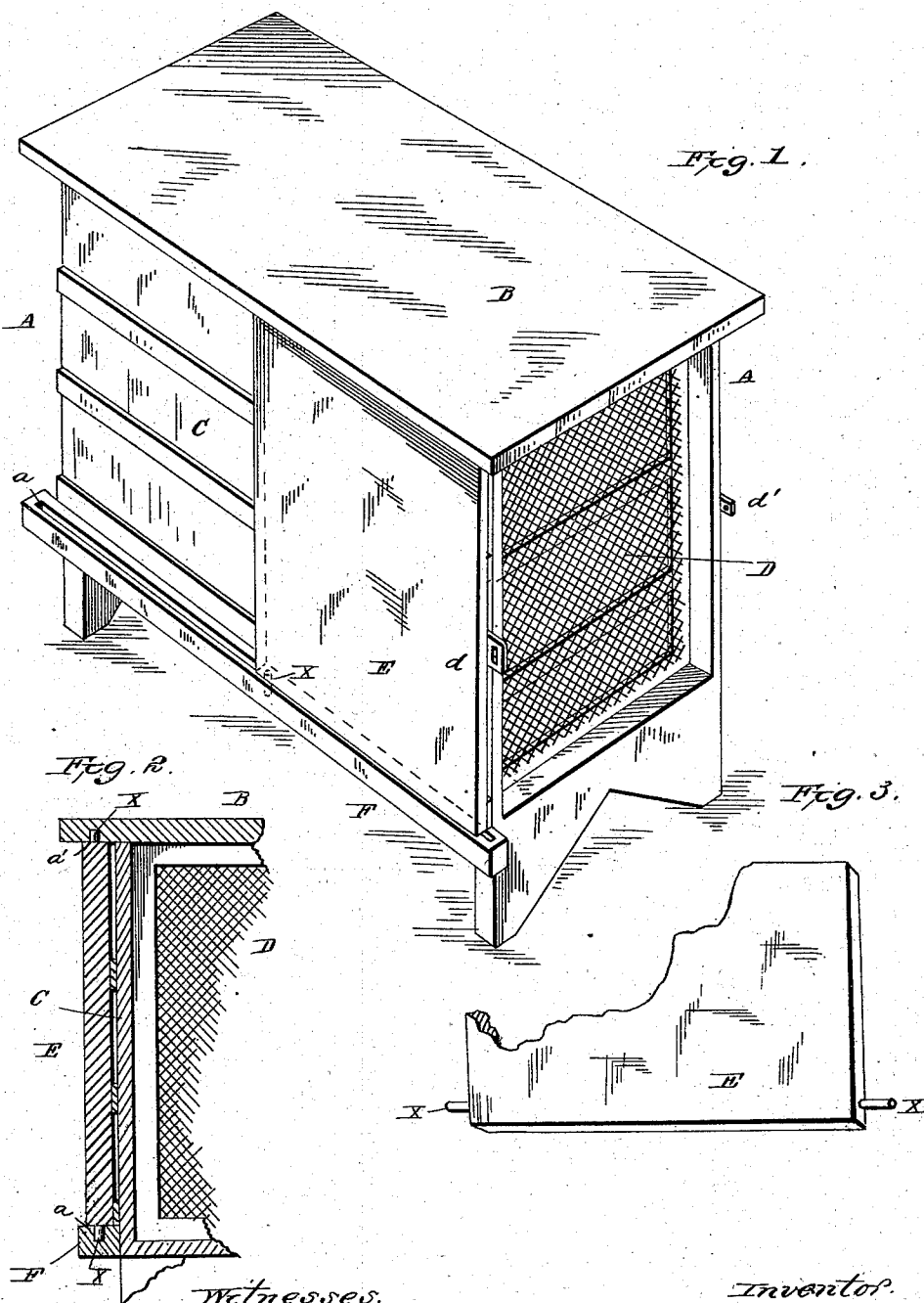
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KITCHEN-SAFE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. SELBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Albion, in the county of Edwards and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Kitchen-Safes; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to safes for the preservation of perishable articles of food; and has for its object more particularly to provide a mode of ventilation, as also an easy mode of closing said ventilation, for the purpose of excluding both light and dust, forming a complete cupboard, when desired.

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the safe; Fig. 2, a cross-section, partially broken away; and Fig. 3 represents a perspective of one of the sliding doors also broken away.

In the figures, A represents a safe, which may be constructed as to general interior arrangement in any of the well-known and usual ways. The front of this safe (not shown) is provided with the usual doors for communicating with its interior.

B represents the top of the safe. This top is provided upon its under side at its rear with a groove, *a'*, as seen in Fig. 2. This groove extends from near one end of the top to near the other end, and as the top projects over the body of the safe, so the grooves run or extend a little beyond the body also.

F represents a horizontal bar, which is secured to the body A near its bottom. This bar is provided with a longitudinal groove, *a*, which also extends a little beyond the ends of the safe, for purposes to be explained.

E represents a sliding door, which is provided in its upper and lower edges and near one end with the pins *xx*, one in each edge. These pins lie in the grooves *aa'*, and serve as

guides for the door E at one time, while at another they form pivots upon which the door is made to turn. It will readily be seen that when the door E is moved endwise and outward until the pins *xx* strike the ends of their respective grooves, the said pins being beyond the ends of the safe, the door E may be turned upon these pins, which now act as pivots, and made to close the end of the safe. The two ends of the safe are provided with stationary gauze-wire screens, which are set back in recesses sufficiently deep to allow the door E to close in behind them. One of the screens is represented by the letter D. Upon the door E is secured a suitable loop, *d*, which is intended to catch over a perforated lug, *d'*, on the end of the safe, for the purpose of securing said door closed. By the use of the solid door E and the gauze-wire screens D, the safe may be either closed up securely and tightly, or may be ventilated at pleasure. There are two of the doors E, and, as the safe is to be made twice as long as it is wide, both may readily be accommodated at the rear of the safe, when not in use, for closing the gauze-wire ends. When the doors E are to be placed at the back of the safe, they are simply turned upon their pivots *x* until on a line with the back, and then moved endwise backward out of the way.

This safe may thus have its back placed close against the wall of the building which contains it without interfering with the movements of the doors.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The sliding doors E, provided with pins, which traverse grooves in the bar F and the top B, in combination with the safe proper, provided at its ends with gauze-wire screens, the doors being made to operate substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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