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Fig. 1

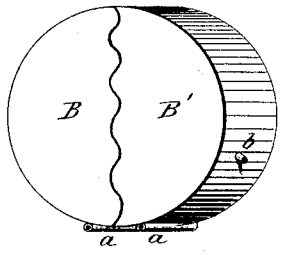


Fig. 2

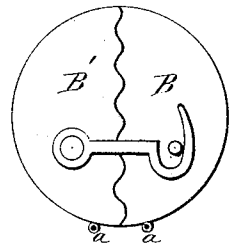


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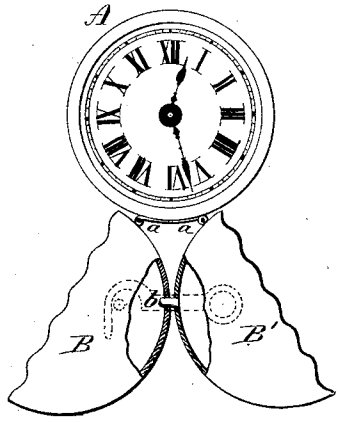
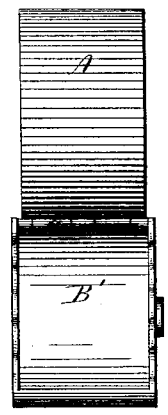


Fig. 4



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CLOCK-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. LOMAS, of West Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Clock-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view; Fig. 2, a rear view; Fig. 3, a front view with cover opened; Fig. 4, a side view of same.

This invention relates to an improvement in a cover for clock-cases, and more especially for that class known as "travelers' clocks," and which employ a marine movement. As usually constructed these clocks are fitted in boxes to prevent injury to them. These boxes, being necessarily considerably larger than the clock, occupy so much space in baggage as to render them inconvenient to carry, to say nothing of the inconvenience of the detachable box.

The object of my invention is to overcome these difficulties; and it consists in the construction of a cover in two parts, in shape to correspond to the shape of the clock, each part hinged to the clock-case itself, so as to both swing in a plane at right angles to the axis of the case, in such manner that when closed around the clock they will entirely inclose and protect it, and when opened the parts will fall below the clock and form a stand or support for it.

A represents a cylindrical clock-case; B B, two parts of the cover, shaped so that when together they will inclose the clock A, the two parts B B hinged to the clock-case upon its lower side, as at *a a'*, the hinge-joint parallel with the axis of the case, and so that when turned upon their hinges the two parts swing in a plane at right angles to the axis of the case, may be brought together to completely inclose and protect the clock, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, or they may also be turned away from and below the clock-case, so as to form a base or support for the clock, as seen in Figs. 3 and 4.

The two parts of the cover should be provided with stops that will bring them into their proper open position. This may be done by placing a stud, *b*, on one part, so that it will enter a corresponding perforation in the other, or the hinges may be stop-hinges arranged so as to stop the opening of the parts at their proper position. These two parts may be secured together, when closed around the clock, by a hook, as seen in Fig. 2, or any other suitable device may be employed, and when in their proper open position, as seen in Fig. 3, the two parts may also be held together by the same hook, as seen in dotted lines.

Instead of hinging the two parts below the clock-case A, they may be hinged at the sides or at any other point, it only being essential that the parts shall swing substantially at right angles to the axis of the case and so as to come below the case to form a support for it when the case is opened.

While I prefer the cylindrical shape of the clock-case and the corresponding shape of the covers, I do not wish to be understood as limiting my invention to this particular shape.

The parts of the cover may be made of metal and very ornamental, so as to form a neat and tasteful base for the clock. They are a permanent part of the clock, and therefore have not the objections of the detachable box. They are durable and form a perfect protection for the clock, either in transportation in baggage, or to market.

I claim—

1. A cover for clocks, consisting of the two parts B B', hinged to the clock-case, and so as to divide and swing therefrom in a plane at substantially right angles to the axis of the clock to expose the clock, or brought together to inclose the clock, substantially as described.

2. A cover for clocks, consisting of the two parts B B', hinged to the clock-case, and so as to divide and swing therefrom in a plane at substantially right angles to the axis of the clock to expose the clock, or brought together to inclose the clock, the said parts arranged to be turned beneath the clock to form a base or support for the clock, substantially as described.

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