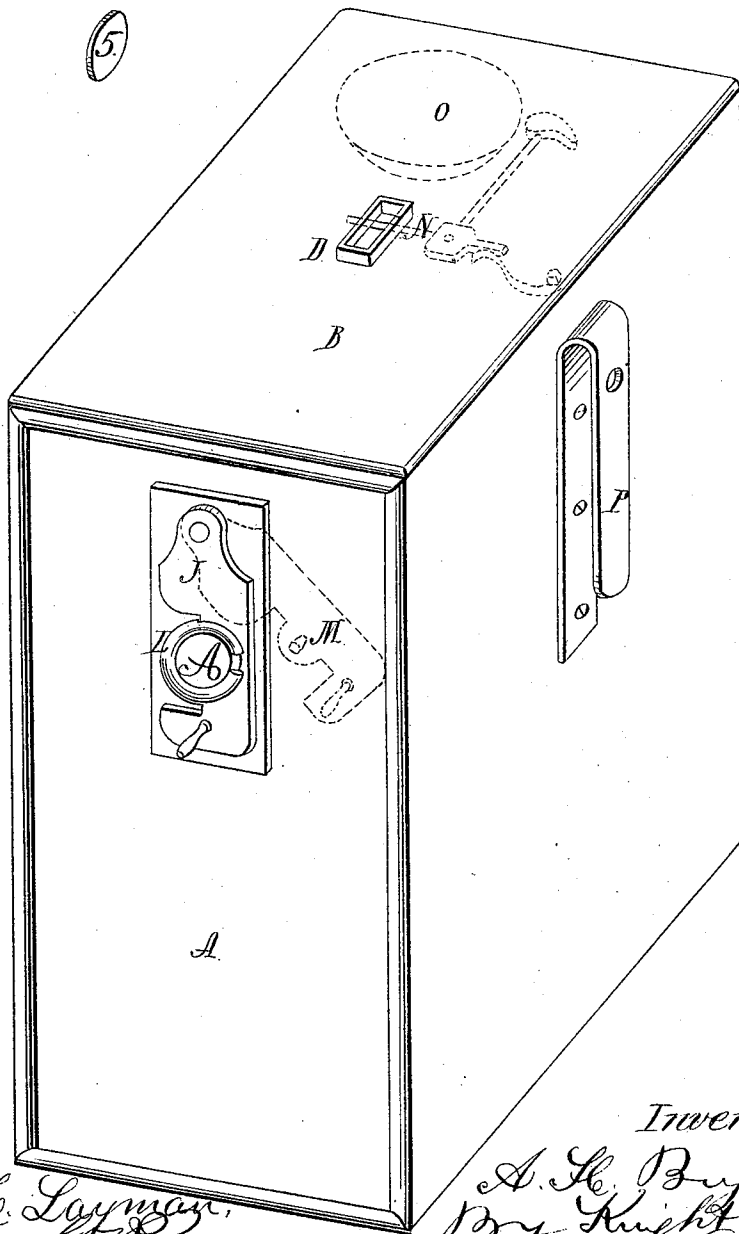


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FARE-BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AARON H. BUGHER, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful checking device for the prevention of fraud in the collection of fares, tolls, or other payments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification.

My invention relates to a system of checks, operated jointly by the collector and the person paying the fare, toll, fee, or other money, whereby a precise register or record, beyond the control of the collector, is preserved of each and every payment.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box or case embodying the principal features of my invention.

A is a box or case, having a lid, B, whose lock is in the exclusive custody of the superintendent, cashier, proprietor, or whomsoever may for the time have control, charge, or ownership of the money.

D is a slot or aperture in the top of the box A, through which checks or counters, bearing on their faces the amounts paid in each case, are dropped by the passenger or other person paying the money. Where checks of several denominations are employed, as many separate compartments and appropriate apertures may be provided in the box. An additional safeguard may be afforded by providing a shutter or escutcheon, J, to the key-hole, which escutcheon, when closed, passes under a curb, L, co-

incident with whose center the said escutcheon is provided with a flaring stud or button, M. The key-hole being closed by the escutcheon, a wax seal may be run and stamped into the space within the curb, and will be securely held in place by the button M. A still further safeguard may consist in fixing athwart the aperture D, on its under side, a yielding and resilient tongue, N, which, being momentarily deflected by the passage into the box of a counter, will return with a spring and strike a bell, O, so as to enable the collector as well as the payer, and even any bystander, to know whether a counter has actually entered the box.

The box may be composed of tin, wood, gutta-percha, leather, or other suitable material, and may be adapted for use with coin or other money instead of counters.

P is a hook attached to the rear of the box for the purpose of suspending the same to a staple driven into a wall or side of a car, &c., or to a band upon the conductor's person.

I claim herein as new and of my invention—  
In locks, a key-hole guard or escutcheon, J, provided with a flaring stud or button, M, adapted to operate, in connection with the curb L, for the reception of a wax seal, arranged as herein set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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