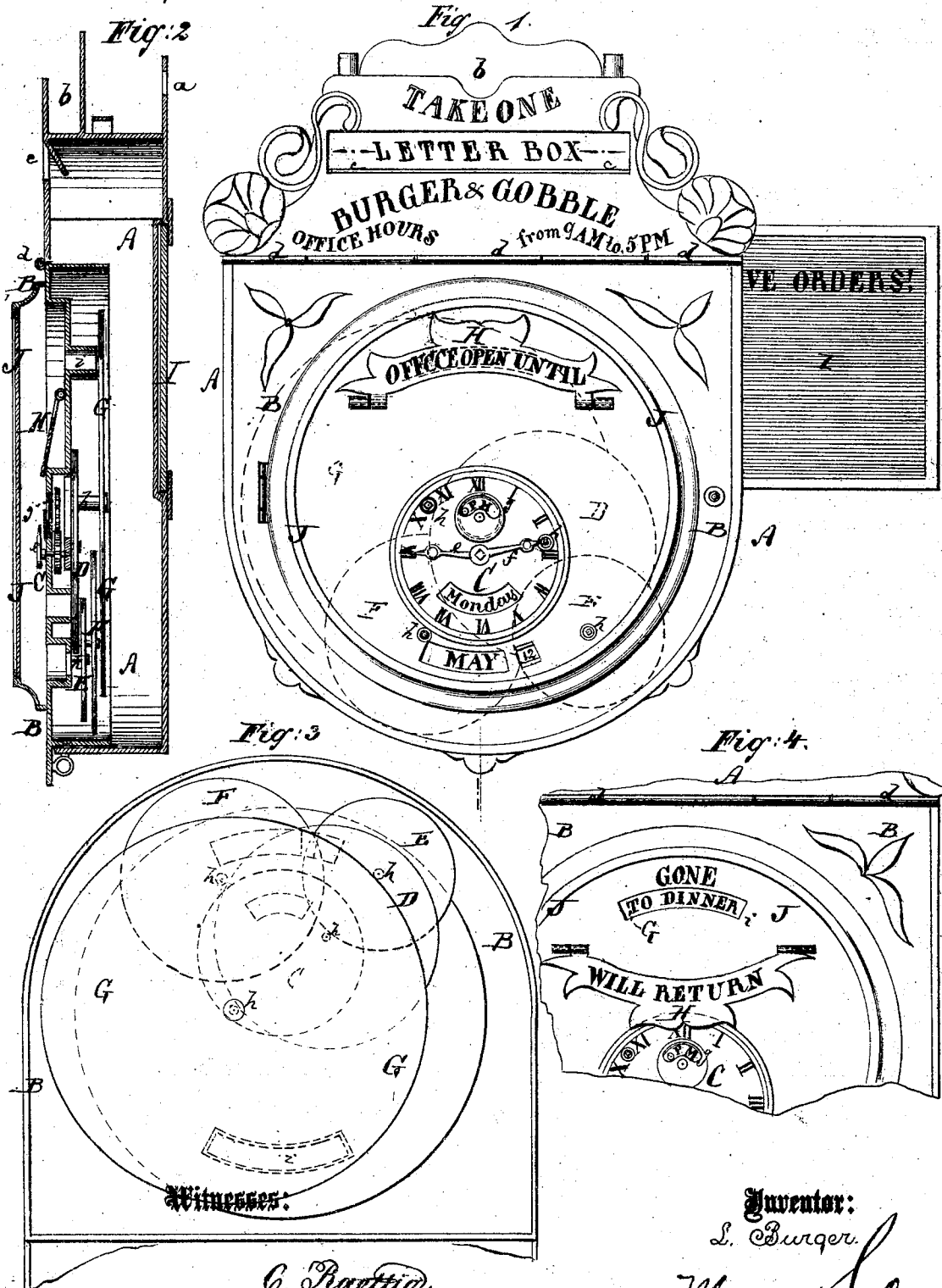


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IMPROVEMENT IN OFFICE-INDICATORS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 116,018, dated June 20, 1871.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS BURGER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Business-Indicator; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a face view of my improved business-indicator. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is a back view of the face-plate when the same is turned up. Fig. 4 is a detail face view of parts of the face-plate.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new business-indicator for office use, and consists in a novel combination of parts whereby the necessary routine information will be given to parties inspecting it when the office is closed or open, and means are provided for leaving orders.

A in the drawing represents a sheet-metal box, constituting the body of my improved business-indicator. By ears *aa* at the back of the box the same can be suspended from nails or screws on the wall or door. A small receptacle, *b*, is formed at the upper end of the box A for holding business-cards. A slot, *c*, is in the upper part of the face of the box A to receive letters, which can be thrown into said main box A. The lower larger part of the face-plate B of the box is hinged at its upper end, as at *d* in Fig. 1, and carries a clock-dial, C, whose hands *e f* can be set to indicate the hour until which the office is open or closed. The dial con-

tains, behind an appropriate aperture, a small pivoted plate, *g*, which can be shifted to show the letters "A. M." or "P. M.," as may be required. Three disks, D, E, and F, pivoted to the back of the face-plate, as shown in Fig. 2, display through appropriate apertures the day of week, month, and name of month, respectively. The arbors *h h* of said disks project through the face-plate, and are squared, so that they can be turned, by means of keys, to change the dates. A fourth disk, G, larger than the others, and carrying near its rim various items of information regarding the absence of the occupant, is also pivoted to the face-plate B by a pin, *h*, and displays one such item through an aperture, *i*, of the face-plate. A plate, H, is hinged to the face B under the aperture *i*, to cover and close it while the office is open. I is a writing-tablet or slate held in the grooved back of the box A, so that it can be drawn out for the reception of orders, as indicated in Fig. 1. J is a glass lid hinged to the face B to cover the dial, the calendar, and other matter shown on the plate B.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The business-indicator, consisting of the box A, hinged face B, dial C, disks D, E, F, and G, plate H, and slate I, all combined substantially as herein shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 26th day of January, 1871.

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