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Key-Hole Guard.

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Fig. 1.

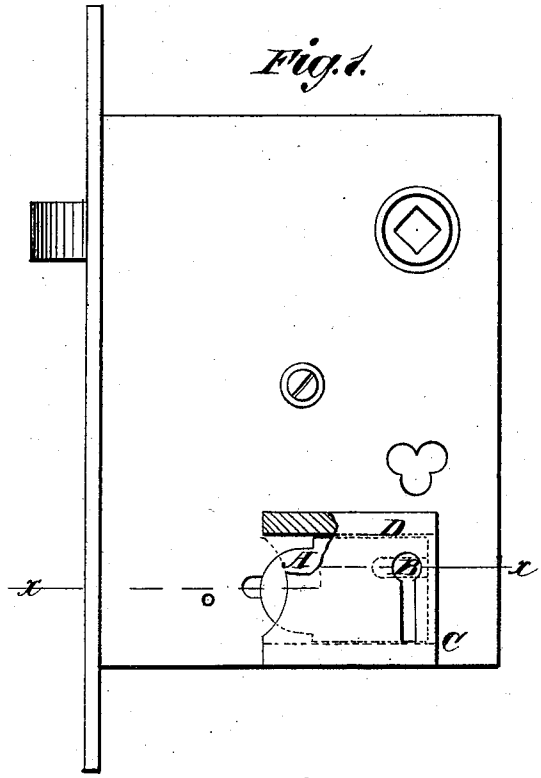
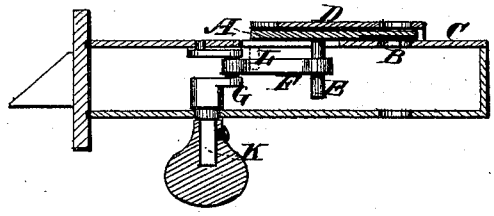


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN KEY-HOLE GUARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN LA BLANC and XAVIER ST. PIERRE, of Ophir City, in the county of Tooele and Territory of Utah, have invented a new and Improved Key-Hole Guard, of which the following is a specification:

Our invention consists of a little plate made to slide over the outside key-hole of a lock by a knob on the inside, which works the plate by a crank and connecting-rod, turning them down below the center of the crank on a stop-pin, when the slide covers the hole, so as to effectually prevent the slide from being forced back except by the knob. The sliding cover is secured behind an outer case, so as not to be wrenched off.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a lock with our improvement, and Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken on line *x x* of Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the slide-plate for covering the key-hole B. It is arranged between the outside plate C of the lock and a protecting-plate, D, to slide forward and backward freely, and connected by the pin E and rod F to the crank G of a knob-spindle, K, the knob being on the inside of the lock, where it can be turned after the door is locked to cover the key-hole. The plate A has a little groove in the side of the part passing over the key-hole, so that it can slide over the end of the key when the key is in the lock, to save the trouble of taking out the key. L is the stop-pin, on which the connecting-rod rests a little below the crank-center when the hole is covered, so that the slide cannot be shoved back except by the knob.

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

The combination of a slide, A, cranked knob-spindle G, connecting-rod, and a stop-pin, L, with a lock, in the manner described, for covering the key-hole.

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