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Fig. 1.

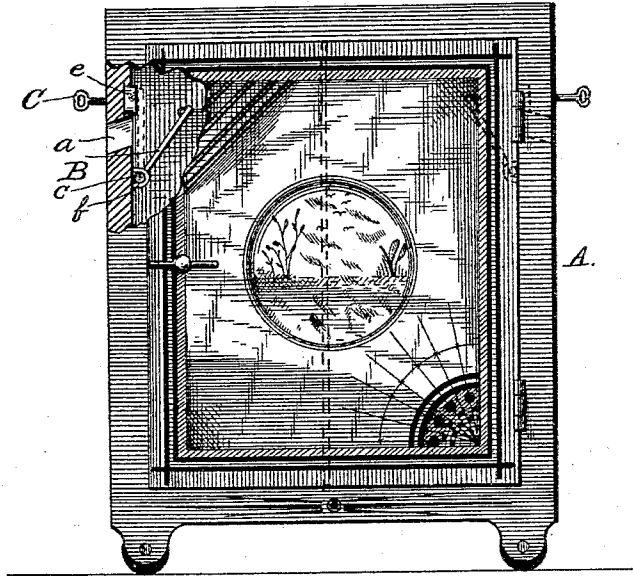
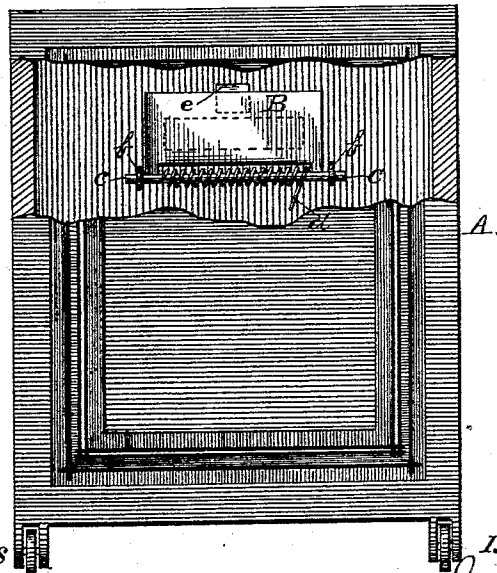


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES P. HARRISON and JOHN L. WARING, citizens of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safes; and we do hereby 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.

Our invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in safes, our object being to adapt such articles to use as depositories for valuables by others than those having the combination, the invention consisting in providing safes with one or more suitable openings through which such valuables may be passed, and in providing suitable means for closing such opening.

Reference will be made to the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a front view of a safe, partly broken away; and Fig. 2 a side elevation of the same, also broken away.

In the drawings, A represents a safe of any well-known or suitable construction, said safe being provided at any suitable points with one or more openings *a*, through which articles to be placed in the safe are inserted. On the inside of the safe, at a point below or above such opening, are arranged suitable bearings *b*, in which is mounted a shaft *c*. To this shaft is secured a flap B, arranged, when raised, to close the opening *a*. Around shaft *c* is coiled a spring *d*, said spring being so arranged as to force the flap against the safe and thereby close the opening.

Flap B may be provided with a lock, as *e*, a suitable key-hole being formed in the safe above the opening, this arrangement being provided to allow of the locking of the flap, if desired. In the drawings, a key C is shown. It will be understood, however, that this lock and key may be dispensed with, if desired, dependence being placed upon the spring to keep the opening closed. When the lock is employed, however, each person entitled to

the use of the safe as a depository will be provided with a key thereto.

These safes are adapted to use as letter-boxes or as general receptacles for valuables; but are specially designed for use in connection with the bank-deposit system described and claimed in the application of J. L. Waring, filed March 20, 1889, as amended in connection herewith. In the foregoing we have described our invention as consisting of a hinged flap when used in connection with the other parts shown; but it will be understood that a sliding door or strip might be used without departing from the spirit of the invention.

When used as a means of making bank deposits, the safe shall be constructed with a double compartment, into one of which the envelope with the money is put, and into the other the depositor drops a check-receipt bearing his name, &c., so that one collector shall have access to the compartment containing the envelope and another shall have access to the compartment containing the receipt-check, and thus a perfect check on theft is secured.

What we claim is—

1. The combination, with a safe provided with a drop-slot, of a spring-actuated closing-strip located upon the interior of said safe and provided with a suitable locking device operated from the exterior of the safe, as set forth.

2. The combination, with a safe provided with a series of drop-slots, of partitions dividing such safe into a series of compartments, one compartment for each drop-slot, and each compartment provided with a separate combination-lock, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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