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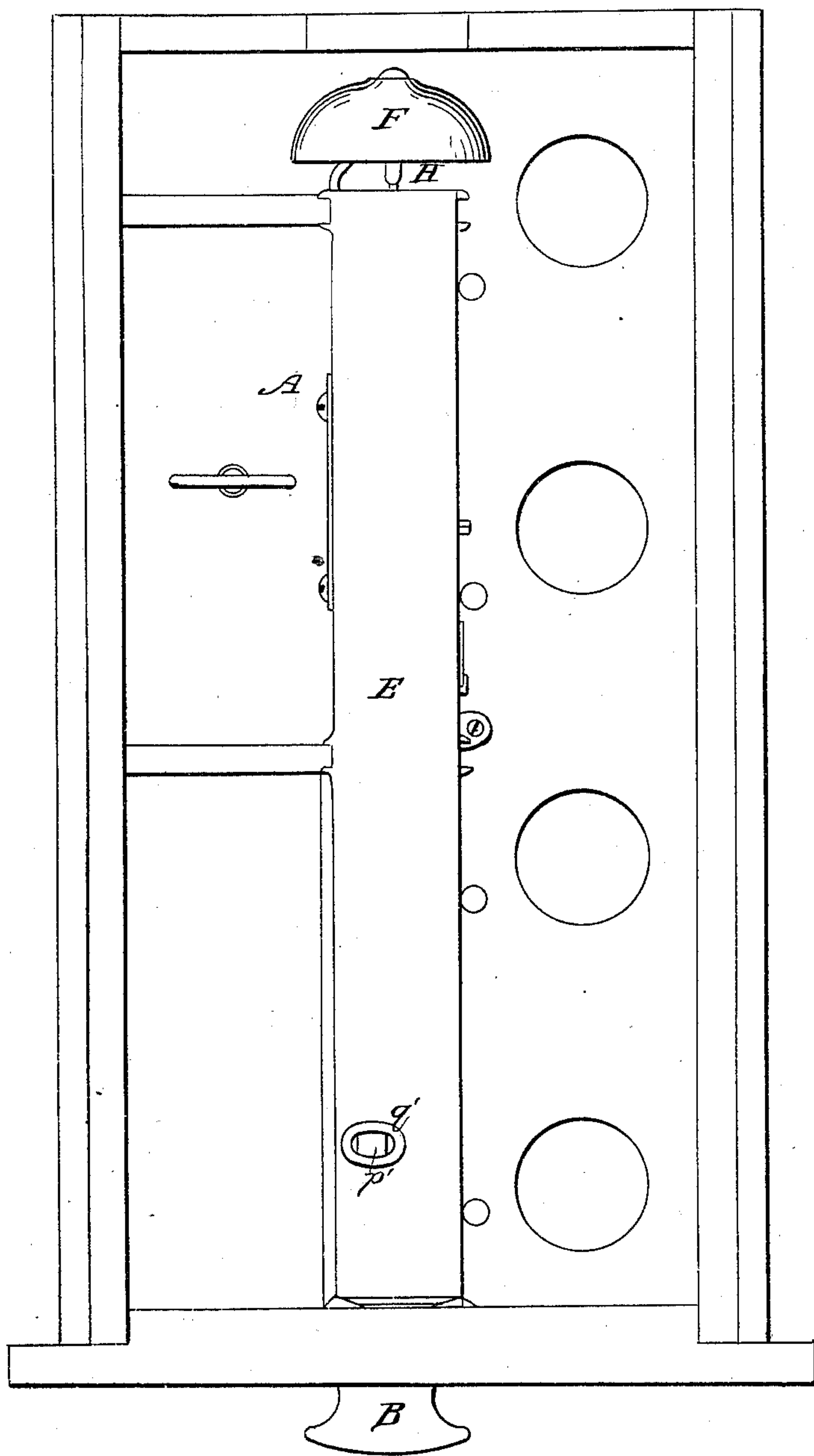


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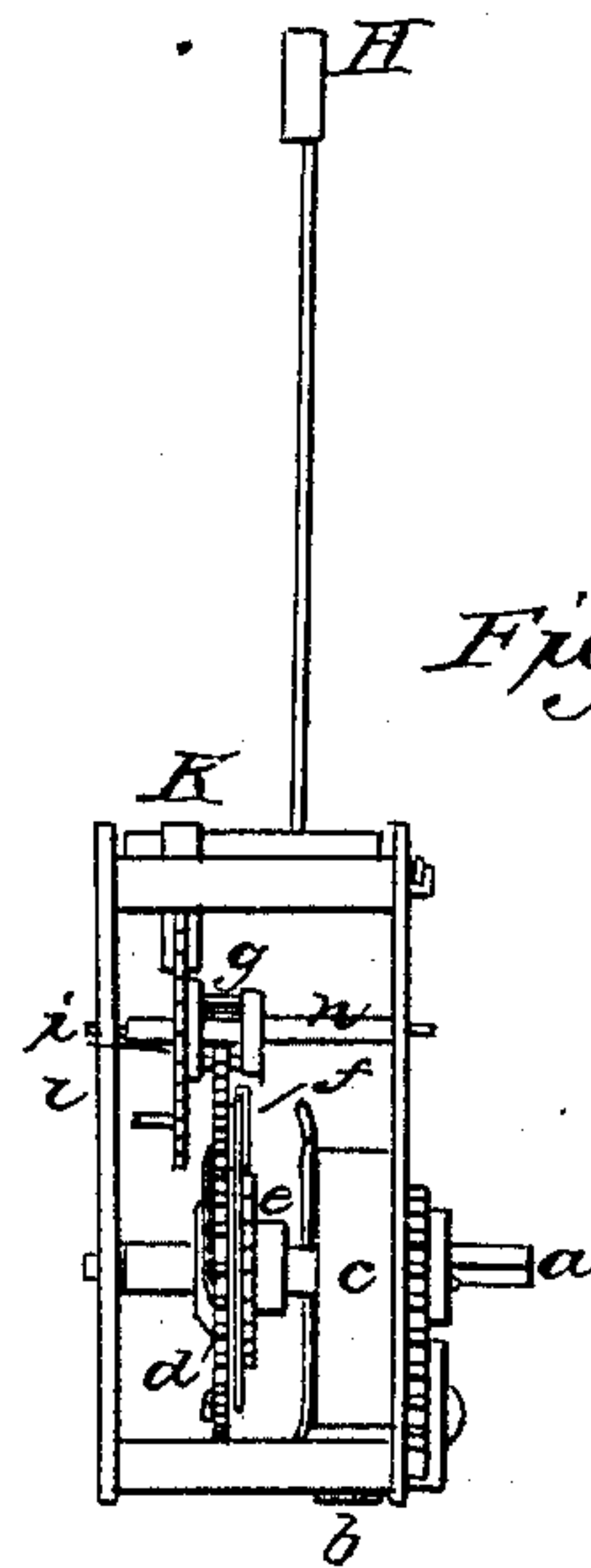
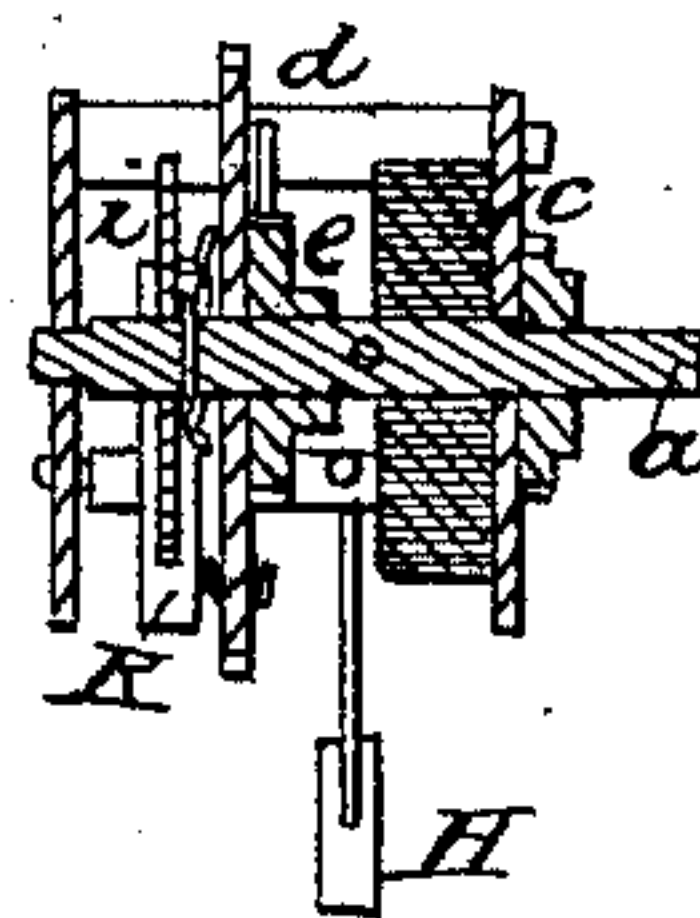


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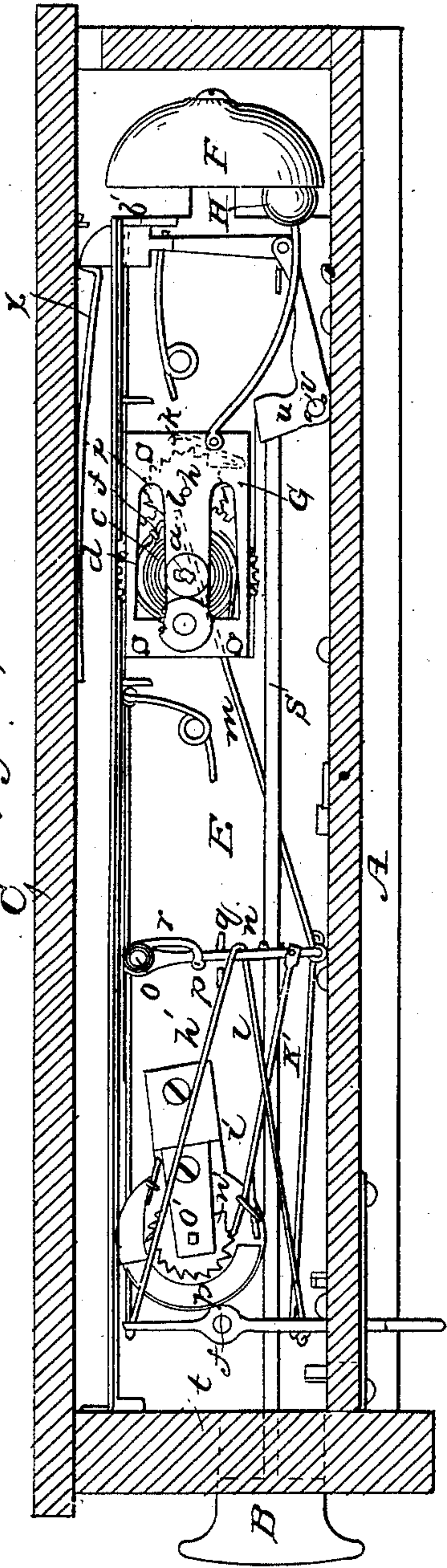


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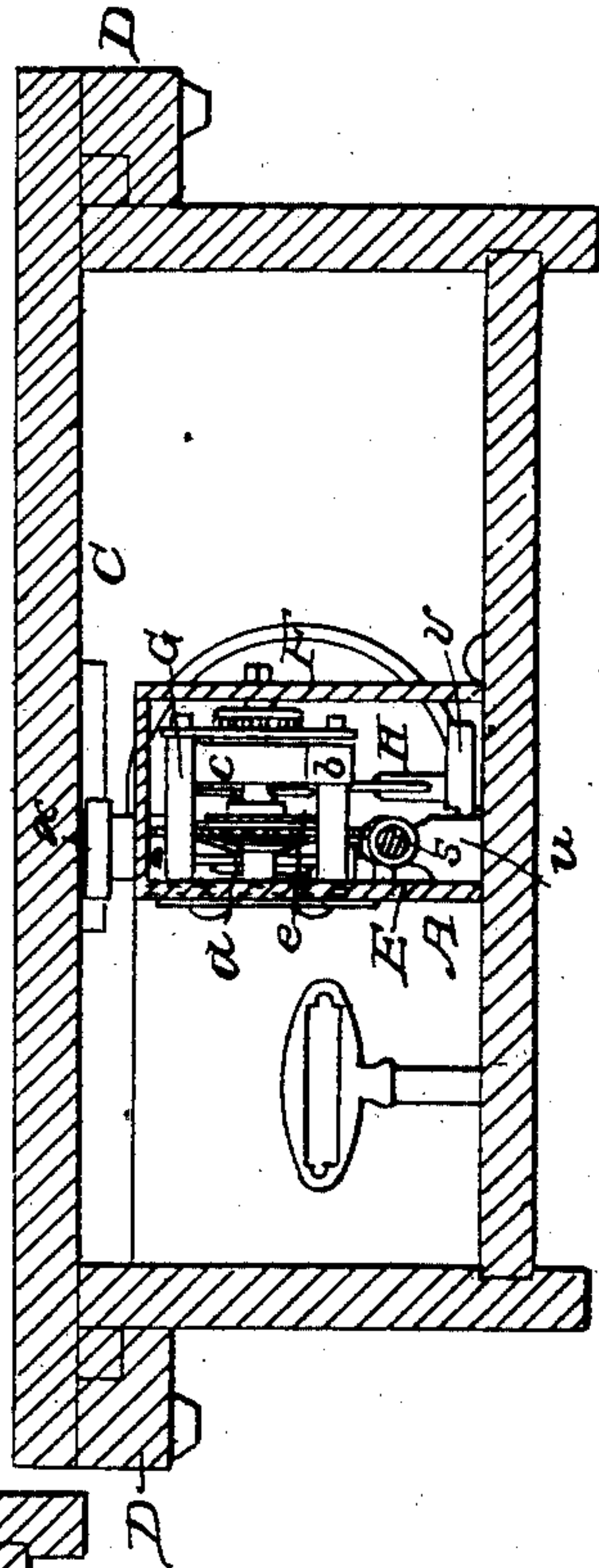
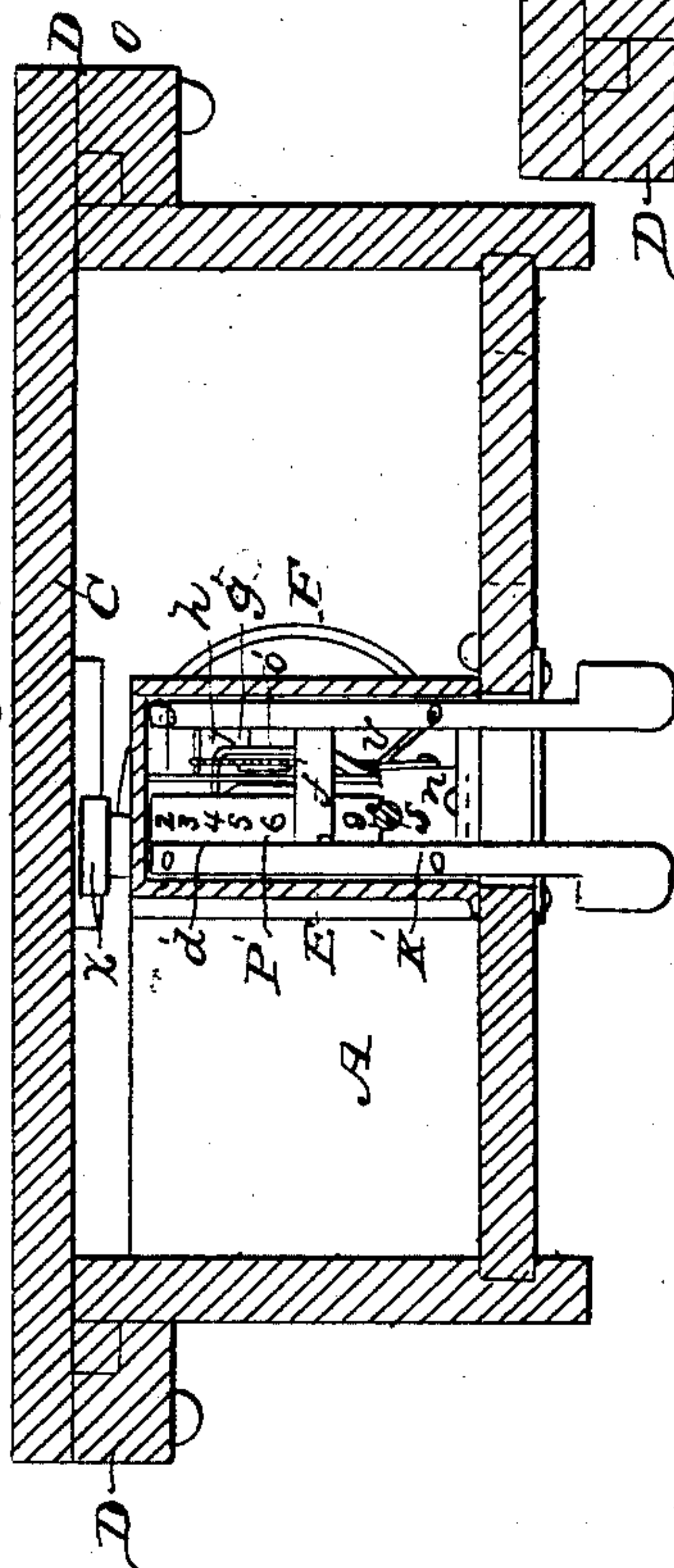


Fig. 3,



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BURGLAR-ALARM.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EPHRAIM BROWN, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and
5 useful Thief Detector or Alarm Apparatus to be Applied to Money-Drawers in Order to Give Notice when Any Improper Attempt is Made to Open the Same; and I do hereby declare that the same is fully described and
10 represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, letters, figures, and references thereof.

Of the said drawings, Figure 1 denotes a top view of a drawer with my said inven-
15 tion applied to it. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the drawer and made to show a side elevation of the mechanism contained therein, the side plate of the case of said mechanism being removed in order to more clearly ex-
20 hibit the parts in rear of it. Fig. 3, is a vertical and transverse section of the drawer, such section being taken in front of the two keys to be hereinafter described, or between them and the knob and so as to exhibit them
25 and the counter mechanism. Fig. 4, is another such section taken just in front of the alarm mechanism.

In the said drawings A denotes the drawer, of which B is the knob by which
30 said drawer is usually operated or pulled outward. C denotes the counter or board under which the drawer is placed and made to slide in and out on rails D, D. Through-
35 out the middle of this drawer, in case a single knob is used on it, I arrange the case of alarm apparatus or detector as seen at E, placing at the rear end of this case and within the drawer a bell F. In front of the
40 bell and within the case is placed an alarm striking apparatus as seen at G. The hammer of this alarm is shown at H, such alarm apparatus being of the kind commonly sold in the market and applied to clocks for the
45 purpose of converting them into alarm clocks.

A top view of the alarm apparatus I have given in Fig. 5, and a central and longitudinal section of it in Fig. 6.

As it is an apparatus that is well known
50 to all clock makers it will only be necessary for me briefly to describe its principal parts. It consists of a driving or key shaft *a*, to which and the case *b*, a coiled or spiral spring *c*, is adapted so as to rotate the shaft
55 in a direction opposite to that in which said

spring may be wound up. *d*, is a key wheel playing loosely upon the wheel shaft. *e* is a ratchet fixed upon the key shaft and working against a spring pawl *f*, adapted to the side of the gear. The said gear plays in a
60 lantern pinion *g*, fixed upon another shaft *h*, carrying an escapement wheel *i*. To this escapement wheel the hammer of the bell is connected by an escapement *k*. When the main spring is wound up and set free it will
65 so set in operation the mechanism as to cause a constant succession of blows of the striking hammer upon the bell E, to take place. There projects from the inner side of the es-
70 capement wheel a pin or stop *l*, which operates in connection with an alarm pawl *m*, that extends along underneath the key shaft and jointed at its front or lower end to a movable hanging lever *n*, which plays or os-
75 cillates on a pin *o*, and between two stop studs *p*, *q*. When this hanging lever is drawn in a direction toward the knob it will cause the alarm pawl to be drawn from un-
80 derneath the stud or pin of the escapement wheel so as to permit the said escapement to revolve. The return movement of the hanging lever forces the alarm pawl in the path of rotation of the said stud or pin, and when said stud or pin strikes upon the pawl
85 its further rotation will be arrested by said pawl.

A spring *r*, is applied to the hanging lever to force it in a direction toward the alarm apparatus. Through said hanging lever a
90 long rod *s*, is made to slide, such rod at its front end being attached to the knob which is made to slide freely in an axial direction in a passage or opening *t*, formed in the front board of the drawer. This rod presses
95 against the shorter vertical arm of a bent lever *u*, that plays upon a fulcrum *v*, and has its longer arm jointed to a vertical latch or spring bolt arranged as seen in the draw-
100 ings and made to operate in connection with an inclined catch *x* fixed underneath the counter boards as seen in the drawings. When the knob is pressed inward the spring bolt will be forced downward.

A locking bolt or cone is applied to the latch bolt; it extends and slides through the
105 latch bolt and passes into the end part, *b'*, of the case. While it is in said part, *b'*, the bolt is prevented by it from being depressed or is locked in position; but when it is drawn
110 out of the said part, *b'*, the bolt is set free

so that it may be moved downward by pressing the knob inward. This locking bolt or cone is jointed to a key lever, d' , which plays upon a stationary pin or fulcrum, f' , and has its tail arm extended through the bottom of the drawer. There is also another such lever placed upon the said pin as seen at g' . This latter lever is so connected to the hanging lever before mentioned by means of draft rods, h' , i' , that any movement of the lever either backward or forward shall cause the hanging lever to be drawn toward the knob and so as to cause an alarm to be sounded. The hanging lever is also connected with the first key lever by means of a connecting rod, k' , and so that said hanging lever may be drawn toward the knob whenever the lower arm of the key lever is pulled toward the same. The hanging lever carries an impelling pawl, l' , which works against a ratchet, n' , fixed upon a horizontal shaft, o' , made to carry a registering or counter wheel p' , whose circumference is divided into the same number of parts that there are in the ratchet wheel, the parts being designated by the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, &c. Directly over this wheel there is a slot or orifice q' made through the top-plate of the case of the alarm apparatus, and so as to have a width corresponding to one of the divisions of the counter wheel. The object of this counter wheel is to enable a person to ascertain at any time what number of attempts may have been made to open the drawer, as the counter wheel will be moved one division whenever either of the lower arms of the key lever are moved so as to cause an alarm to be sounded. It will also be moved one division whenever the knob is moved so as to sound an alarm.

When a drawer is fitted up with a thief detector of the above description, and the main spring alarm apparatus is wound up, the drawer being supposed to be locked by the spring bolt, the natural method by which a person, who did not know that the drawer had an alarm apparatus applied to it, would attempt to open the drawer would be, to seize upon the knob and pull it toward him; when this is done, it will readily be seen, not only that the drawer cannot be opened but that an alarm will be sounded.

In order to open the drawer a person must press inward the knob with the thumb extending the fingers of the hand under the

drawer and against that part of the back side of the front board of it which projects below the drawer, he must also pull the drawer toward him and at the same time press with one of the fingers of this hand against the left hand key lever so as to unlock the spring bolt and permit it to be depressed by the pressure exerted against the knob. The secondary or right hand key lever is a decoy key, it being connected with the hanging lever for the purpose of deceiving a thief or person not acquainted with the mechanism. Whenever it is moved it will cause an alarm to be sounded.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The making of the knob of a drawer movable, and so combining it with an alarm apparatus as to cause an alarm to be sounded whenever an attempt to open the drawer by pulling on the knob is attempted.

2. I also claim the combination of the latch or spring bolt and the secondary bolt and key or lever with the movable knob and the drawer the same being to operate together as specified.

3. I also claim the combining of the alarm pawl m , with the knob rod by means of a movable hanging lever, n , to be operated or moved by a stud or its equivalent fixed to the knob rod.

4. I also claim the decoy key and its connections with the hanging lever so as to operate as specified; also the connecting the said hanging lever to the secondary lever, so that a forward pull on the secondary lever shall move the hanging lever so as to effect the sounding of the alarm.

5. I also claim the combination of the counter or number and its operative mechanism with the knob rod the same being to exhibit the number of the attempts at opening the drawer, meaning also to claim the so combining the operative mechanism of the counter wheel with the hanging lever that a movement of the latter will effect a movement of the said wheel.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my signature this eighth day of July A. D. 1854.

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