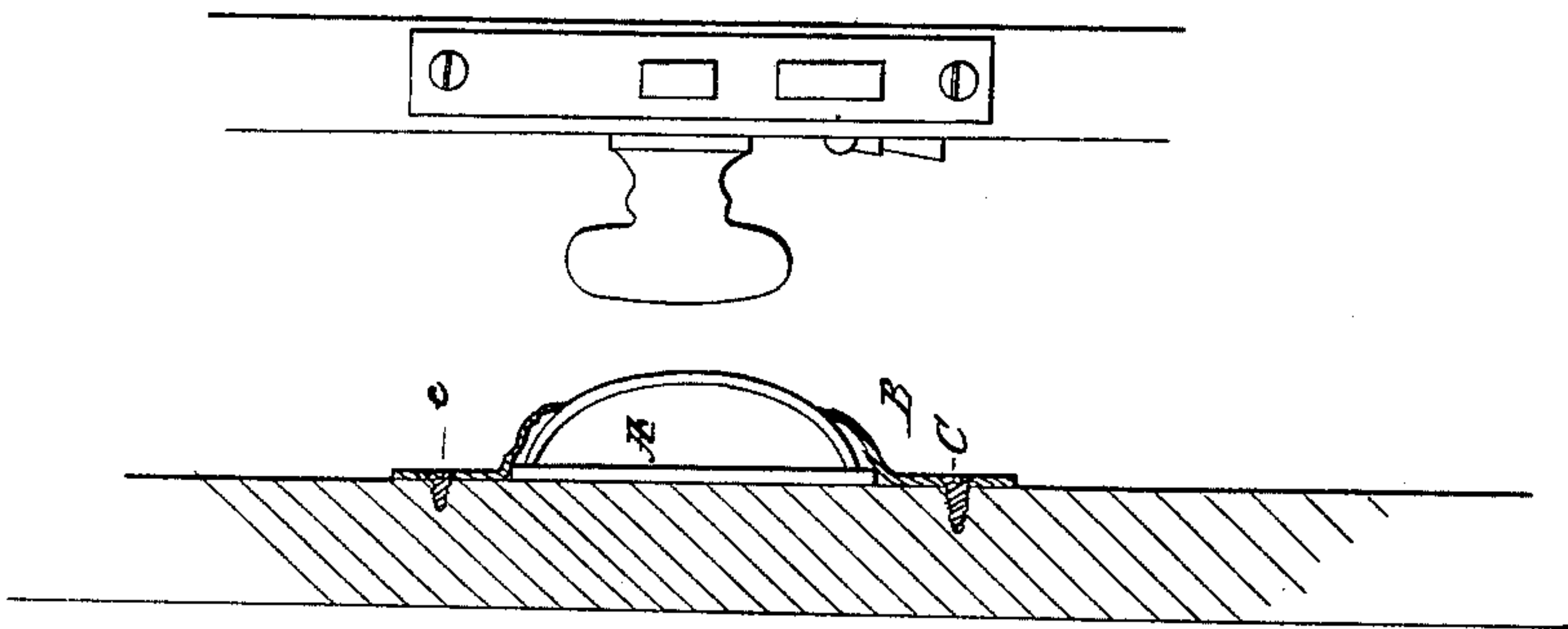


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*Door Check.*

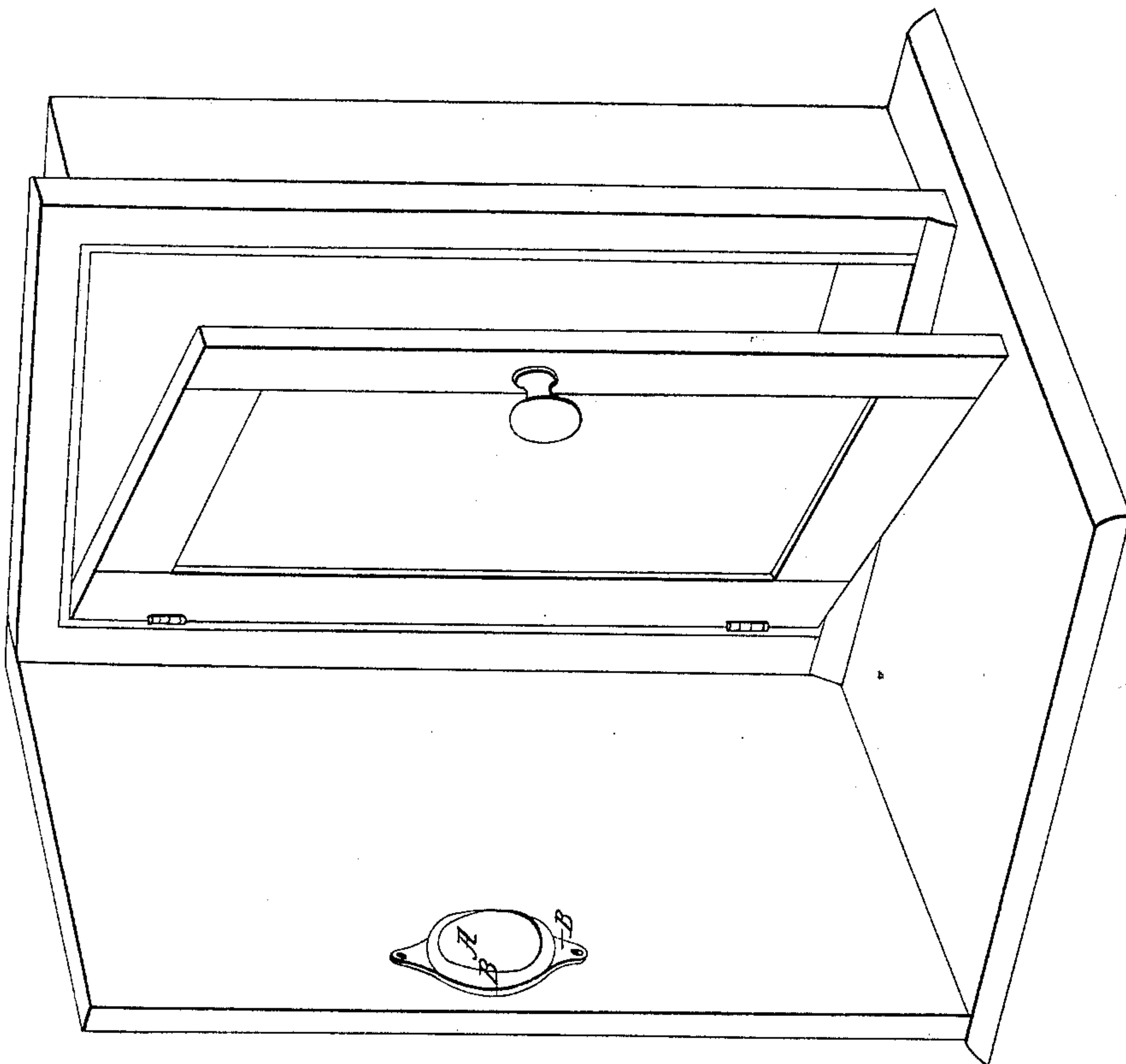
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## ELASTIC DOOR-GUARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM NOYES CLARK, of Chester, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Elastic Door-Guard; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

As heretofore arranged, doors, in swinging open, are liable to injure the plastering, paper or paint; often wearing unsightly holes into the wall and also making a vexatious noise, which, in many situations, as, for example, on steamboats, is a serious annoyance. In order to remove some of these defects, various imperfect means have been resorted to, as a knob on the floor or wash board, but all such devices are inelegant even when new, and in turn they mar the door itself and do not lessen the jarring noise.

My invention which is intended to overcome all these difficulties, consists of an elastic door guard, neat or even elegant in appearance, and forming a perfect protection against all damage and noise arising from the swinging of the door in opening.

A very simple form of my door-guard is shown in Figures 1 and 2. A, represents a hemispherical piece of india rubber, surrounded by an escutcheon or ring B, which, by means of screws C, fastens the rubber to the wall in such a position that the ordinary

knob of the door may strike the guard when the door opens wide. Fig. 2, represents a section of the same device.

It is obvious that the form may be varied. It may be made hollow or solid, spherical or hemispherical. The position also may be changed so long as it subserves the purpose of overcoming any of the above mentioned common defects of doors, but I prefer to use the guard above described. This guard may also be used to prevent the noise and jar of doors in swinging to, and for this purpose will prove especially advantageous upon steamboats. It may be cheaply manufactured and easily applied, and is not liable to injury; it may also be highly ornamented; it is therefore a desideratum, affording a beautiful finish while it prevents the least injury or jar or noise.

My door guard is a great protection to the door knob which is liable to injury from knocking against the wall.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

The elastic door guard, above described for the purposes set forth.

Dated at Chester this 16th day of July A. D. 1857.

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