

# J. McNamee Fare Box.

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

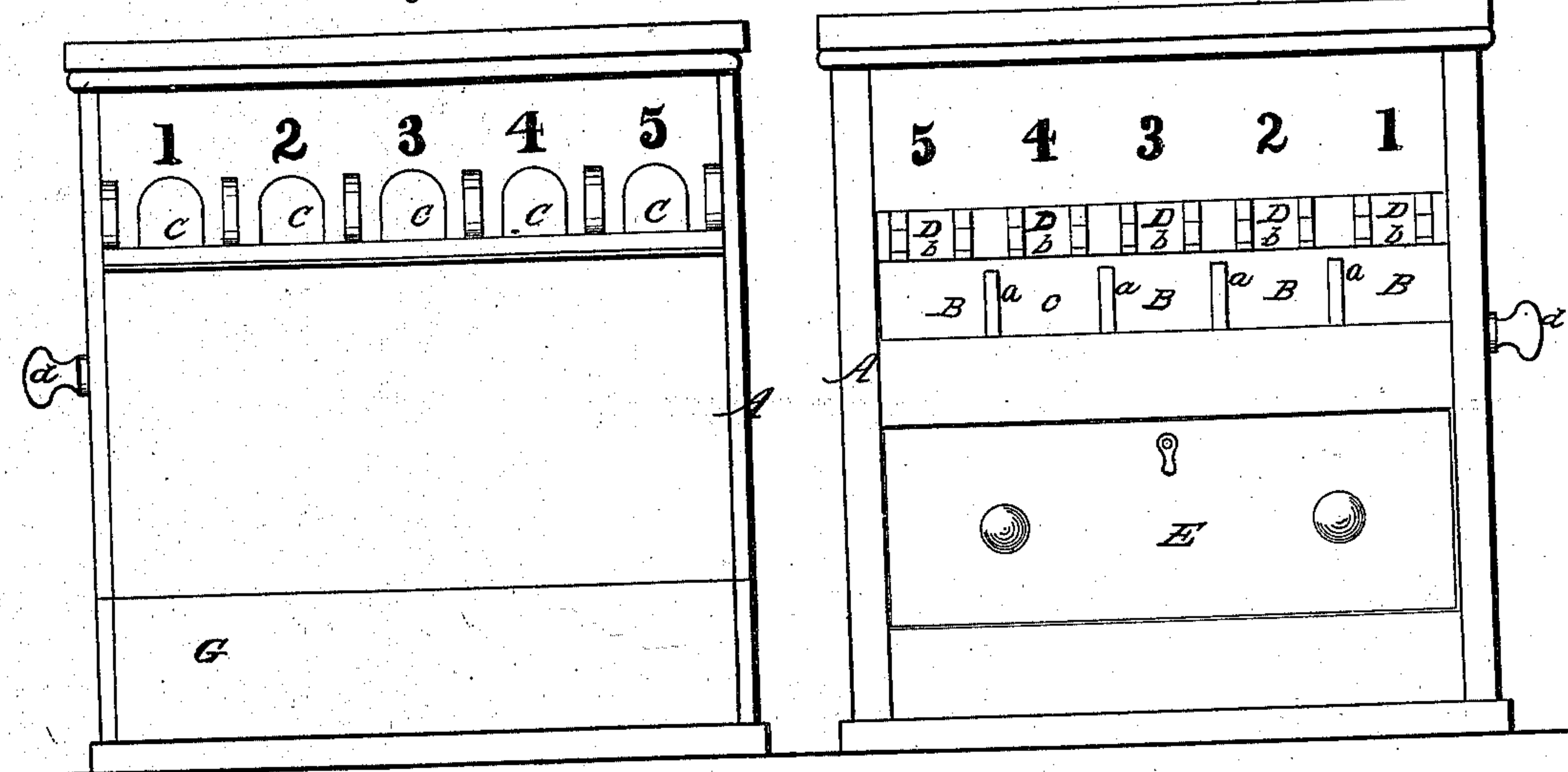
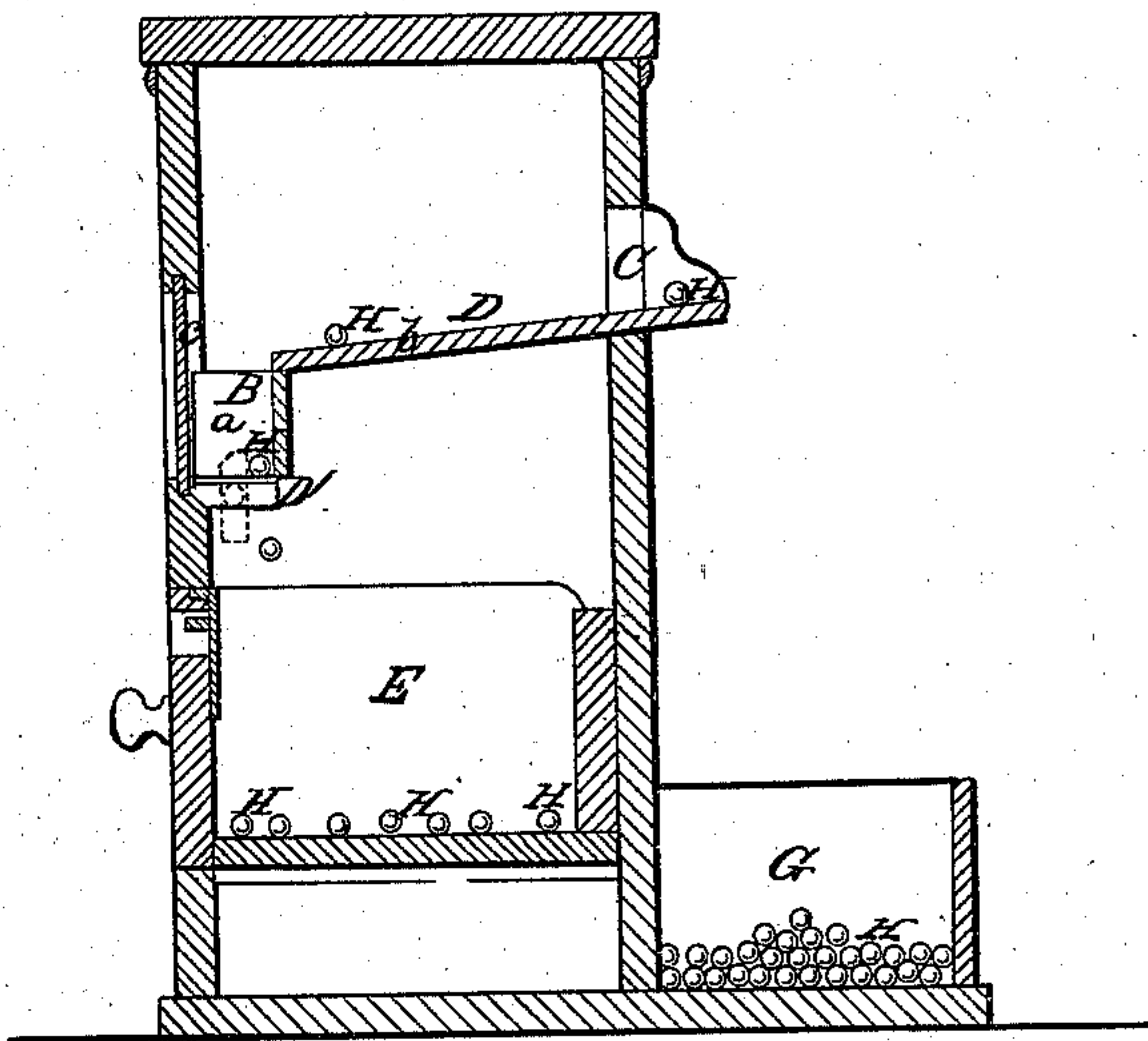


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN REGISTERS FOR BAR-ROOMS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES McNAMEE, of Easton, in the county of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Register and Indicator for Bar-Rooms; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same. Fig. 3 is a central transverse vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

The object of this invention is to obtain a device by which the number of drinks dealt out at a bar may be registered and counted by the proprietor, thereby serving as a check to the barkeeper, through whose hands the money passes into the till.

The invention consists in the employment or use of a box provided with a ball-receptacle and having a series of compartments in it which are numbered and provided with a tilting bottom placed over a drawer which receives the balls inserted in the compartments by the customers and which indicate the number of drinks that have been dealt out by the barkeeper, all being arranged in the manner hereinafter described to effect the desired end.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents a rectangular box, which may be of any convenient size, and having within it at its upper part a series of compartments, B, formed by partitions *a*. These compartments extend the whole length of the box A, and a corresponding number of holes, C, are made in the front side of the box, which form the orifices of passages D, leading into the compartments B, each passage having an inclined bottom, *b*, as shown in Fig. 3.

The compartments B are numbered from 1 upward, and these numbers are put on the back side of the box directly over the compartments, which are exposed to the view of the barkeeper by a glass, *c*, fitted in the back side of the box. (See Figs. 2 and 3.)

The holes C at the front side of the box A are numbered in a corresponding manner, as shown in Fig. 1.

The compartments B are provided with a tilting bottom, D', which may be formed by having it hung on pivots at its ends, one pivot extending through the side of the box and provided with a knob, *d*, for the convenience of turning or tilting the bottom. Directly underneath the compartments B there is a drawer, E, which extends the whole length of the box. This drawer is provided with a lock, the key of which is kept by the proprietor of the bar.

The device is used as follows: It is placed on the bar at about its center, the front of the box facing outward or from the bar, and a box, G, is attached to the front side of the box, or placed conveniently to it, to hold balls or marbles H. A customer on approaching the bar takes a ball or marble and deposits it in the hole C, which is under the number corresponding with the number of drinks he orders. For instance, if he desires one drink for himself, he places a ball or marble in the hole 1. If two drinks are desired—one for himself and another for a friend—he places two balls or marbles in the hole 2, and so on. These balls or marbles roll down the inclined bottoms *b* into the compartments B, and are visible to the barkeeper through the glass *a*, and the drinks are dealt out accordingly. The barkeeper on furnishing the drinks must see that the proper number of balls or marbles are deposited in the proper compartment, and after each customer has been waited upon the bottom D is tilted and the balls or marbles drop into the drawer E. The proprietor on closing the bar counts the balls or marbles in the drawer E, the number of which will of course indicate the amount of money that should be in the till.

It will be seen that the barkeeper will be compelled to watch closely the balls that are deposited in the compartments, in order that not more than the proper number corresponding to the number of drinks dealt out will be allowed to pass into the drawer E, for the excess would count against him.

There is only one way in which fraud can be practiced with this device, and that is by



collusion between the barkeeper and the customers; but as bar-rooms are generally very public places and all have more or less strange or transient customers in them at all times, such fraud could not be practiced to any appreciable extent, as on the adoption of the device the omission of a customer to deposit a ball or marble in the box would be observed and the fraud soon detected.

The invention is extremely simple, and may be constructed at a small cost.

I would remark that one ball placed in each compartment B would indicate the number of drinks, the latter corresponding with the number of the compartments. In this case, however, the drawer E would require to be partitioned off into compartments corresponding with the number of compartments B, so that the balls placed in the numbered compartments B may be kept separate in the drawer E.

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

1. The box A, provided with the numbered compartments B, having a tilting or movable bottom, D', in connection with the drawer E, also placed in the box A and arranged with the compartments B, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The passages D, numbered, as shown, at the front of the box A, and provided with the inclined bottoms *b*, when said passages are used in connection with the numbered compartments B, tilting or moving bottom D', and drawer E, for the purpose herein set forth.

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