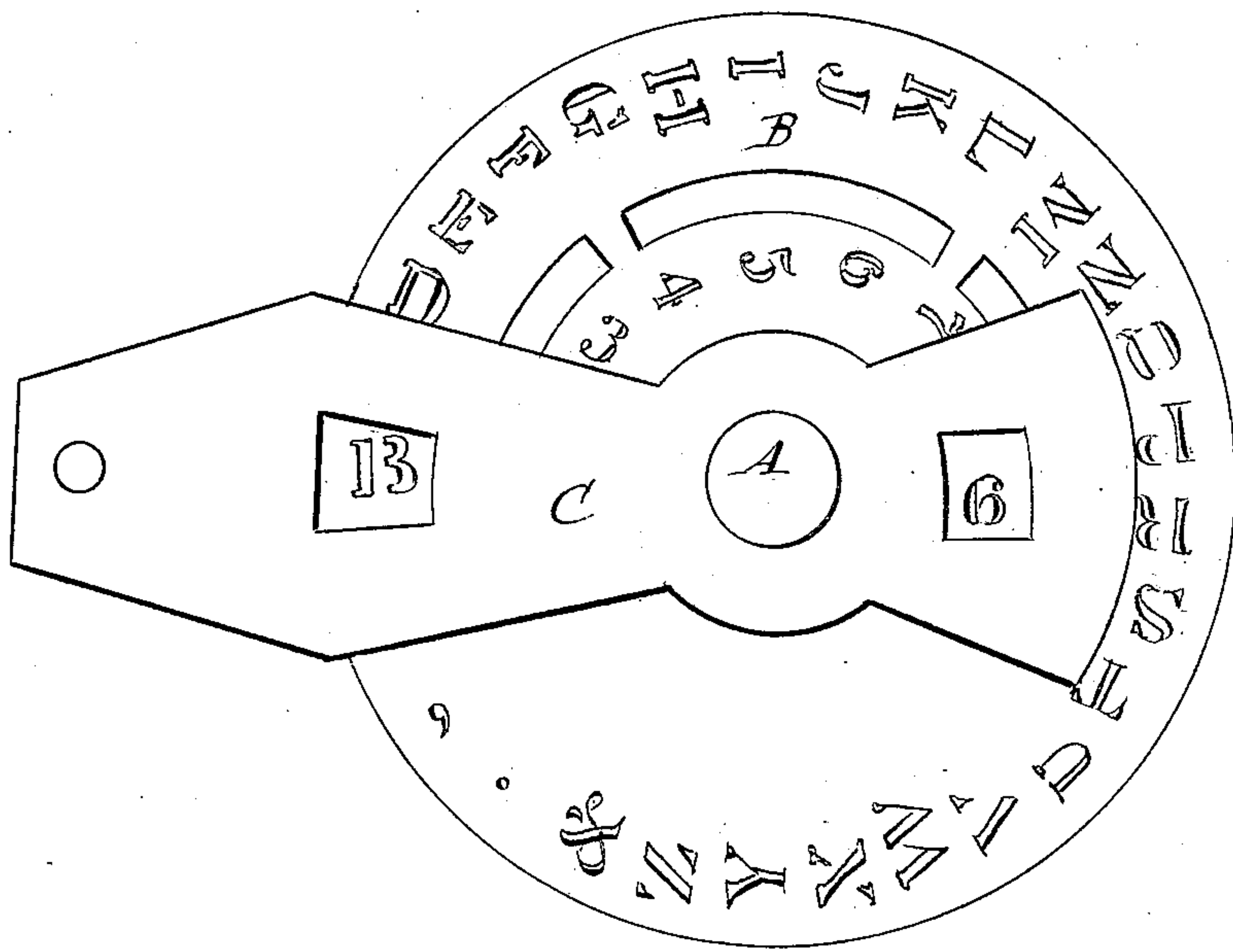


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, EUGENE L. TARBOX, of Nashville, in the county of Davidson, and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and improved Stencil-Plate; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to plates, through which letters or figures are cut for marking boxes, bales, and other articles, called "stencil-plates."

And it consists in arranging the letters of the alphabet and the figures in circles, and in a revolving shield, whereby the letters or figures may be transferred singly, or one at a time.

The drawing represents the plate with the shield.

A is the knob or handle.

It is fastened to the plate by a screw or otherwise.

B is the plate, which is a circular disk, of copper or other suitable metal, with the letters of the alphabet cut through it, and also with a circle of figures, (the nine digits and the 0.)

C represents the shield.

This shield revolves around the shank of the handle A freely, and has two orifices through it at a radius from the centre corresponding with the circles of letters and figures in the plate.

As seen in the drawing, this shield is broad enough to cover a portion of the plate, while the letter or figure which it is desired to use is exposed through the orifices, as seen.

In the position seen in the drawing, the shield allows the letter B and the figure 6 to be used, without interfering with any other letters or figures, and so on with all the letters and figures on the plate.

This arrangement obviates the necessity of having more than one stencil-plate for marking, thereby avoiding much expense and trouble.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The plate B, the shield C, and the handle A, constructed and arranged with regard to the letters and figures, and to each other, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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