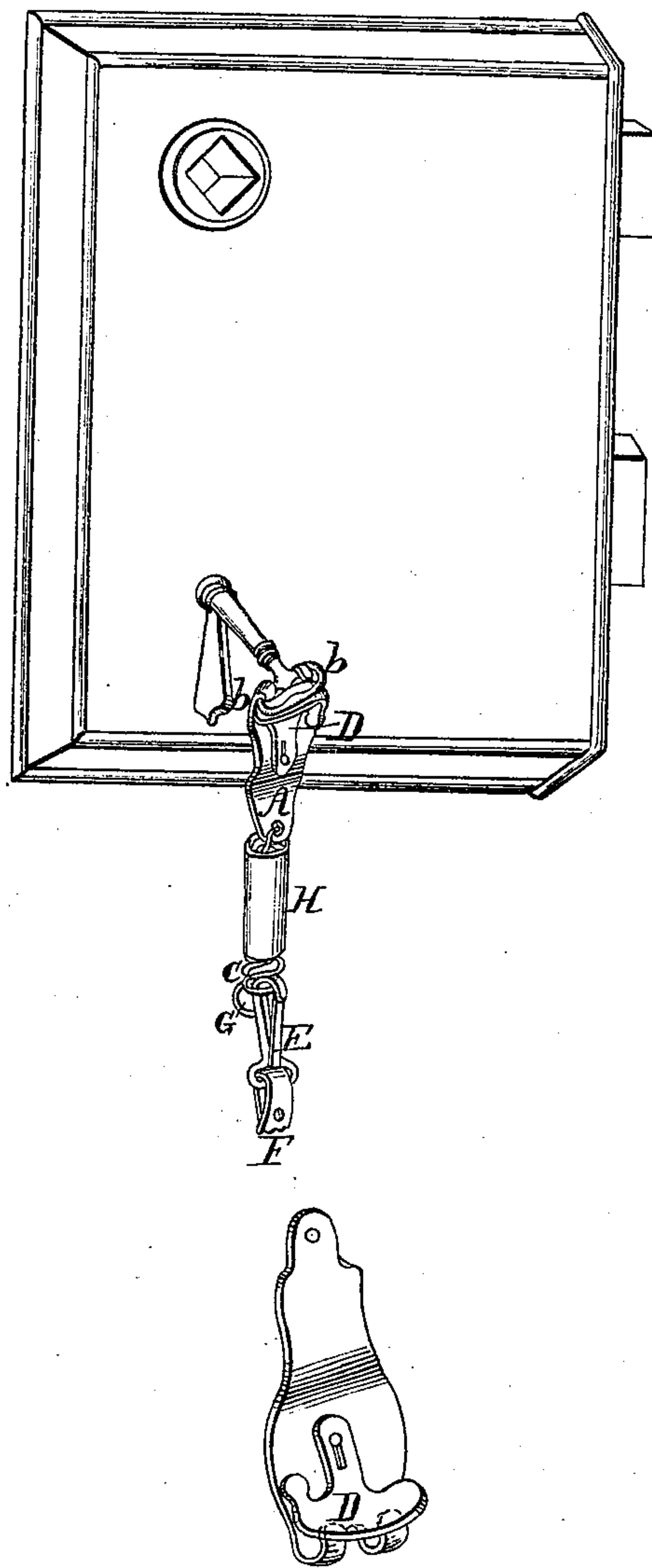


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*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVED KEY-GUARD.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BRADDOCK R. HATHAWAY, of Mormon Island, Sacramento county, and State of California, have invented a "Key-Keeper" or Burglar-Proof Attachment to Locks.

The object of the invention is to secure the key-bolt of locks by securing the key itself.

The following description I hereby declare to be full, and exact, reference being had to the drawings, in which—

Figure 2 gives a perspective view of a door-lock and key, with keeper attached.

My invention consists in the employment of a curved metal plate or shield, guard, and hooks, combined with a spring, which, being suitably attached to the key and door, act in conjunction, and effectually protect the bolt by securing the key.

In the drawing, fig. 2—

A is the shield.

b b, the hooks.

C, the spring, enclosed in a tube, H.

E, a spring hook.

F, an eye, secured to the door.

G, a ring.

One end of the shield A is attached to the spring. The other has a narrow slit cut from the centre, equal in width to the diameter of the key-stem, at a point next the rim or bow.

The points on either side of this slit are then turned down, forming the hooks b b, clasping the rim or bow of the key. This channel is cut of sufficient depth to leave at least the diameter of the key-stem below the turn of the hooks.

As the lower end of the shield A is carried toward the door, the key-stem has a firm bearing on the bottom, bracing the key-stem and giving power to the hooks, which is retained by the tension of the spring from the door, either above or below the lock.

E is an ordinary snap-hook, which, with a slight pressure, allows either the removal or application of the keeper to the door, as desirable.

F is a small eye, fastened to the door with a screw or screws, and to which the hook E is applied in attaching the keeper to the door.

D represents the guard, which opens and closes with a swinging movement, being secured to the shield A by a rivet or screw.

I claim the "key-keeper," composed of the plate A and hooks b b, to place over the bend or rim of the key, the cam D for fastening it, and the spring and hook for securing it to the door.

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