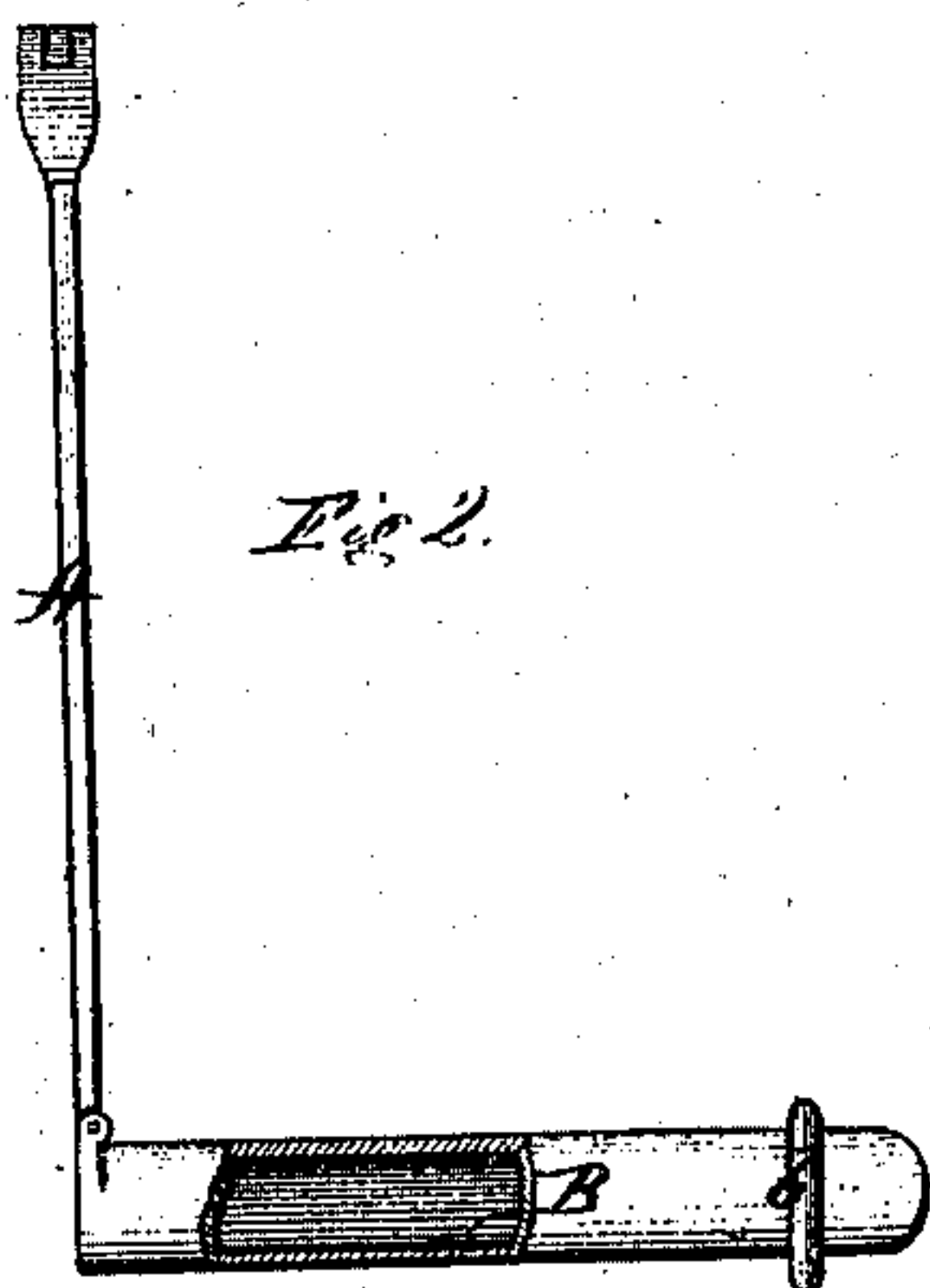
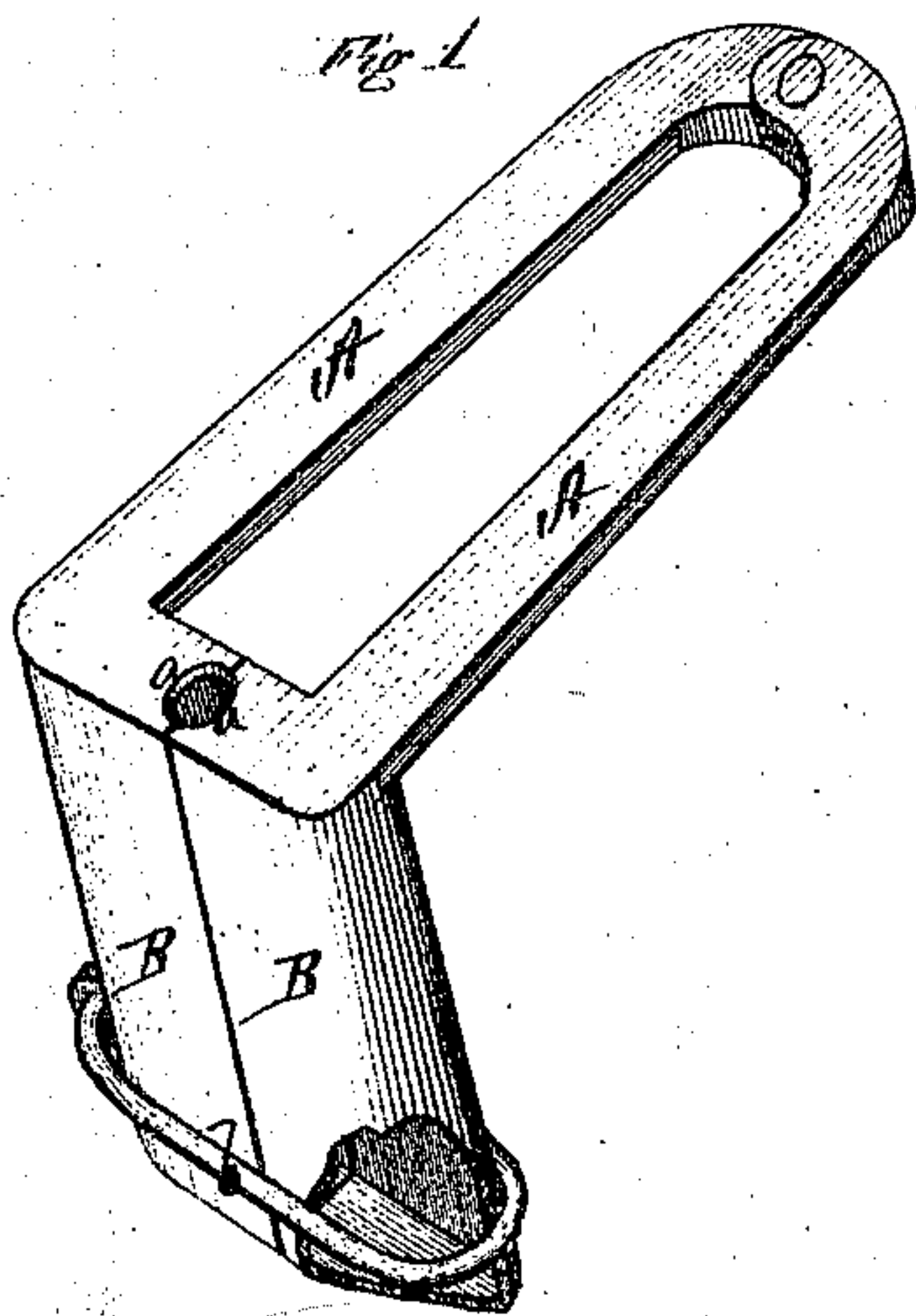


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IMPROVED KEY-GUARD.

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, PETER G. SMITH, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Key-Fastener; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a "key-fastener," by the use of which keys may be fastened on the inside, in such a manner that it will be impossible for anybody to turn it from the inside.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains, to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and

Figure 2, a side view of my invention.

A A represent two jaws, pivoted together at their upper ends, and so bent that when closed they shall still be a sufficient distance apart to embrace the inner end of a door-knob.

At the lower end of each of the jaws A A, is a box, B, placed at right angles outward from the jaw, and open on the inner side.

The end of said box, at the foot of the jaw, is provided with a semicircular notch, *a*, as seen in fig. 1.

When a door is locked on the inside, the jaws A A

are placed over the door-knob, and the boxes B B fitted over the handle of the key, and closed, the key passing through the now circular hole *a a*.

The boxes B B are then fastened together by a ring, *b*, which is pivoted to one of them, and is placed around both, as shown in the drawing.

I do not confine myself to the particular mode of constructing the boxes B B as above described. They may be hinged to the jaws A A, and I intend so to have them, as by that means the fastener can be folded up in a very small compass, convenient for travellers to carry along with them.

The boxes B B may also be open at the outer sides, or even at the ends, if so desired, and the fastening, instead of being by means of a ring, as above mentioned, may be a catch or any other suitable means, by which the same object may be accomplished.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

A key-fastener, composed of the jaws A A and boxes B B, constructed and fastened together substantially in the manner and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 8th day of October, 1869.

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