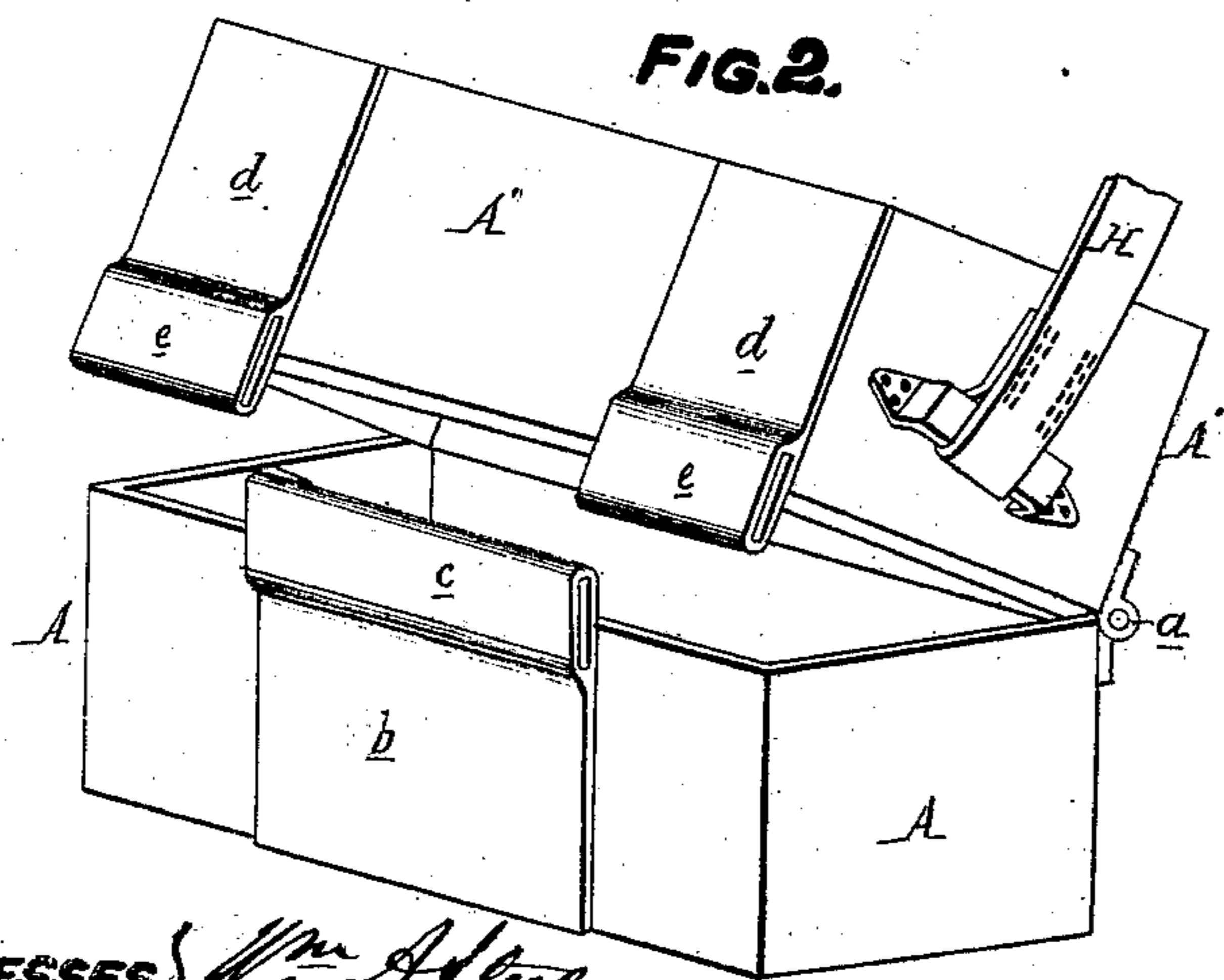
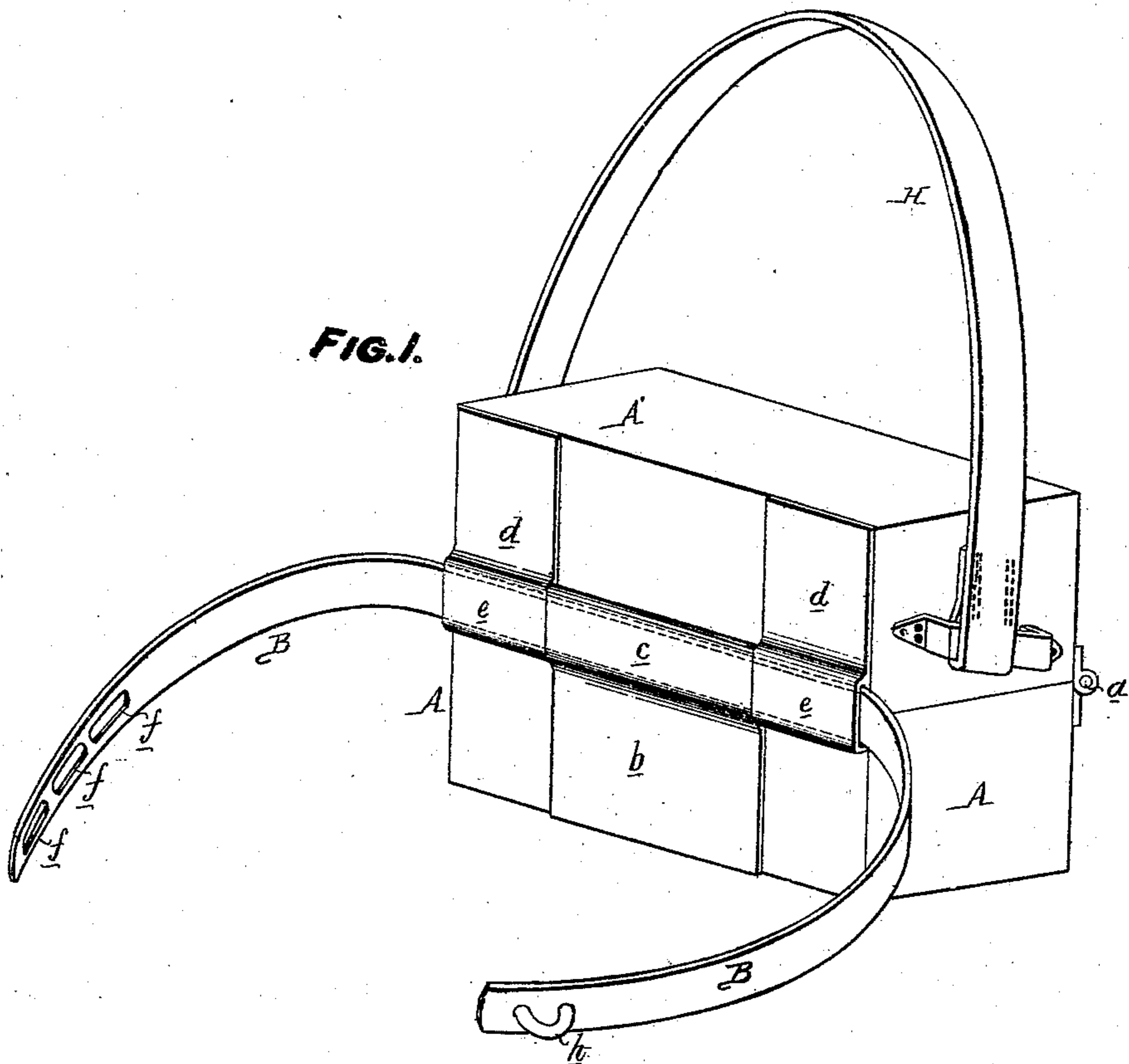


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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-BOX FOR BANK PORTERS.

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

I, WILLIAM WILER, of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a Safety-Box for Bank Porters, &c., of which the following is a specification.

Nature and Object of the Invention.

My invention consists of a box, the lid of which can be secured substantially in the manner described hereafter, by a metal strap or belt adapted to a man's waist, and furnished with the means of being locked thereto.

The object of my invention is to provide such a safe medium for conveying from one banker's, broker's, or merchant's office to another, money and other valuables, that the latter cannot be seized by thieves during preconcerted attacks, which have frequently been made in our large cities on bank-porters.

Description of the Accompanying Drawing.

Figure 1 is an exterior perspective view of my improved safety-box for bank porters, &c.

Figure 2, a perspective view of the box as it appears when partly open.

General Description.

A and A' are the two halves of a light but strong metal box, the said halves being hinged together at *a*, and a portion of one-half projecting into the other half, so as to insure an accurate and secure joint.

In front of the half A of the box is a metal strap, *b*, terminating at the top in an enlargement, *c*, through which is an oblong hole. Two similar metal straps, *d*, are secured to the front of the portion A' or lid of the box, and these straps have enlargements *e e*, through which are holes corresponding with those in the enlargement *c* of the strap *b*.

When the box is closed, as shown in fig. 1, the enlarged ends of the straps *d*, of the half or lid A', will overlap the front of the other half A of the box, and the enlarged ends of the strap *b* will overlap the front of the upper half of the box, so that the holes of the three enlargements will coincide with each other, and the elastic metal strap B can be passed through the holes of the three straps, thereby securing the two halves of the box together.

Money or other valuables having been deposited in the box, the latter is closed, and secured by the metal

belt, as described. The belt is then clasped around the porter's waist, and one or other of the eyes *f f*, at one end of the belt, adjusted over the staple *h* at the opposite end of the belt, and there secured by a pad-lock attached to the staple, or the belt may be secured by any other suitable locking device.

A strap, H, having its ends attached to the opposite ends of the box, may be passed over the wearer's head, and rest on his shoulder, so as to aid in supporting the box, and enable the porter to carry the same with comfort.

It will be evident that my improved safety-box will afford ample security against the robberies of bank-porters, for the box cannot be opened without first cutting the belt, which I prefer to make of steel, and this operation would be too tedious for a robber to resort to in crowded thoroughfares.

Keys for locking and unlocking the belt may be kept at different banking houses, between which money exchanges take place, so that the porter himself cannot gain access to the box, the proper locking and unlocking being effected by the proper officers of the different banking houses.

It is by no means essential that the box should be constructed precisely in the manner described; it may be made of different shapes and different materials, the latter being such, however, that access cannot be had to the box by cutting or bruising the same, without difficulty.

In place of the straps *d*, with their enlargements, the lid of the box may be provided with simple staple-like projections, corresponding with similar projections on the body of the box, so that the metal belt may be passed through the whole of the projection.

Claim.

A box or case constructed so as to be secured by a metal strap or belt applied substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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