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MAIL-TAG.

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Fig 1

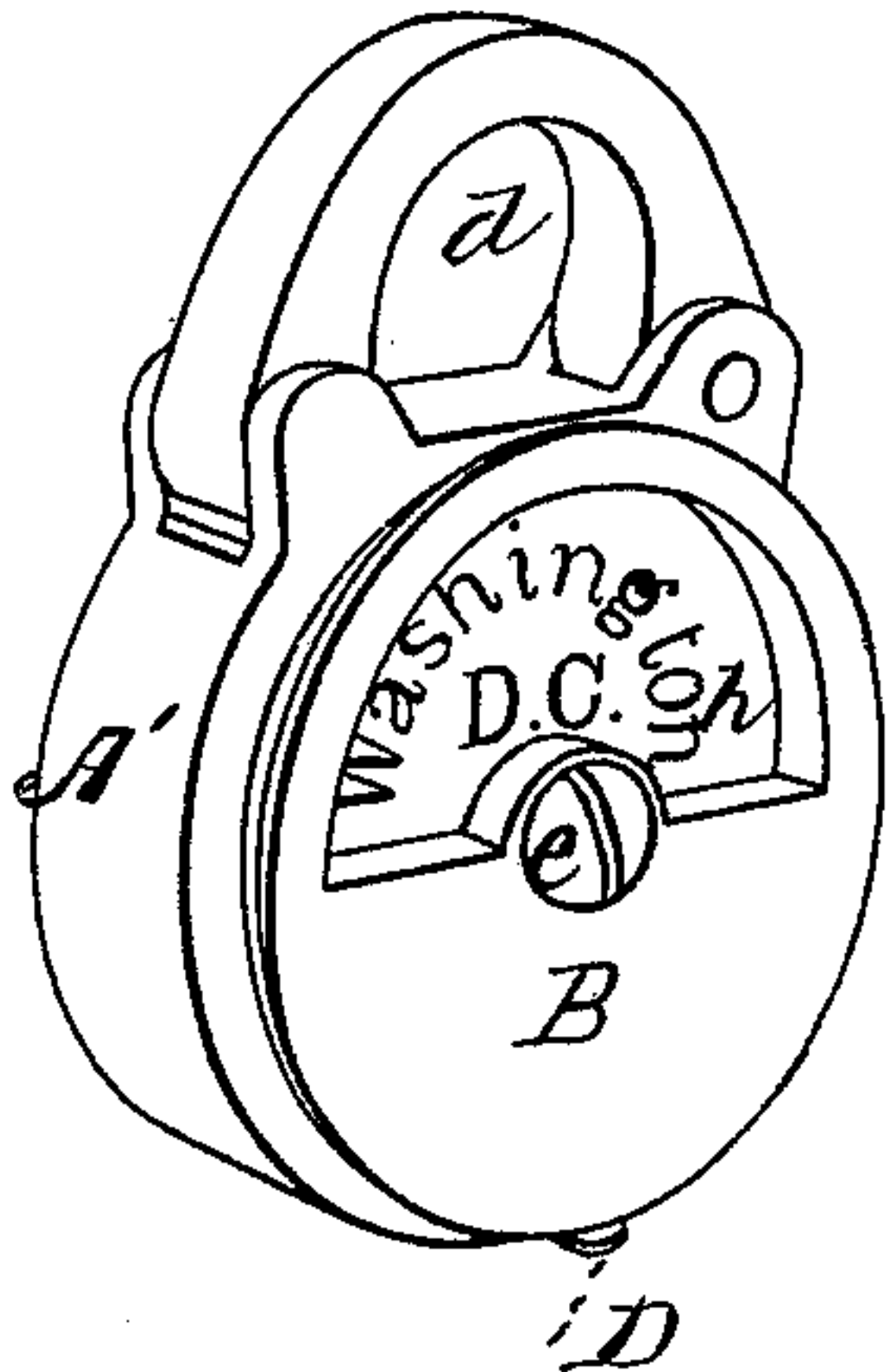


Fig 2



Fig 3

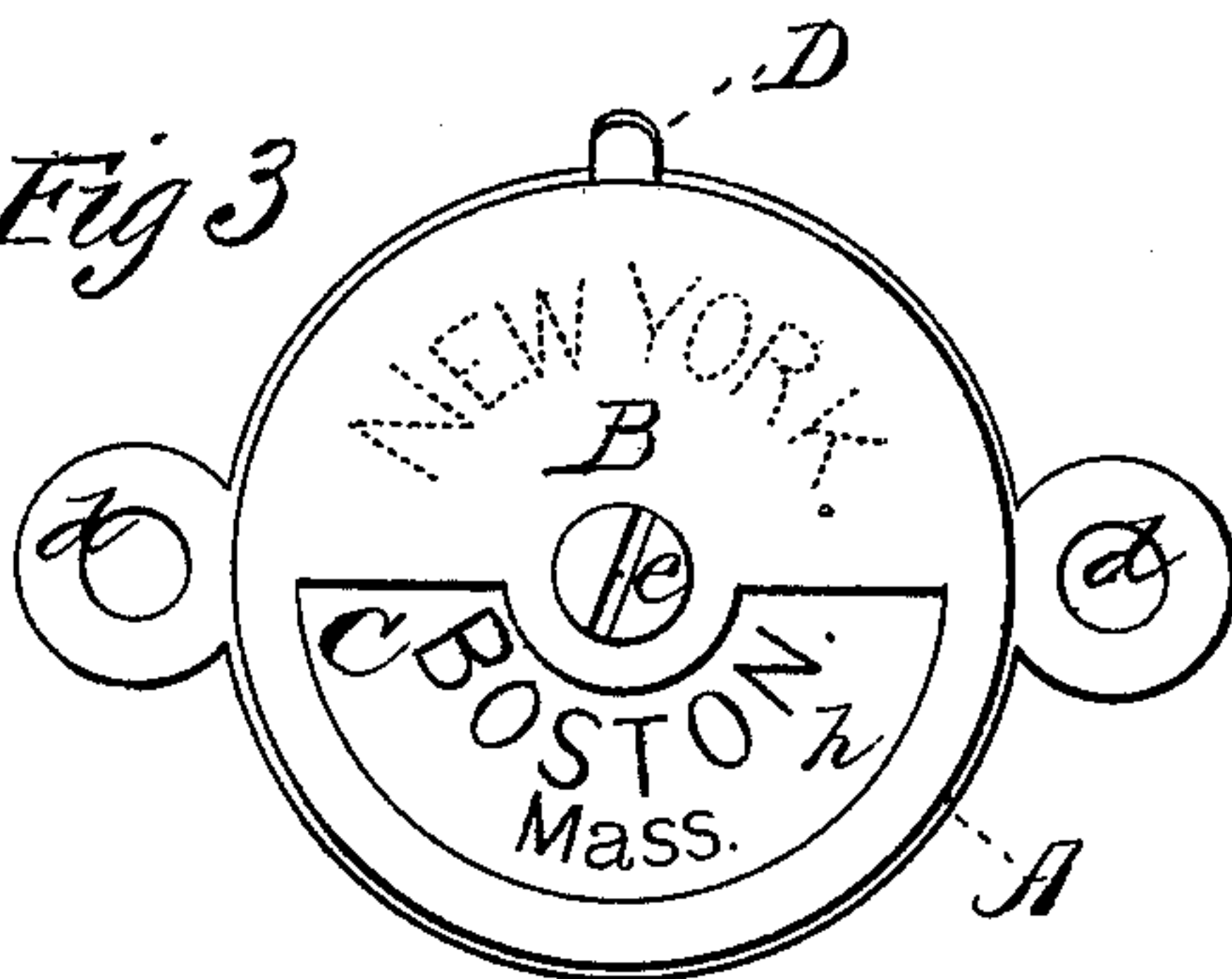


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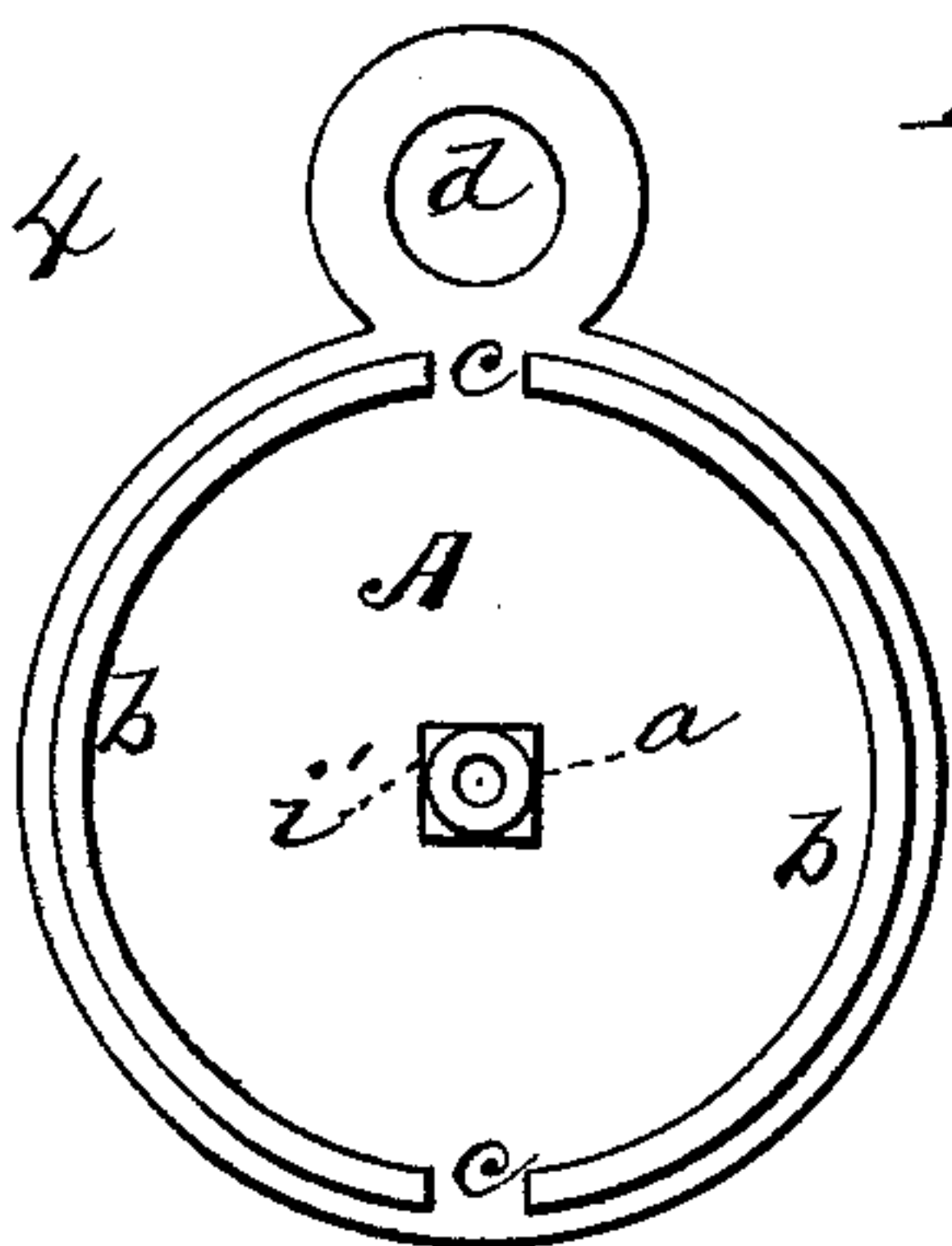


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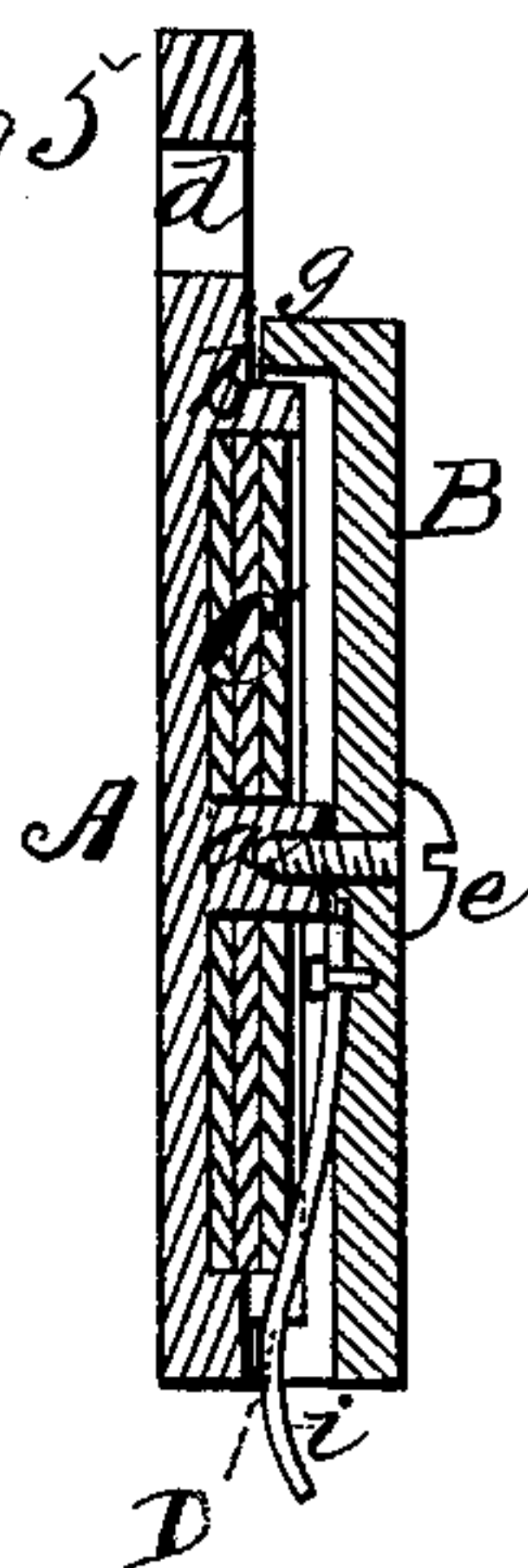
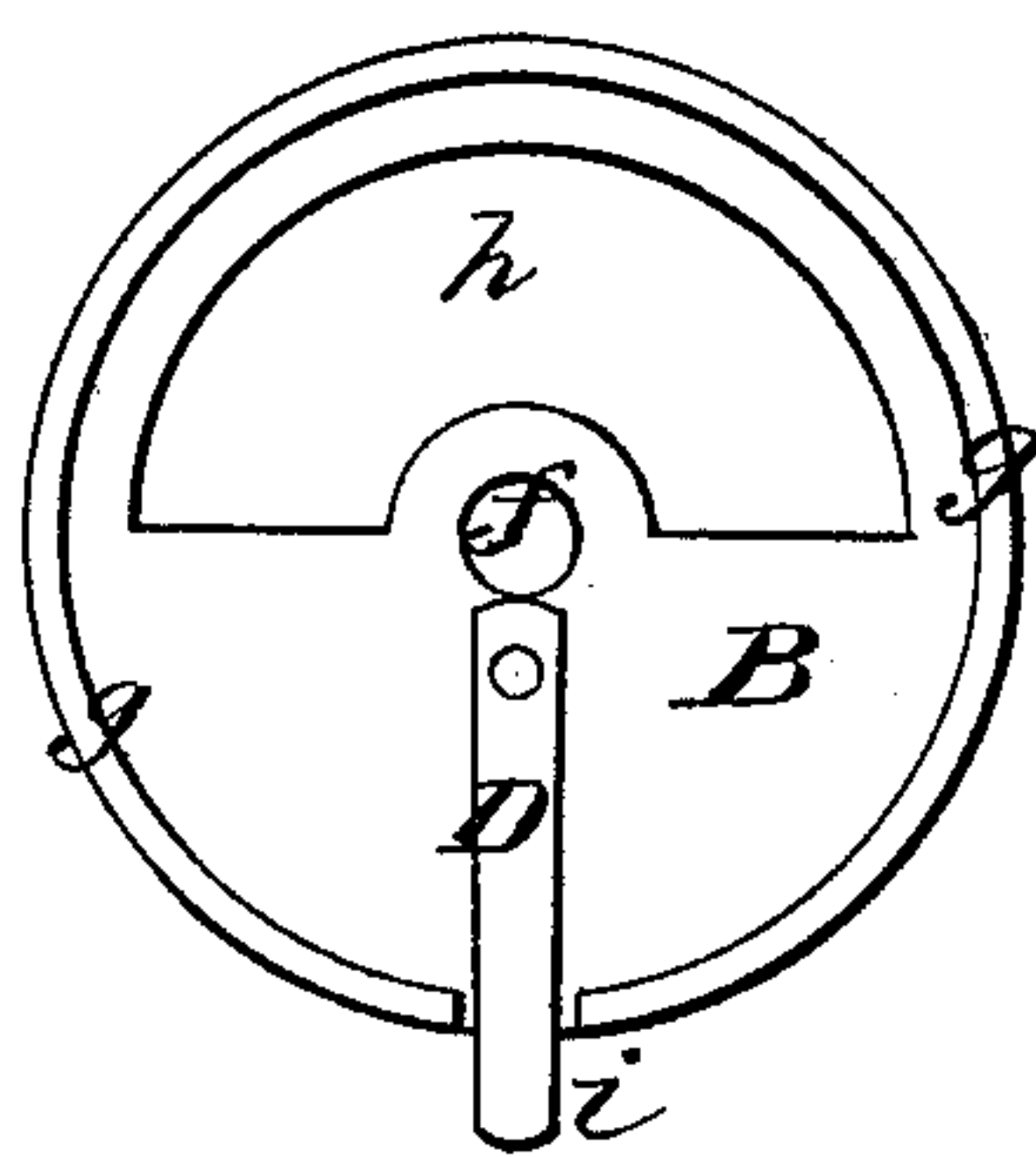


Fig 6



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IMPROVEMENT IN MAIL-TAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER P. BURROW, of Norfolk, in the county of Norfolk and State of Virginia, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Mail-Tags; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my improved mail-tag applied to a lock. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the mail-tag, having a single eye. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the same, with two eyes. Fig. 4 is a detail view, showing the flange and spur. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the tag; and Fig. 6 is a detail view of the slotted disk, showing the spring-catch.

This invention has relation to improvements in tags for indicating the destination of mail-bags, and other articles of transportation; and it consists in combining with a disk, recessed to contain a destination slip or card, a similar disk, pivoted removably thereto, and provided with an opening, through which the destination-slip may be seen and read, and yet be protected from being casually detached. It also consists in combining with the above disks a spring-catch, adapted to lock the disks and hold them fixed, so that the destination will always be visible, all as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates a metallic disk, of suitable size, which is provided with a central spur, *a*, of cylindrical form, and near its outer edges with a raised annular flange, *b*, cut away at two diametrically-opposite points to form notches *c*. It is also provided with an eye, *d*, in line with the said notches, by means of which it is hung as a medal to the bag; but when this attachment is designed to be permanent two eyes, *d*, will be used, by means of which it will be riveted to the sack.

Spur *a*, as shown in figure, is tubular, and female-screw threaded, for the purpose of receiving a screw, *e*, by means of which the movable disk B is secured to slip-disk A.

Disk B is provided with a central perfora-

tion, *f*, designed to receive spur *a*; also, with a raised annular flange, *g*, adapted, as shown in Fig. 6, to fit snugly over flange *b* when the two disks are in position; and with an opening, *h*, preferably of curved or segmental form, through which the destination-name, on a slip, C, fitting snugly within flange *b* of disk A, will be plainly visible. The under side of disk B is provided with a radial recess, within which is secured a spring-catch, D, the end of which projects through a notch in flange *g* sufficiently to form a thumb-plate, *i*.

Slip C is of circular form, and will be provided with a rectangular central opening adapted to fit over a corresponding enlargement, *i'*, at the base of spur *a*, by which means the said slip will be prevented from rotating.

In practice, as shown in Fig. 3, the slip will be provided with two names of places—as, for instance, New York and Boston—so that by drawing spring D upward out of notch *c* the disk B may be rotated so as to expose either of these names to view through opening *h*, enabling me to use the same slip for an indefinite time between these two points simply by revolving disk B. When either of these names is brought into proper position under opening *h*, the spring-catch will become engaged with notch *c* in flange *b*, and will hold the upper rotating disk against casual displacement.

Instead of using a separate tag, as above described, the rear face of an ordinary mail or pad lock, A', may be substituted for disk A, in which event this face of the lock will in all respects resemble the said disk.

The construction of the disk B and slip C will be precisely the same, and will be similarly operated and employed.

I may also employ two or more slips, C, one above the other, so that when the outer one becomes defaced I may remove disk B, and remove it, thus exposing new clean surfaces to view.

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

1. In combination with a removable destination-slip, C, the disk A, having flange *b* and spur *a*, with rectangular base *i'*, substantially as specified.

2. In combination with slip C and disk A, having annular flange *b* and central spur *a*,

the rotating disk B, having flange *g* fitting over flange *b*, and an opening, *h*, for reading the slip, substantially as specified.

3. In combination with a fixed slip, C, and disk B, the spring catch D, for holding the disk B in position, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have

hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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