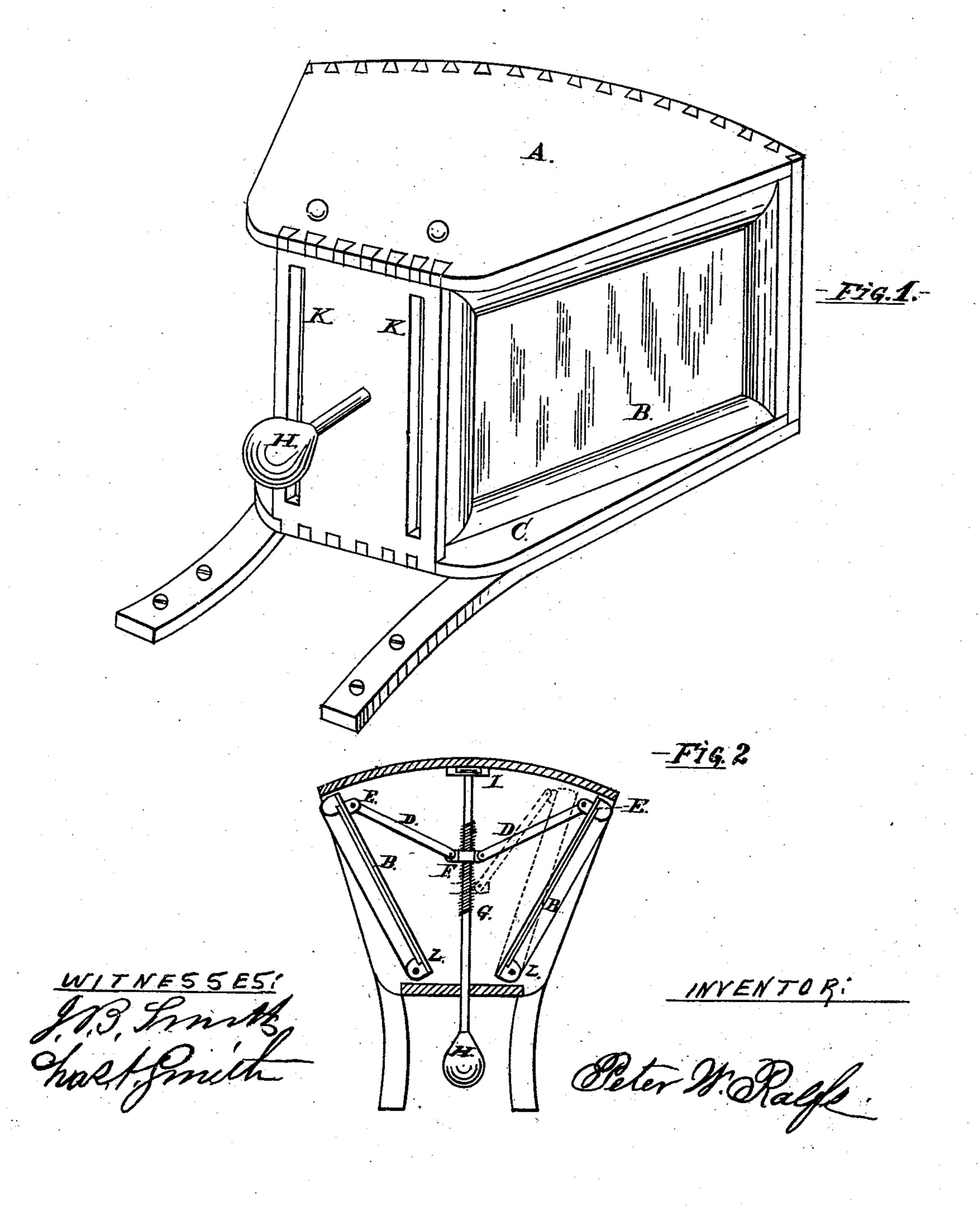
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IMPROVEMENT IN WINDOW-MIRRORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER W. RALFS, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain Improvements in Detecters, of which the follow-

ing is a specification:

My invention has for its object the detection of anything that may be taking place in the street, or anywhere on either side of a house on the side of which it may be placed. It is a box or frame secured to the side of a house, with looking-glasses in it, with a screw, for the purpose of adjustment of the glasses, so that they may be arranged at the proper angle, so that a person can, by looking in one of the glasses, see everything that is transacted within range.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of same.

A is the box or frame in which the lookingglasses are placed; B B, the looking-glasses; C, the frames of the glasses; D D, arms, secured to the looking-glasses, with ears E on the looking-glass frames, to which they are attached; F, a nut, to which the arms are attached at the other end of same, and through which passes a shaft, G, with a screw on same, which, by turning, either screws up or down the nut F. H is a handle or knob on the shaft G, with which to turn the same; I, a keeper, on the back end of the box or frame, into which the end of shaft G works, said

shaft G being provided with a head which holds it firmly in its socket. As the handle H is turned the nut F is screwed in either direction, and the arms D are either straightened out or closed up, so that the glasses may be adjusted to the desired angle. KK are openings or slots in the box, so that, should the glasses be broken, the end of the glassframe may be removed and another glass be inserted through the slot. LL are pivots, securing the ends of the glasses, so that they may be turned on same.

The operation of this detecter is as follows: It is secured to the window-sill on the outside of a house, with the handle H passing through the sash; by turning the handle the glasses can be so adjusted that a person sitting on the inside of the window, by looking in either of the glasses can see whatever is taking place within range of the respective glasses.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is—

1. Box or frame A, looking-glasses B B, with arms D D, screw-shaft G, and nut F, substantially as described.

2. Arms D D, screw-shaft G, nut F, handle H, keeper I, and looking-glasses B B, all in combination, substantially as described. PETER W. RALFS.

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