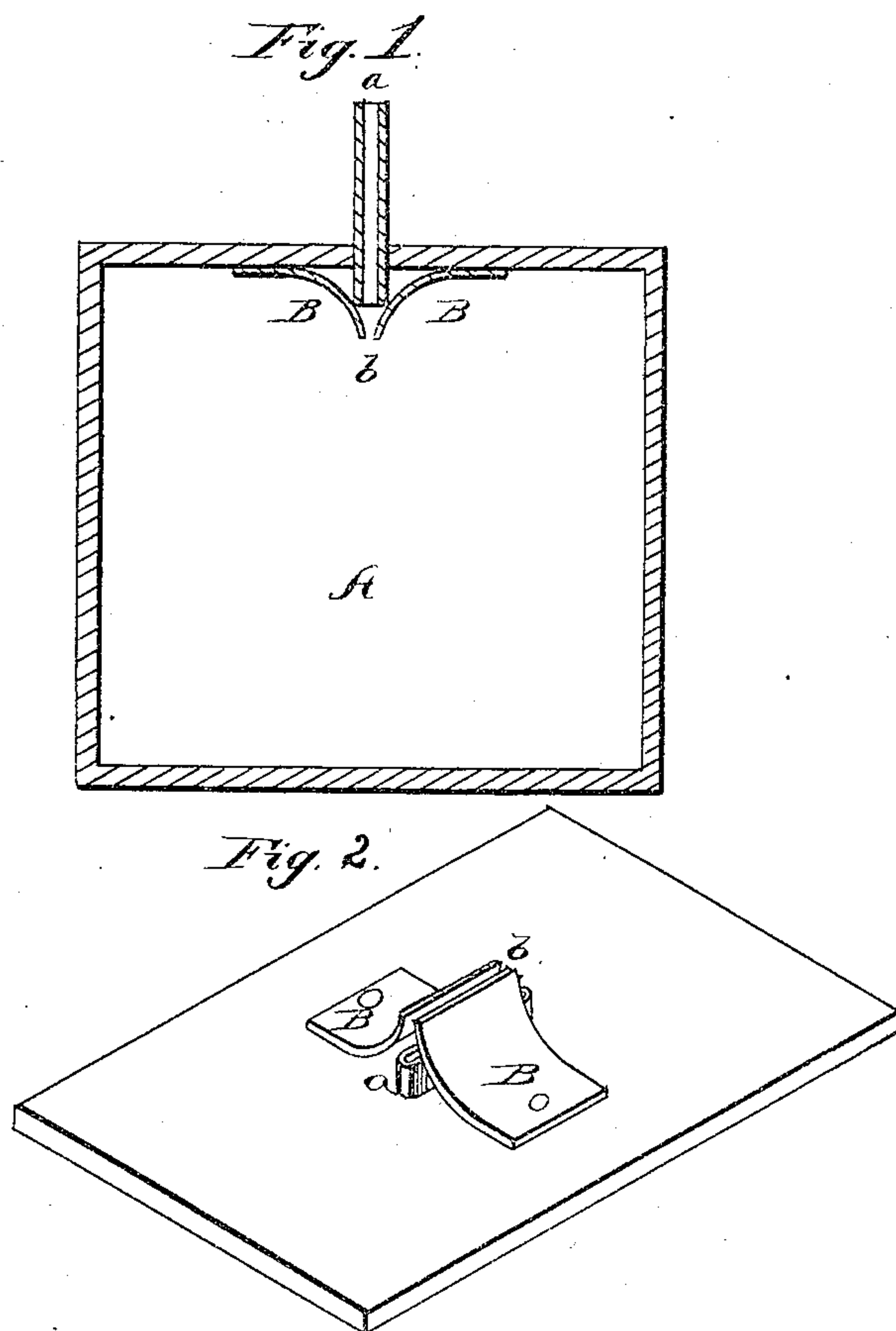


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL WHITNUM, of Green Point, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Money-Banks; and I 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, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to toy banks; and it consists in the arrangement of springs within the bank, immediately below the aperture for the insertion of the money, for the purpose of preventing the pieces of money being withdrawn from the bank through said aperture, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

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 central vertical section of my bank, and Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of a part of the same.

A represents a toy bank of any suitable form and construction. *a* is the aperture through which the pieces of money are dropped into the bank. This aperture may be directly in the wall or top of the bank, or a tube may be made to project from the same, as shown in the drawing.

Immediately below the aperture *a*, within

the bank, are springs B B, fastened to the bank, and their inner ends curving toward each other and downward, leaving a narrow space, *b*, between them directly upon a line with the aperture *a*. These springs form no impediment to the dropping in of money, but form an effective barrier against taking any out again through the aperture *a*.

The space *b*, left between the ends of the springs, is very narrow, so that a piece of money cannot pass between them upward; but in dropping the money down into the bank the weight of the piece separates them sufficiently to allow the piece to fall down. The springs immediately come nearly together again to prevent the extraction of the money.

This invention may be applied to toy banks of any construction.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

One or more springs, B, arranged within a toy bank, below the aperture through which the money is dropped, for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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