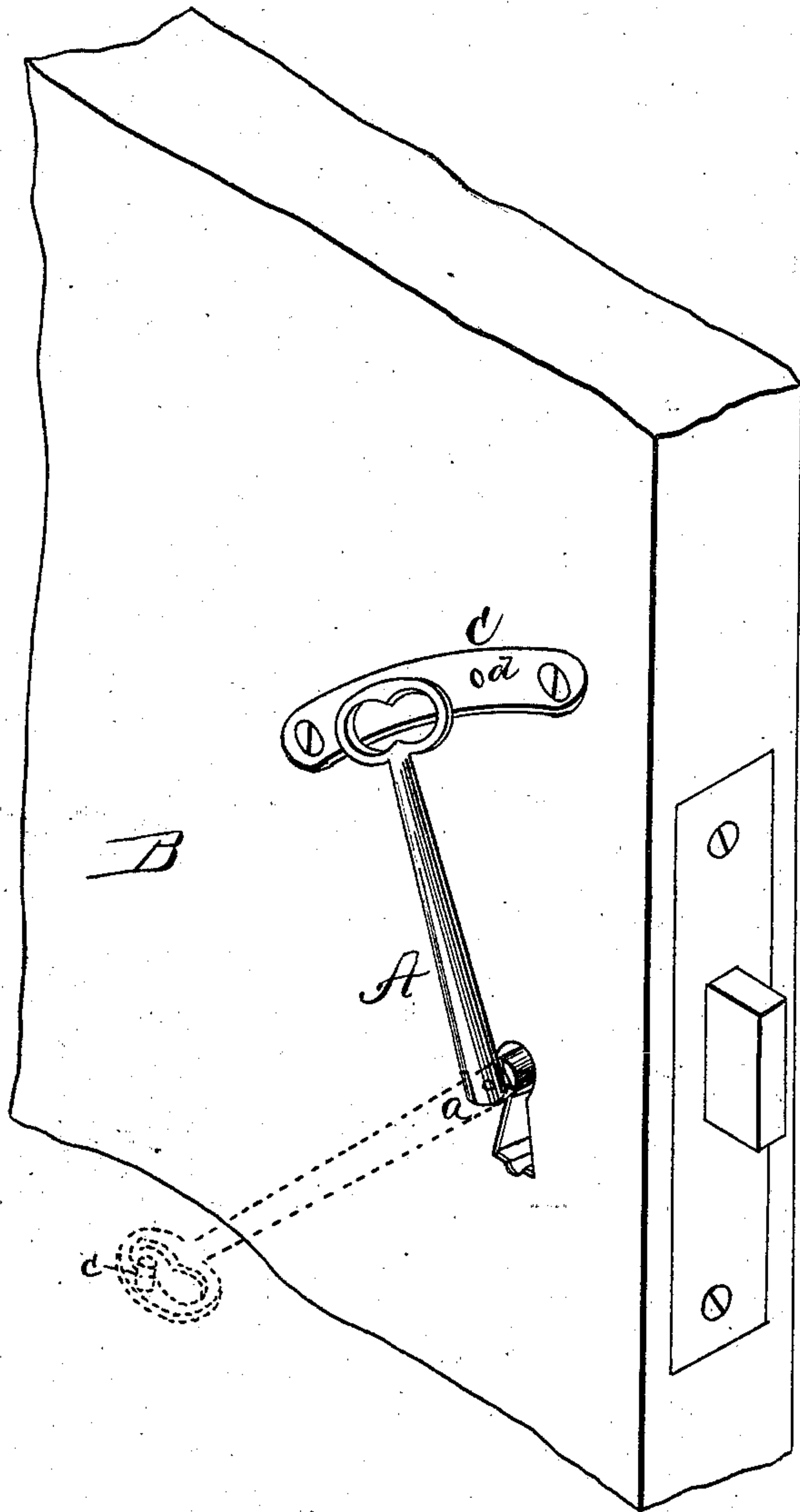


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## KEY-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LENSON JOHNSON, of Vincennes, in the county of Knox and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Anti-Burglar Key-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view of a portion of a door showing my invention attached.

The object of my invention is to prevent locks from being burglarized; and to this end it consists in the combination of a key having a jointed shank with a suitable device for locking the same, substantially as herein shown and described.

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.

A represents the key, having its shank hinged or jointed, as shown at *a*, near the face of the door *P*. The outer end of this shank is provided with a small pin or projection, *c*.

B is the door, provided at the proper point with a curved metal plate, C, having a series of holes, *d d*, as shown. This plate C is curved and secured to the door concentric with the

key-shank A, whose outer end is turned back against the door, and the pin or projection *c* enters one of the openings *d* and prevents the turning of the key from the outside by forceps or other instrument.

It is obvious that the same result may be accomplished by means substantially the same in principle, but different in construction, without in the least departing from the spirit of my invention. I do not therefore confine myself to the exact method herein described for holding or locking the outer end of the key-shank.

The device is cheap, simple, neat in appearance, and effectually accomplishes the object in view.

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

The jointed key A, having its outer end provided with a pin or projection, *c*, in combination with metal plate C, having holes or openings *d*, all substantially as and for the purpose 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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