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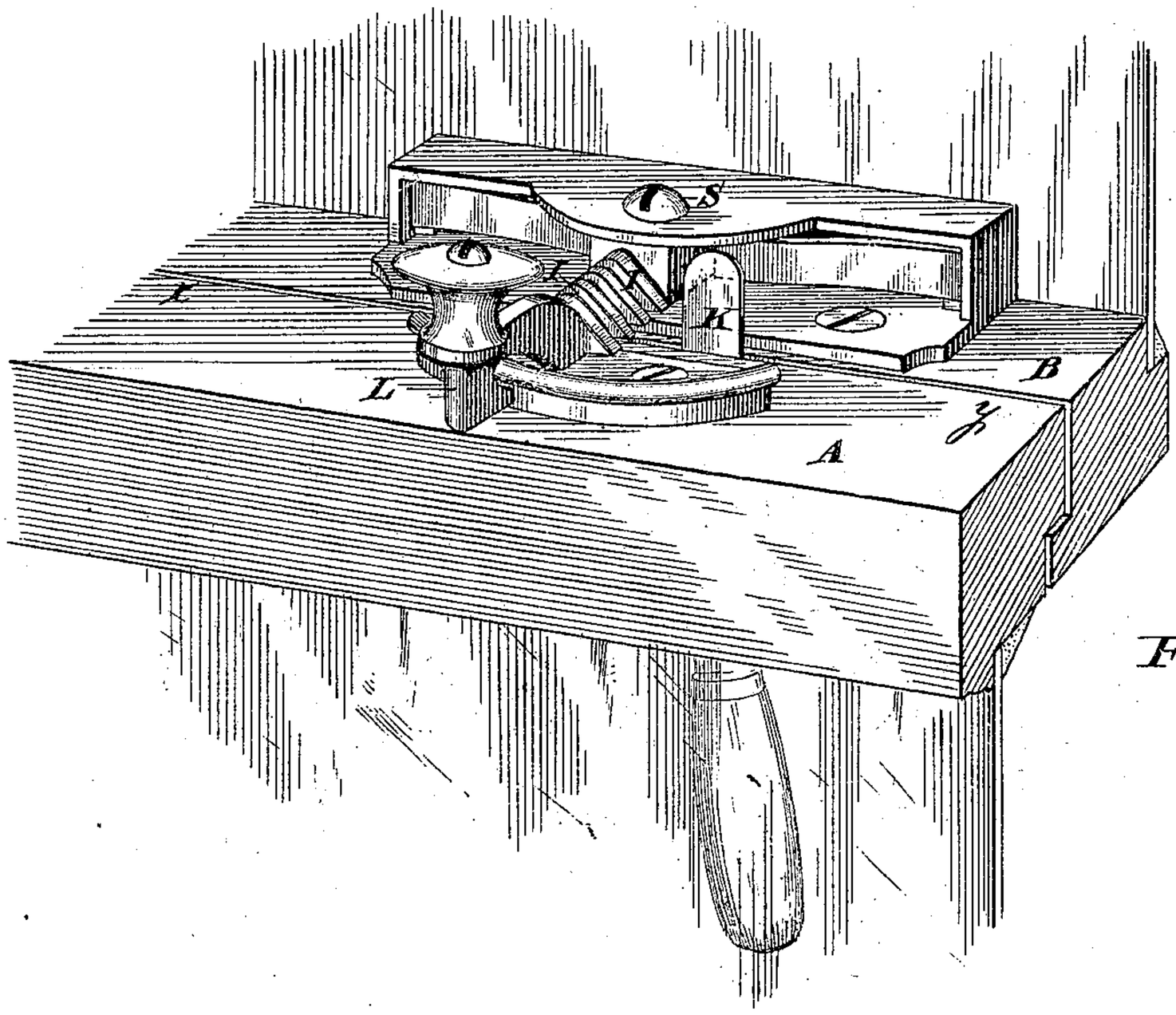

Fig. 1

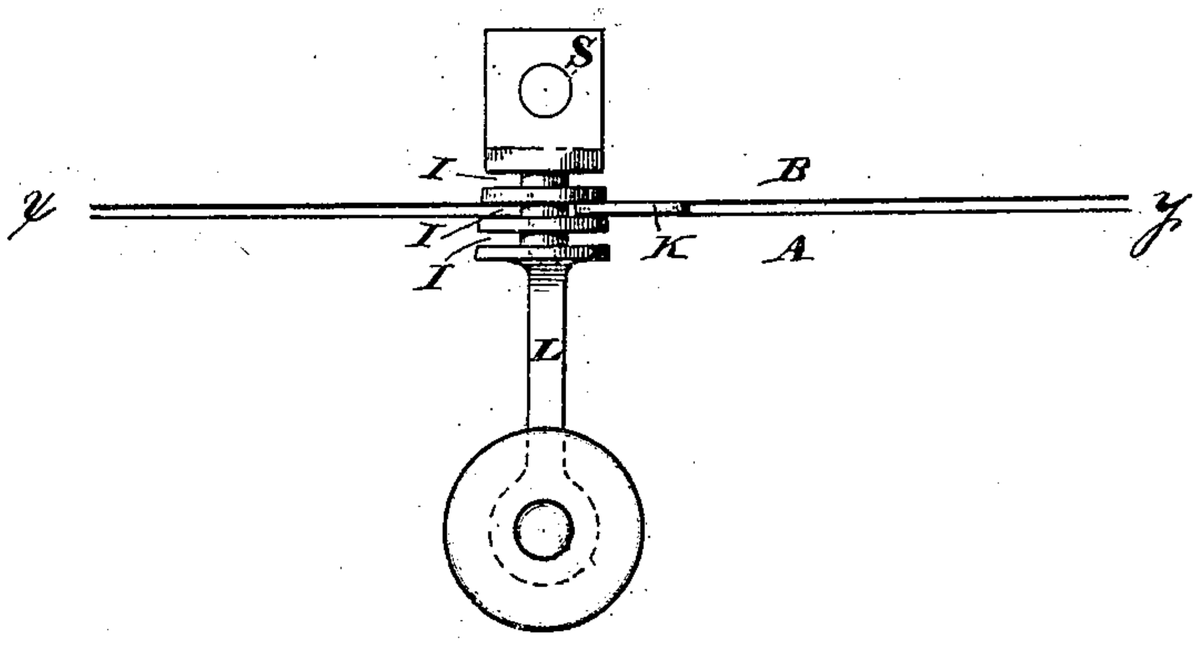

Fig. 2

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FASTENING FOR MEETING-RAILS OF SASHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSHUA PUSEY, of the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fasteners for the Meeting-Rails of Sashes, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement lies merely in a slight change in a part of the lever or bar of the fasteners for meeting-rails in most general use, whereby the lever is prevented from readily being turned from the outside, and thus allowing the sash to be raised, as hereinafter explained.

Of the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fastener having my improvement attached to a window-sash. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

No part of my invention differs from the usual fasteners except in that that portion of the straight lever L which, as it is turned, crosses the meeting-line *x y* of the sashes A and B is provided with teeth or indentations I, made or cast as sharp on the edge as may conveniently be done.

Window-sashes held down by the ordinary fasteners of the class to which my improvement belongs may usually be easily opened from the outside by the sneak-thief, tramp, or other *chevalier d'industrie* by simply pushing a thin blade or spatula, K, up through the joint *x y* between the upper and the lower sashes and turning the bar by pressing the edge of the blade against it. With such a lever having my device this cannot be done, as the blade being thrust forward, coming, as it must, between two of the teeth I, and being obliged to move in a straight line, while the lever must move in a curve about the pivotal screw S, it (the blade K) becomes at once jammed. The more forcible the attempts to turn the lever in this manner the more tightly the blade impinges against the sides of the joint between the sashes and its movement arrested.

A single tooth or indentation might suffice to accomplish the object desired if the fasteners were in every instance carefully adjusted when screwed to the sashes, so that the instrument employed, in the attempt to press the lever aside, would hit in the proper place to secure the effect aimed at; but as such accuracy is hardly practicable, I prefer to make use of several of these teeth or indentations, as shown in the drawings.

A number of plans for remedying this defect in the ordinary fasteners, of being so easily opened from the outside, have been tried, and some patented. The objection to these is that, though generally efficient for the purpose, they are too expensive, and not simple enough in construction or in operation.

My device, as hereinbefore described, is at once cheap, simple, efficient, and requires but a trifling change to be made in the ordinary fasteners.

I claim—

The bar or lever of a fastener for the meeting-rails of sashes provided with teeth or indentations, substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

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