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Fig. 1

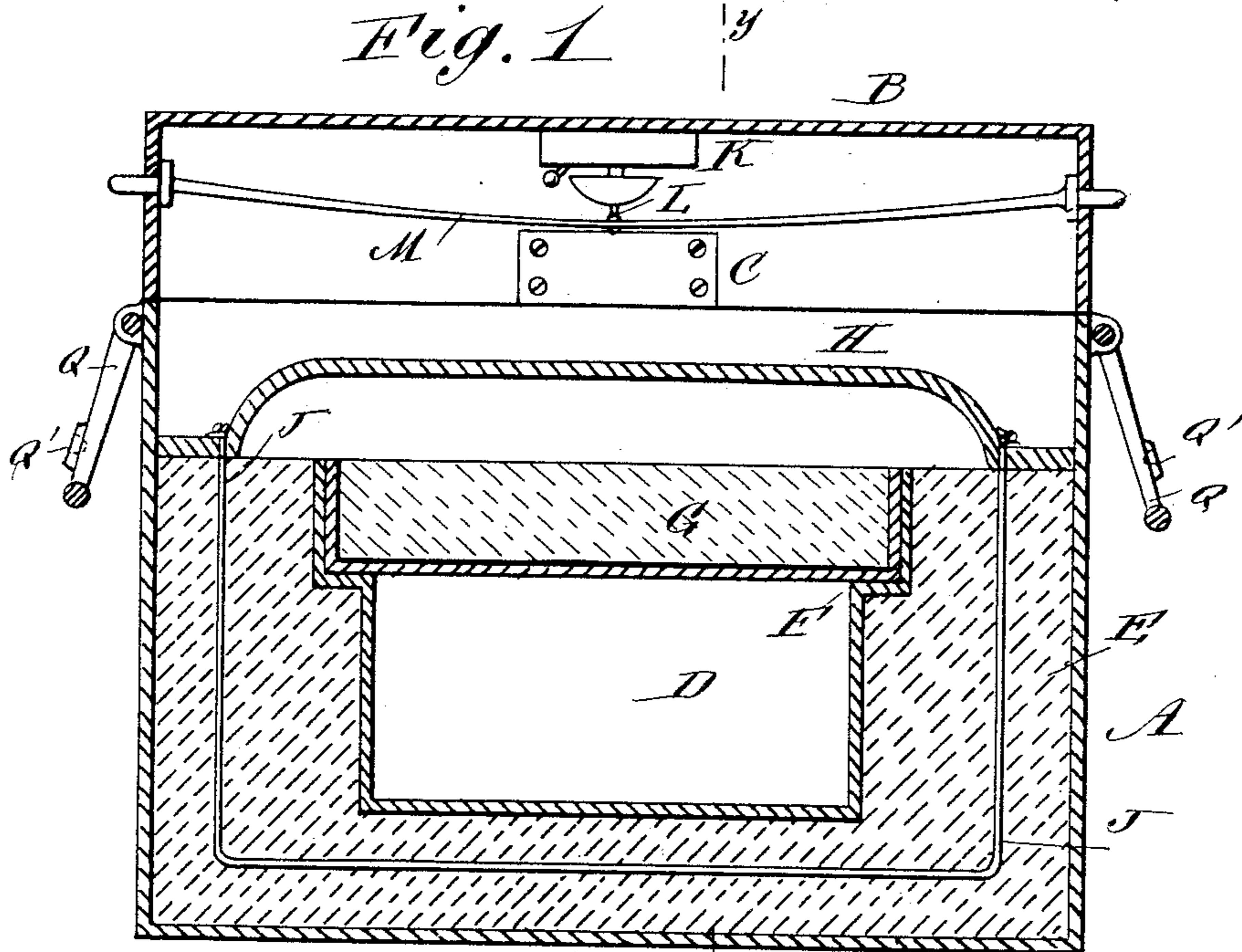
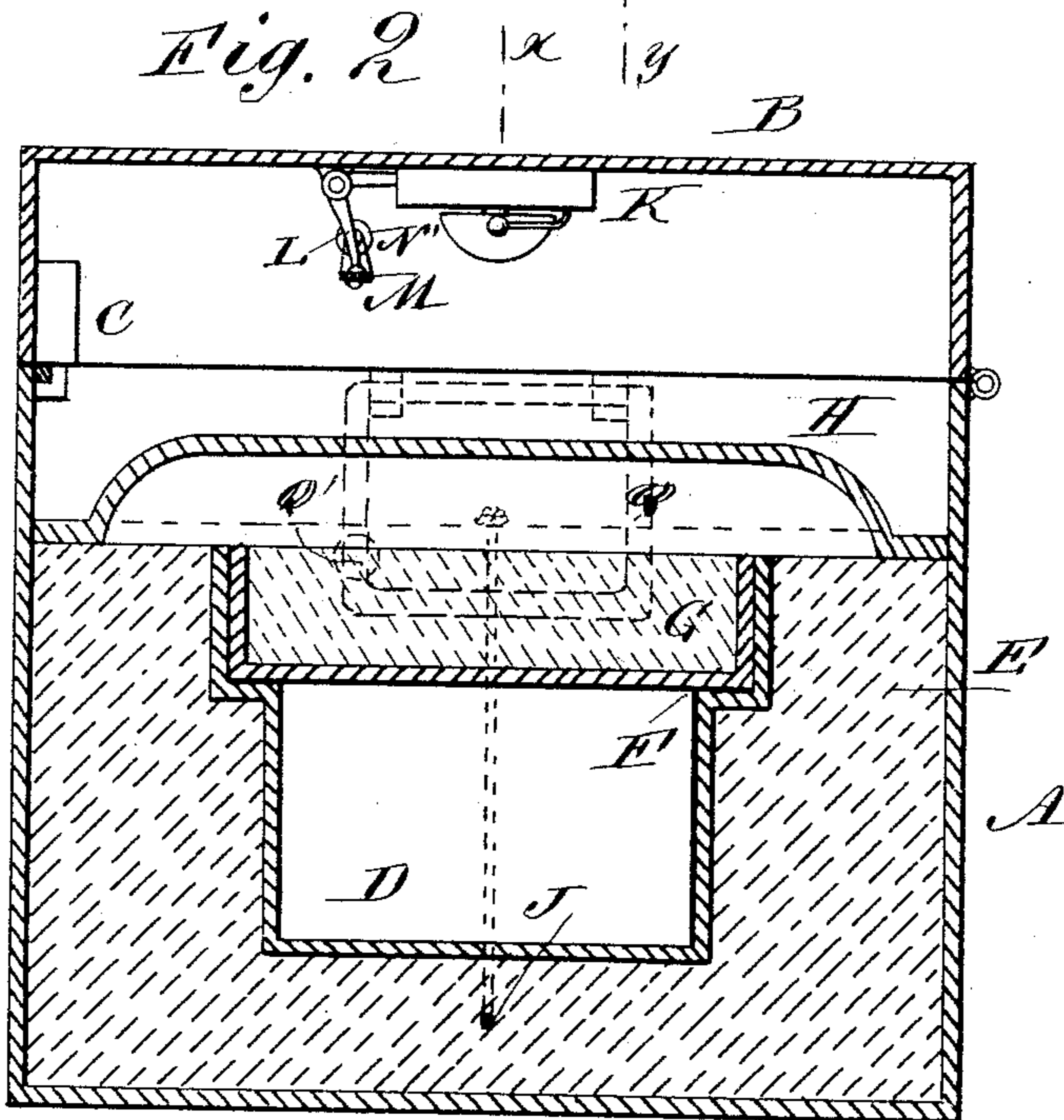


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH J. SCHUKNECHT, of Bailey, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Safes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a portable safe for the storage of important papers, jewelry, and other articles of value, which will afford secure protection against fire and can be easily and cheaply manufactured.

The invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter fully described, and distinctly pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a transverse sectional elevation on the line *xx*, Fig. 2, of a safe embodying my improvement; and Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same on the line *yy*, Fig. 1.

The body A of the safe is constructed of metal or kindred material, and is provided with a lid, B, hinged or otherwise separably connected to the box and provided with a suitable lock, C.

In the body A is placed centrally a box, D, considerably smaller than and separated on all sides from the same, a fire-proof filling, E, of plaster-of-paris or a similar substance being packed tightly around and beneath the box E, so as to hold it in its position isolated from the interior of the body, and thus secure any papers or other articles contained in the box against possible destruction by fire. The top of the filling E coincides with the upper edge of the box D, which is somewhat below that of the body A, and the box is enlarged near the top, forming a step, F, extending entirely

around the same. A tray, G, also filled with plaster-of-paris, is adapted to rest upon the step F, and thus serve as a fire-proof lid for the box D.

A removable cover, H, is adapted to rest upon the top of the hardened filling E around the tray G and box D, and is secured firmly in place by a wire, J, embedded in the filling E, passing underneath the box and having its upper projecting extremities fastened to opposite sides of the cover. The space between the lid B and cover H makes a convenient storage-place for jewelry and trinkets.

In the interior of the main lid B, I prefer to arrange an alarm, K, which is adapted to be sounded when the projections Q' on the handles Q are brought in contact in the act of lifting the safe, with the projecting ends of the spring-rod M, secured to the tripper L of the alarm. The alarm can, however, be dispensed with, as it forms no part of the present invention.

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

1. In a safe, the combination of a hollow body having a lid, a box, a fire-proof filling in the body embedding the box, a cover for said box, and a wire passing around the box through the filling and fastened to opposite sides of the cover, substantially as described.

2. In a safe, the combination of a hollow body having a lid, a box enlarged to form a step near its top held in the body, a fire-proof filling isolating the box from the body, a tray adapted to rest on the step and cover the box, an outer cover for the tray, and means for fastening said cover in place, substantially as described.

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