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KEYHOLE GUIDE.

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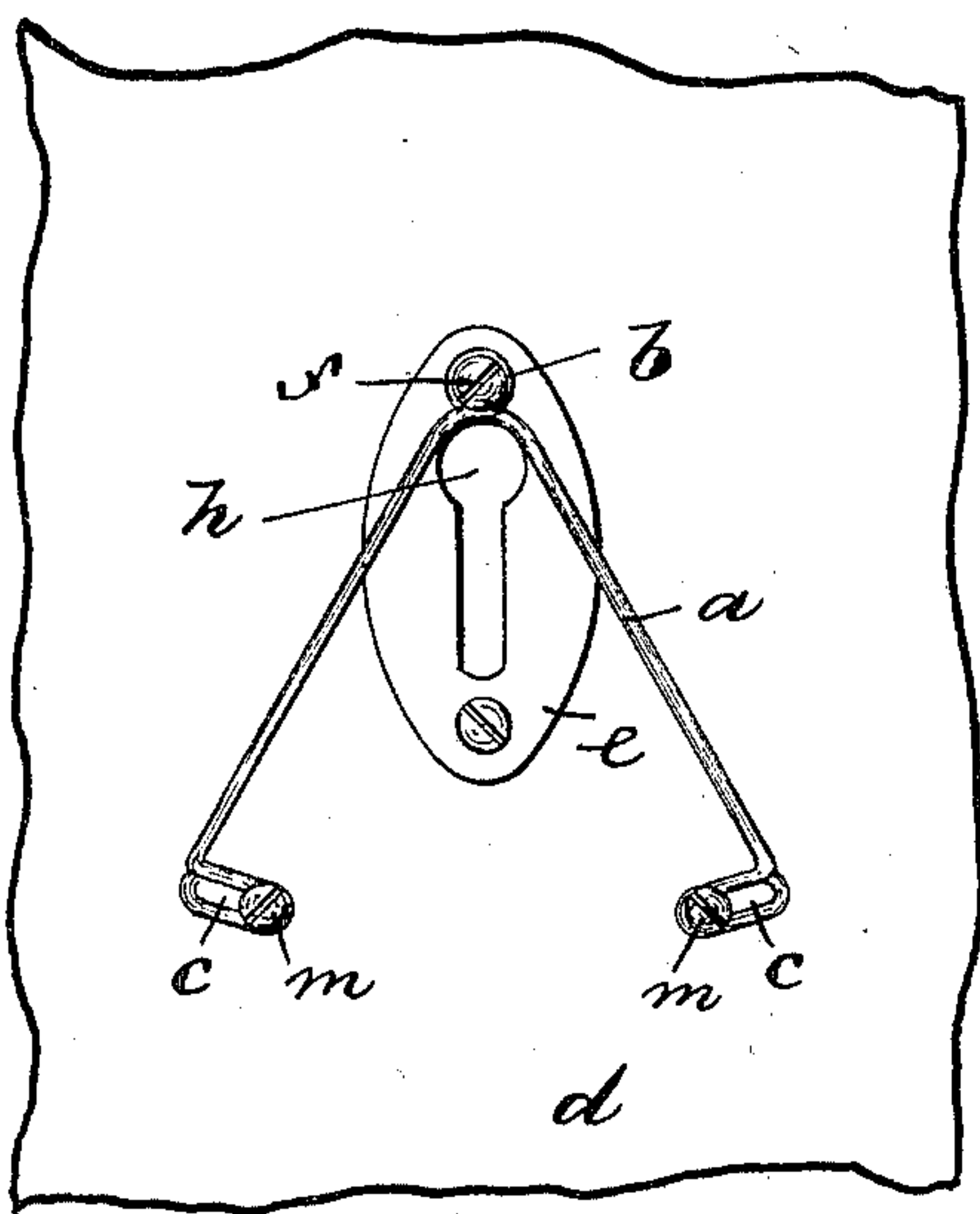


Fig. 1.

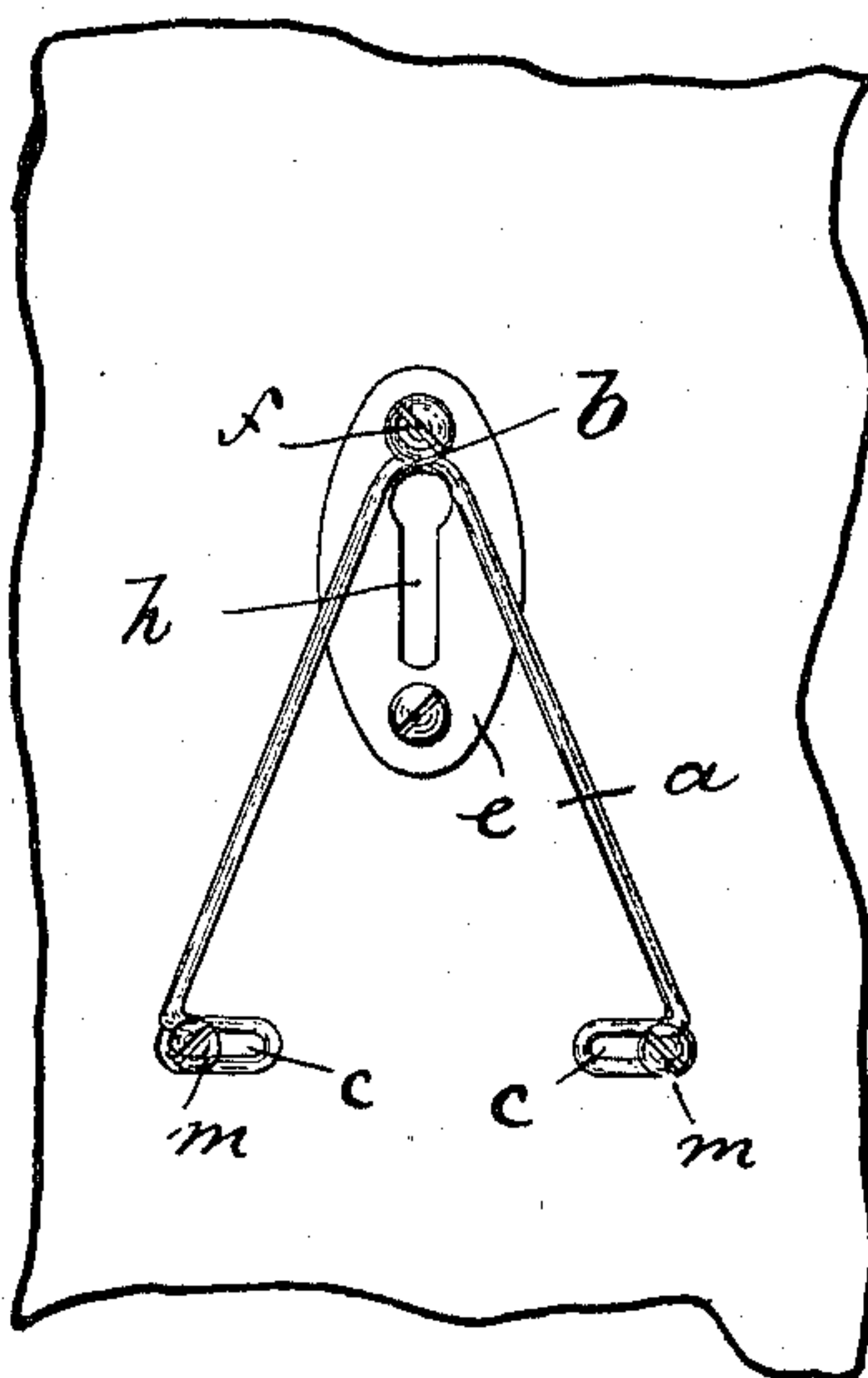


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN USTER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Paterson, county of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Keyhole-Guides; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my present invention is to provide a detachable and adjustable keyhole-guide which when secured in proper position permits the quick and easy insertion of the key without the necessity of searching for the keyhole, especially when dark, &c.

The invention consists in the improved adjustable keyhole-guide and in the combination and arrangement of the various parts, substantially as will be hereinafter more fully described, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the two views, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved keyhole-guide when in position on an escutcheon-plate; Fig. 2, a similar view illustrating said guide adjusted to a keyhole of smaller dimensions.

In said drawings, *a* represents an inverted-V-shaped guide-bar provided with a central loop *b* and on the free ends of its shanks with elongated loops *c c*, adapted to be secured by means of screws *m m* to the door-stile *d* or to the escutcheon-plate *e*, while the loop *b*

is penetrated by and arranged on the screw *f*, engaging the escutcheon-plate above the keyhole *h*.

It must be remarked that the shanks and the central loop *b* of the guide-bar *a* are integral and that said loop is a spring-loop—that is to say, the arms can be moved outward or inward, the loop forming the fulcrum, as will be manifest. By this arrangement a guide is furnished which can be easily secured to any door-stile and escutcheon-plate, and by means of its elongated loops *c c* the shanks of said guide-bar can be adjusted to various-sized keys and keyholes, the angle formed by said shanks always conforming to the shape of the top of the keyhole.

From the foregoing it can be seen that when a key is placed anywhere within the area of the V-shaped guide and is moved upward it is bound to come in alinement with the keyhole and can thus be easily inserted without the necessity of first trying to locate the said keyhole.

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

A keyhole-guide comprising an inverted-V-shaped bar, a spring-loop projecting from the apex of said bar and integral with its shanks, and an elongated loop at the end of each shank, all said parts, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of July, 1897.

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