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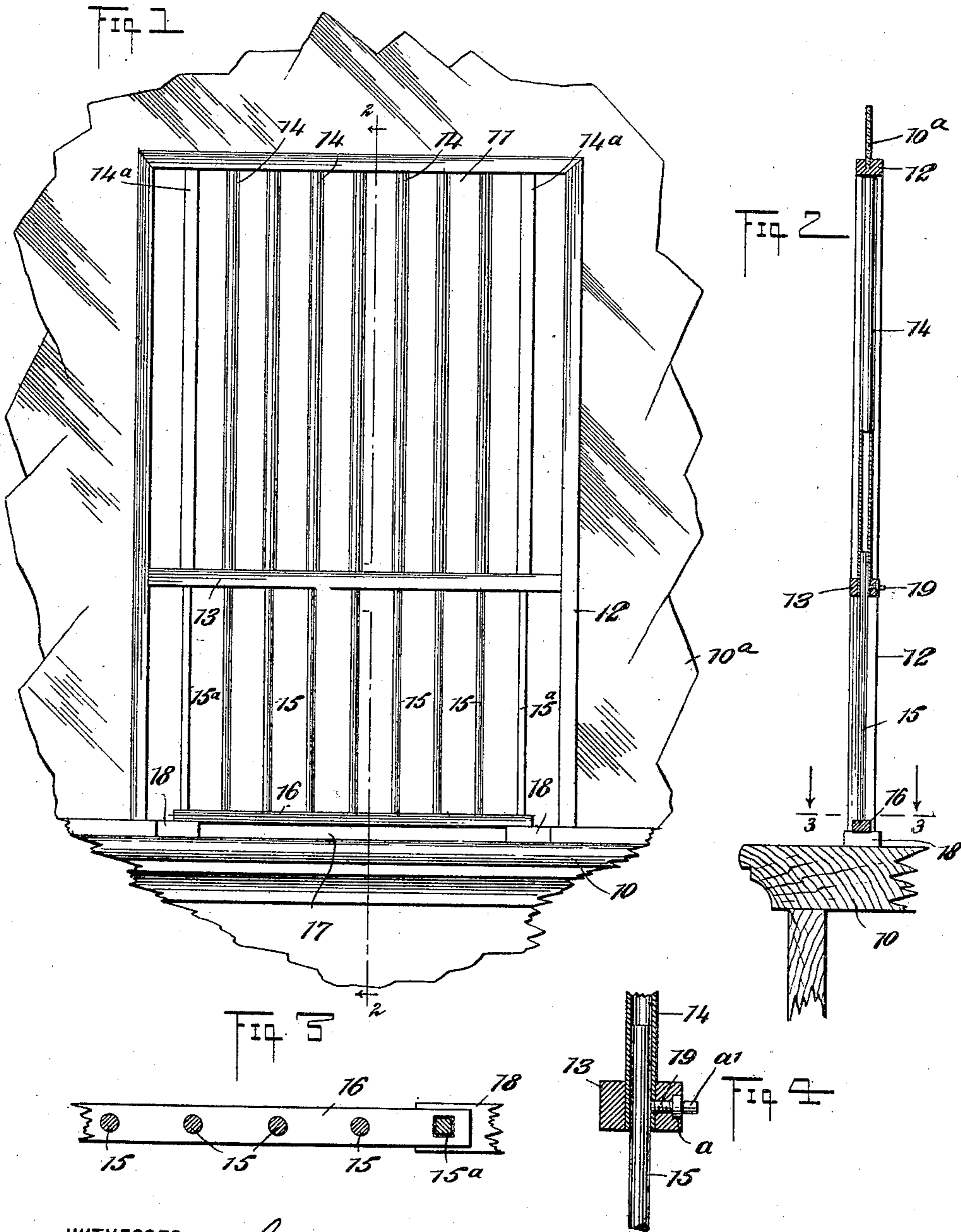
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RICHARD BEASLEY BROWNE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, (Flat-bush,) borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Telescoping Wicket for Counter Guard-Walls, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates particularly to means for guarding openings formed in guard-walls erected upon office-counters to prevent felonious abstraction of articles of value through such openings that are provided to facilitate the regular transaction of business between persons on each side of the counter; but the device may be used for various other purposes, as hereinafter disclosed.

The object of my invention is to provide a novel, simple, and very convenient device which is strong, shapely, and well adapted to serve as a protection against intrusion of the hand or arm of a person from the outside of the counter and which may be secured readily to prevent an improper opening of the wicket when this is desired.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described, and defined in the appended claim.

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

Figure 1 is an exterior view of the improvement in position for guarding an aperture in a counter guard-wall, shown in part. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken substantially on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged partly-sectional plan view substantially on the line 3 3 in Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional elevation showing a wicket-securing device employed.

My invention consists in the following construction and combination of parts, the details of which will first be fully described and the patentable features then set forth in the claim.

The grated opening is preferably of rectangular shape, bounded by two vertical outer

bars 12 and a top bar connecting the vertical bars. At an intermediate part of the grated opening a horizontal rail 13 crosses.

14 represents a series of vertically-disposed hollow tubes connected to the top bar and the intermediate bar 13. They are adapted to receive the vertical rods 15, which, together with the lower cross-bar 16, constitute the movable wicket, the rods 15 being adapted to telescope or slide in the stationary tubes 14.

15<sup>a</sup> represents vertical guide-rods for the movable wicket, the lower bar 16 thereof being mortised to slide thereon.

19 is a fastening means, such as a set-screw, by means of which the movable wicket is held in its lower or its upper position or at any intermediate point.

My invention is generally used in connection with a counter, upon which the wicket and its adjoining partition are placed. In such constructions a horizontal bed-rail 18 is laid upon the counter and supports the entire grating, including the wicket. The bed-rail is omitted under the central portion of the wicket, and its adjacent ends project into the opening sufficiently to form supports for the guide-rails 15<sup>a</sup> and the opposite ends of the bottom rail 16 of the wicket. A long narrow opening of the width of the bed-rail is thereby presented under which flat papers may be passed in the usual conduct of business.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a counter-wicket, the combination of a grated window having a series of tubes and a cross-bar, a sliding wicket comprising a lower cross-bar and a series of rods secured thereto adapted to slide within the window-tubes, a counter, and a bed-rail upon the counter projecting into the window-opening at each side sufficiently to support above the counter the ends of the sliding wicket.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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