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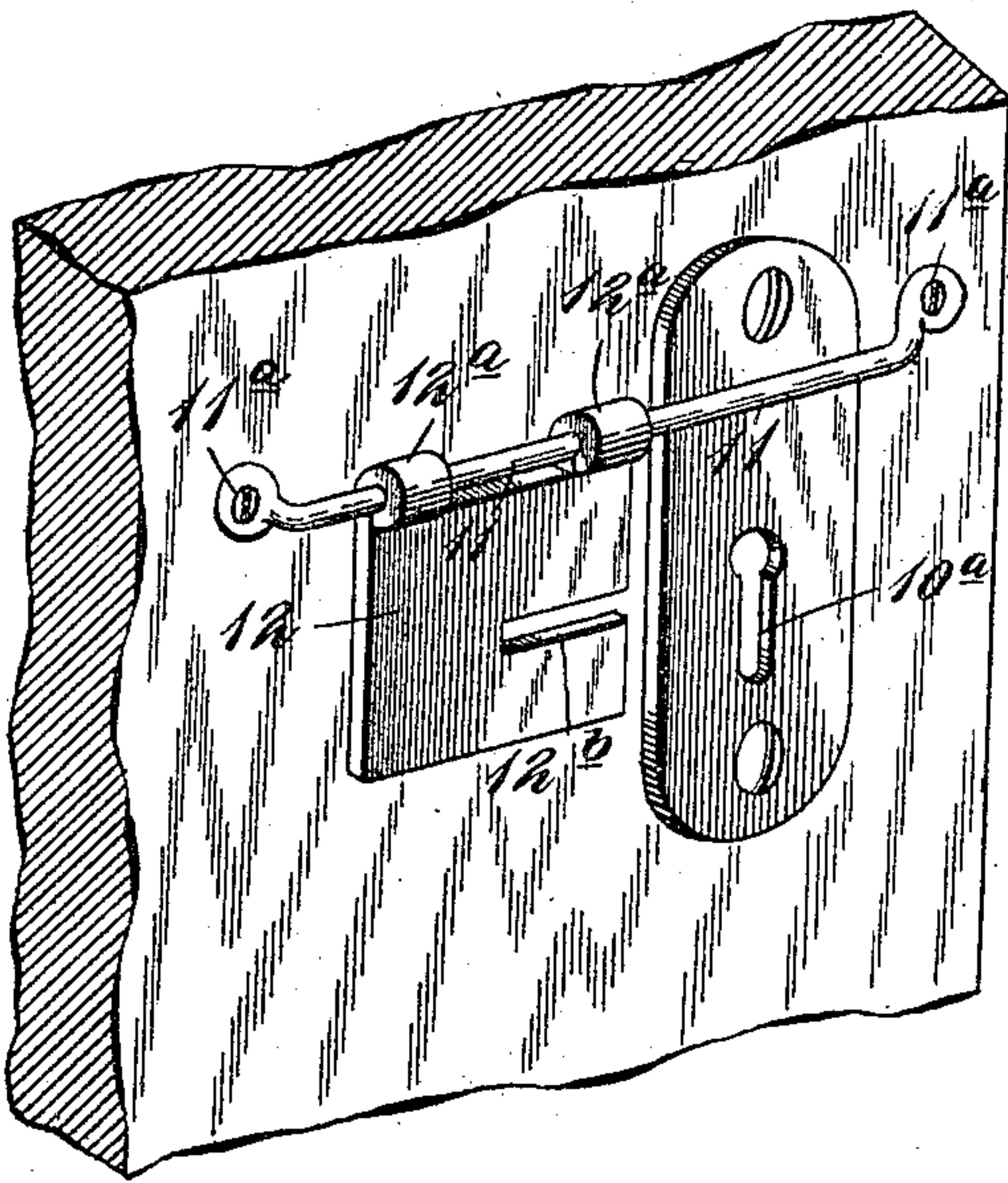


Fig. 1.

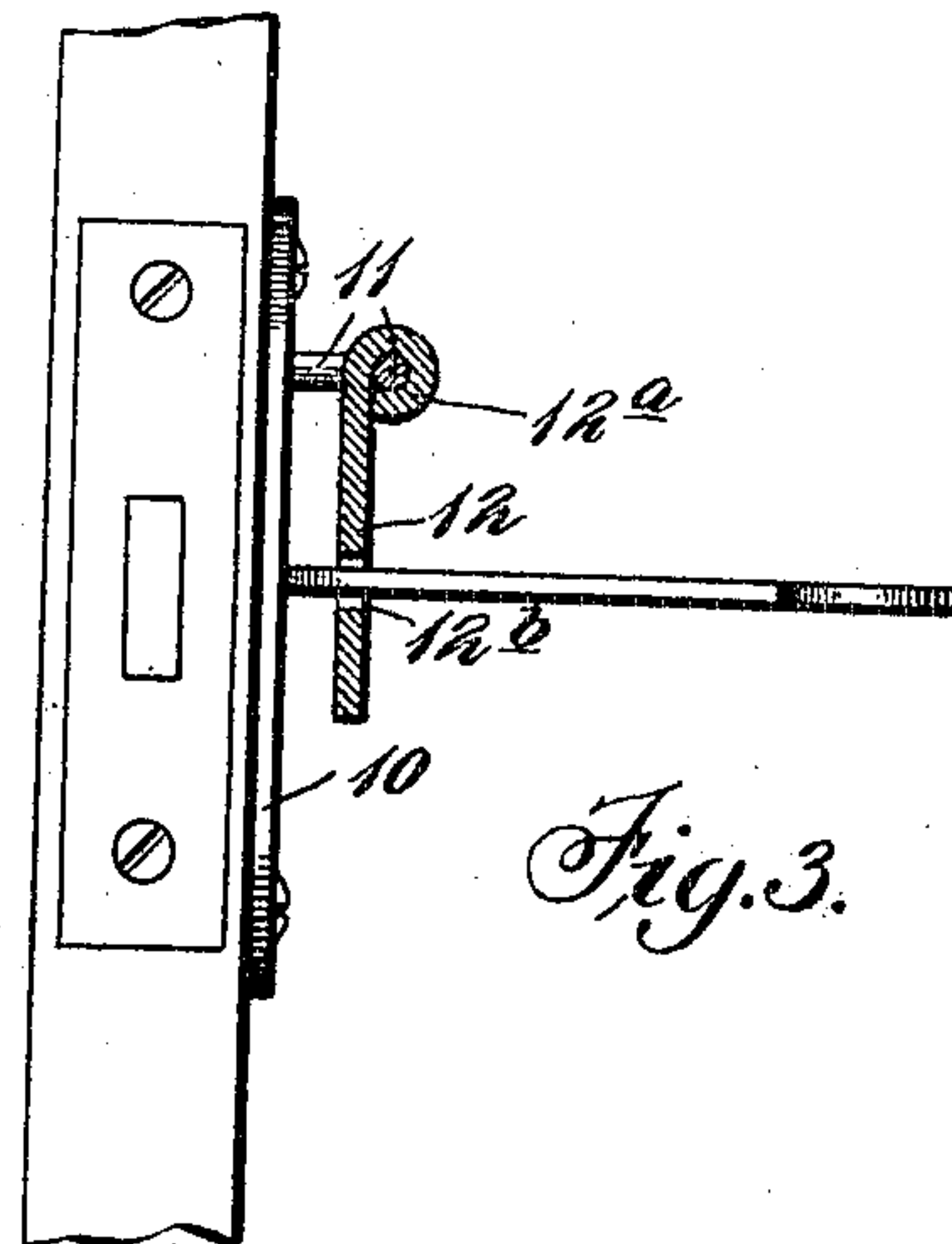


Fig. 3.

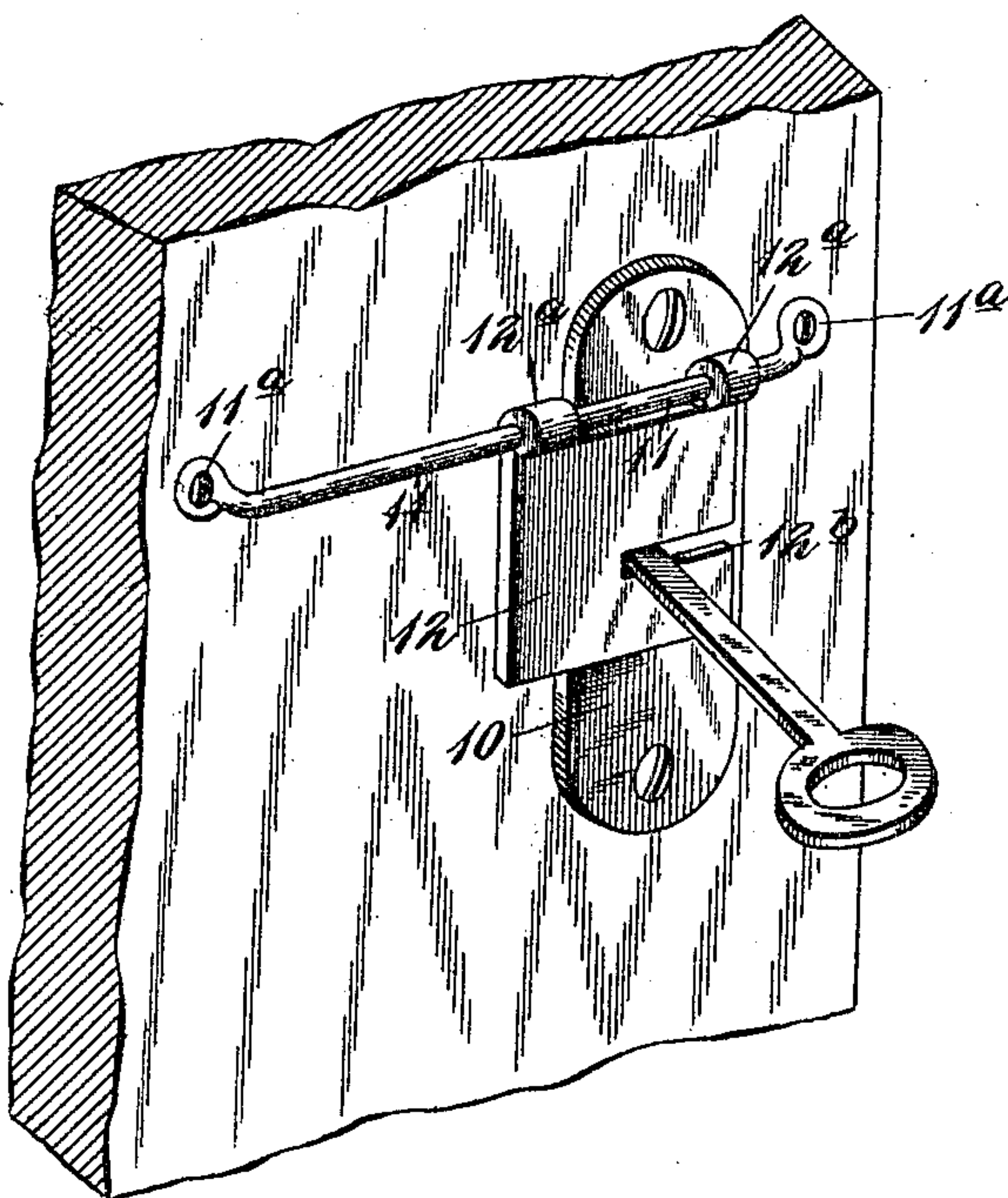


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY E. HITCHINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Key-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This device is intended to be placed as an attachment on the inside of a door across the key-escutcheon to provide means by which the key cannot be turned from the outside.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, showing the key-securing plate out of position or not in use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a key secured by the device. Fig. 3 is a section of the same.

Referring specifically to the drawings, 10 is a key-escutcheon having a keyhole 10<sup>a</sup>.

11 is a wire bracket having eyelets 11<sup>a</sup> for securing the bracket to the door by means of screws. This bracket extends across the top of the escutcheon above the keyhole. Mount-

ed upon this bracket is a sliding and swinging plate 12, attached by loops 12<sup>a</sup> and having a slot 12<sup>b</sup> in one side edge. This plate slides to one side when not in use, as shown in Fig. 1. When the key is turned in the lock, the plate is slid along so as to engage the shank of the key in the slot, and thus prevent it being turned by any means on the outside or opposite side of the door.

I claim—

A key-fastener comprising a bar extending across the above keyhole and secured to the door at opposite ends, and a depending plate slidable along the bar and having a slot in one side edge, adapted to receive a key-shank therein.

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

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