

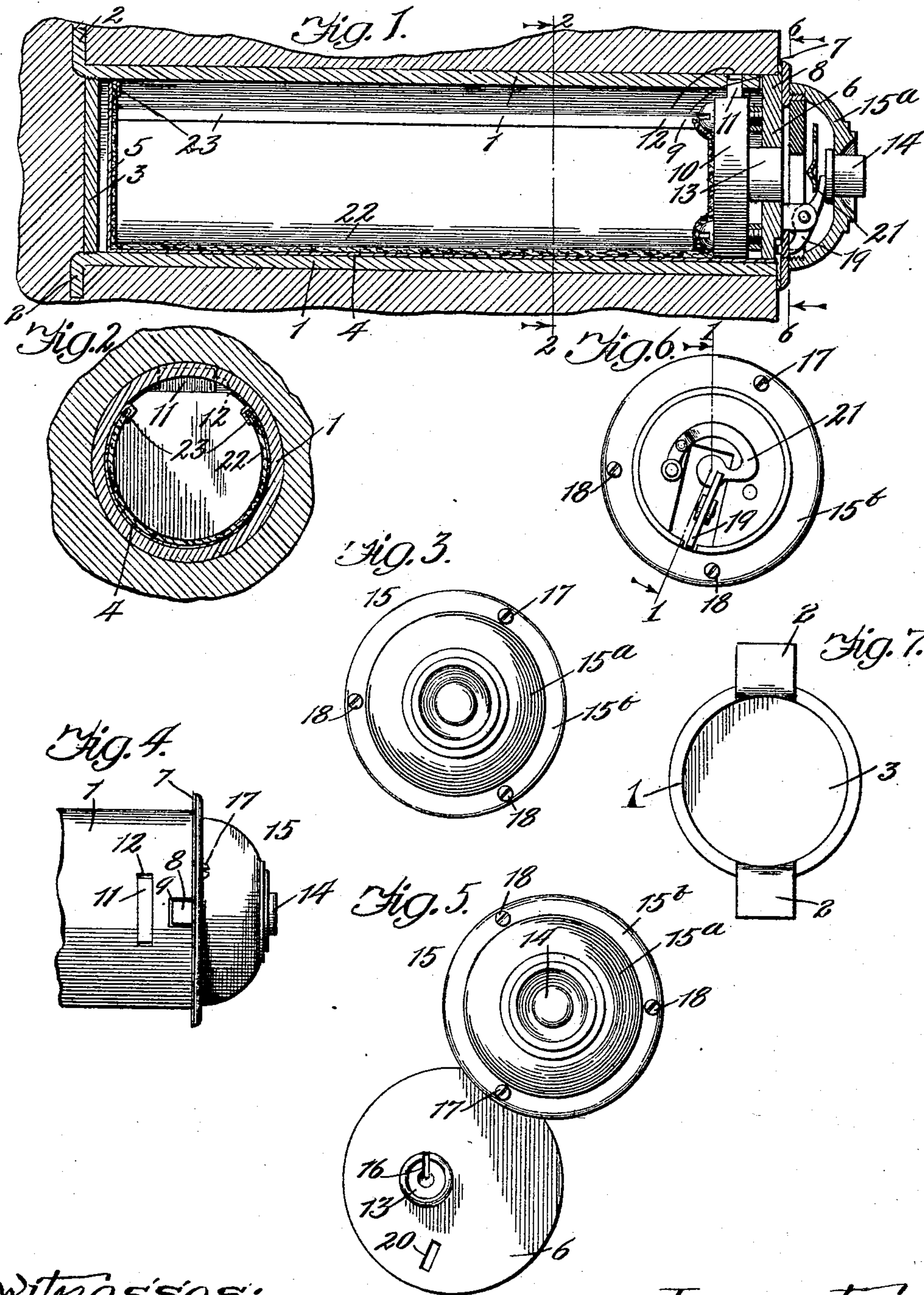
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. BRUCKLACHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is the production of a safe for storing valuables which may be located in a suitable structure, which is readily accessible, and which is disguised in such a way that a burglar shall not suspect the presence of said safe by seeing that portion of it which is exposed to view.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section, substantially on the plane of dotted line 1 1 of Fig. 6, through a safe embodying the features of my invention, and showing said safe in place in a wall of a building. Fig. 2 is a section on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an outer end view of the safe as it appears in use. Fig. 4 is a fragmental top plan view. Fig. 5 is a view showing the cover swung away to expose the keyhole. Fig. 6 is a view of the cover with the outer section of said cover removed. Fig. 7 is a rear end view of the outer casing of the safe.

The embodiment selected for illustration comprises a case 1 which may be cylindrical, as shown, and which is intended to be embedded in the wall of a building and be secured therein in any suitable way, for example, by means of lugs 2 upon the rear end of said case. The rear end of said case is closed in any convenient manner, as, for instance, by means of a screw plug 3. The case 1 is open at its forward or outer end, and is intended to receive a drawer or receptacle 4, which is herein shown as substantially cylindrical to conform to the case 1. The body of the drawer 4 may be of sheet metal as herein indicated, said body having secured thereto a rear end wall 5. The forward end wall of the drawer, in this instance, consists of a disk 6 having a peripheral flange 7 thereon adapted to overlies the edges of the opening in the wall in which the case 1 is embedded. Said disk 6 fits within the outer end of the body portion of the drawer 4 and may be secured therein in any preferred way, as by soldering. Upon the disk 6 is a projection 8 adapted to enter a notch 9 in the case 1. Within the drawer

4 and preferably secured to the forward end thereof is a locking mechanism 10, the bolt 11 of which mechanism is arranged to enter an opening 12 in the case 1. The key-guiding cylinder 13 of the locking mechanism 10 extends through the disk 6.

In order to conceal or disguise the safe, I provide a cover 15 for the forward end of said safe, which cover may be in the form of a casing having a push button 14 mounted therein. In the present instance the cover 15 comprises a section 15<sup>a</sup> having a screw-thread engagement with the section 15<sup>b</sup> of said cover. Preferably the cover 15 is mounted so that it may be moved to one side to expose the keyhole 16, as by pivotally mounting said cover upon the drawer at 17.

18 are dummy screws seated in the peripheral flange of the cover 15.

The cover is preferably locked against movement to expose the drawer, and for this purpose said cover carries a mechanism of which the push button 14 is a part, said mechanism further comprising a dog 19 pivotally mounted near its middle point within the cover 15, one end of said dog being adapted to engage in a recess 20 in the disk 6. The other end of the dog 19 is arranged to be engaged by the inner end of the push button 14 for tilting said dog out of engagement with the disk 6 so as to permit of swinging the cover 15 aside. A spring 21 tends to hold the dog 19 in operative position. The mechanism just described, while presenting the appearance of an electric circuit closer, is, in this instance, not arranged to close a circuit and therefore may be termed a dummy mechanism. If desired, the drawer 4 may be lined with plush or other suitable material, the edges of the lining 22 being confined by the folded edges 23 of the side and end walls of the drawer.

In use, when it is desirable to open the drawer 4, the push button 14 is depressed to disengage the dog 19 from the disk 6, and the cover 15 is swung to one side to expose the keyhole 16. The locking mechanism 10 is then operated to withdraw the bolt 11 from the opening 12. The drawer may now be withdrawn. In replacing the drawer, the projection 8 is fitted into the notch 9 in order that the bolt 11 may register with the opening 12.

It will be observed that the only part of



the device which is exposed upon the face of the wall is the disguising cover 15, and that access to the safe can be had only by swinging the said cover to one side. This latter can be done only by depressing the push button 14. The similarity of the device to an electric circuit-closer is likely to divert the attention of a robber from the safe. If he should suspect that valuables are concealed behind the push button, the apprehension that tampering with the button is likely to close an electric call-bell or alarm circuit is apt to deter him from molesting the device.

It will be seen that various changes may be made in the embodiment herein shown without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, wherefore I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction shown and described.

I claim as my invention:

1. A wall safe comprising a case, a receptacle in said case, and a cover pivotally mounted upon the outer end of said receptacle, said cover being of such a nature as to disguise said receptacle.

2. A wall safe comprising a case, a drawer slidable into and out of said case, means for locking said drawer in said case, a cover pivotally mounted upon one end of said drawer, a push button carried by said cover, and means for locking said cover against pivotal movement, said locking means being arranged to be operated by depressing said push button in said cover.

3. The combination of a case, a drawer, a drawer lock carried by the forward end

of said drawer, a disguising cover movably mounted in front of said drawer, means for locking said cover in place, and means for releasing said locking means so that said cover may be moved aside to give access to said drawer lock.

4. A wall safe comprising a case, a drawer slidable into and out of said case, a drawer lock for said drawer, a cover movably mounted on said drawer, a push button carried by said cover, said drawer having a recess therein, and a dog mounted in said cover, one end of said dog being arranged to engage in said recess, the other end of said dog extending under said push button.

5. A secret drawer for a wall safe or like structure comprising a drawer body, a cover pivotally mounted upon the outer end of said body, means for locking said cover against pivotal movement, and means for releasing said locking means.

6. A safe comprising a case, a receptacle in said case, means for locking said receptacle in said case, a disguising cover for the outer end of said receptacle, said cover carrying a dummy mechanism, said cover being movable to uncover said receptacle-locking means, said dummy mechanism comprising means for locking said cover in operative position, which cover-locking means is releasable by operating said dummy mechanism.

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