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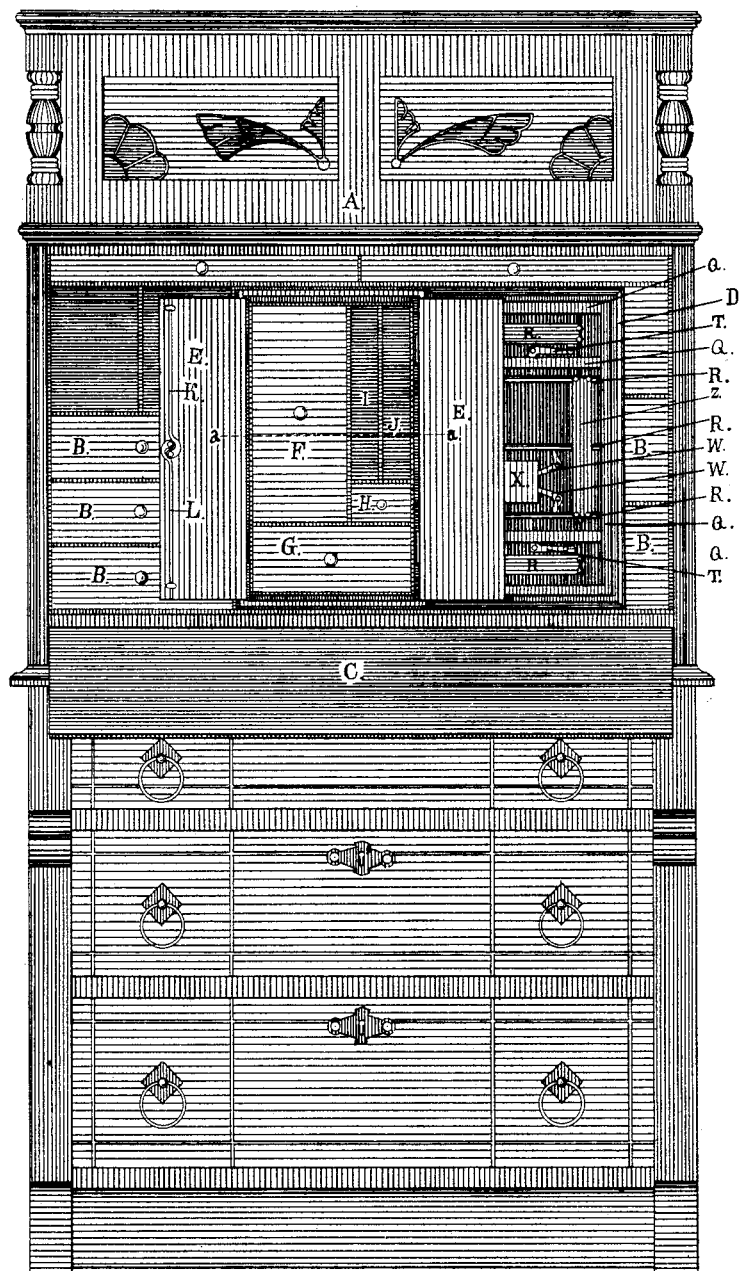
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FIG. 1.



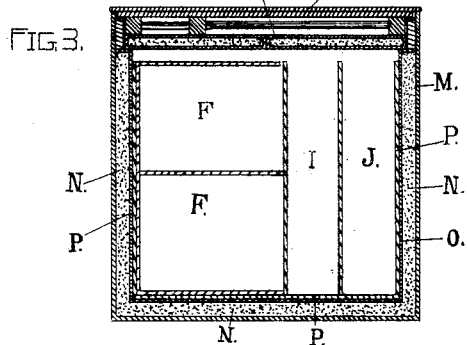
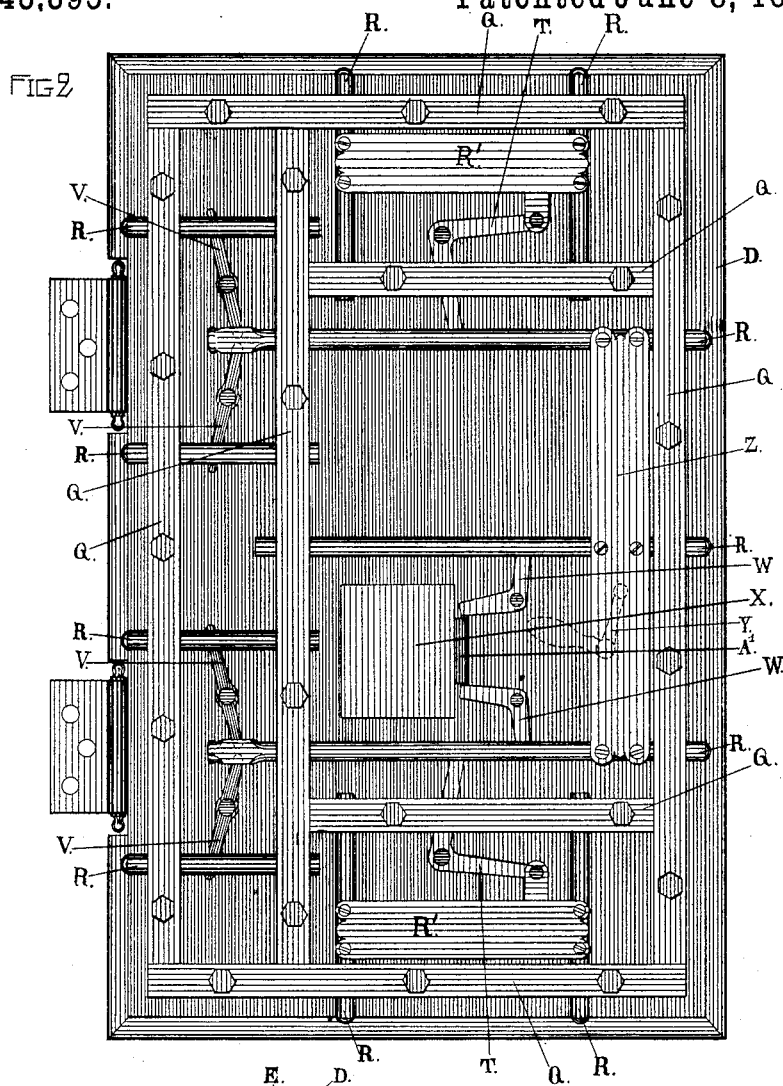
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## PARLOR FIRE-PROOF SAFE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN PETERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Parlor Fire-Proof Safes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in fire-proof safes for parlors; and it consists in the construction and the application of the same to desks, secretaries, or other parlor furniture. The following is the construction of the same: I construct the outer and inner cases of suitable sheet metal, and fill the intervening space of about an inch, (more or less,) with plaster-of-paris or other well-known material for resisting heat. I generally form an inner lining of wood. Within this chamber are the partitions to form the divisions for the book-spaces and drawers, which will be more fully explained when referred to by letters. I employ an outer front door, which is supplied with the locking-bolts, and the levers and connecting parts for operating the same, and inner doors to fasten by sliding bolts, all of which will be particularly described and referred to, and designated by letters.

Figure 1 is a front elevation showing a secretary with my improvement attached. Fig. 2 is an elevation showing inside of the outer or lock door of the safe; and Fig. 3, a horizontal sectional plan view showing the safe, cut through the letters *a a*, Fig. 1, for the purpose of showing the interior of the same.

A represents the secretary; B, the secretary-drawers; C, the secretary-door forming the writing-desk; D, the outer or lock door of the safe; E, the inner doors of the safe. Said inner iron doors, E, I generally fill with plaster-of-paris or other fire-proof material. The outer or lock door, D, is of iron, with the bolt-frame attached.

F, G, and H represent the safe-drawers.

I and J represent the book-spaces.

K and L represent the catch-bolts for the inner safe-doors.

M represents the outer wall of the safe.

N represents the plaster-of-paris or other fire-proof lining for the safe.

O represents the inner metal lining of the safe, and P the inner wooden lining.

Q represents the bars forming the lock-door frame.

R represents the locking-bolts of the lock-door.

T and W represent elbow connecting-levers.

V represents straight connecting-levers.

R' represents the bolt-connecting plates.

X represents the knob-lock.

Y represents the main lever for operating the lock-bolts.

Z represents the main bolt-connecting plate.

The following is the operation of the same: I place the safe in the secretary A, where it is closed in by the door C, which, when let down, forms an ordinary writing-desk. The front door of the safe, when closed, is flush with the front of the shelves, drawers, and book-spaces of the secretary, and when all closed up it forms a fire-proof safe for any small frame-house or light building where the fire is not sufficiently intense to melt the outside plates.

The safe-door is unlocked by withdrawing the stop-bolt A' by the employment of the combination-lock X, of any well-known construction. The levers W are then free, and the lock-lever Y is operated, operating the bolt-connecting plate Z, and consequently the bolts R, by means of the elbow-levers T, the connecting-plates R', and the straight levers V, unlocking, as shown in Fig. 1. In Fig. 2 it is shown locked.

The object of my invention is to form a convenient and safe place for papers kept about the house when a common fire-proof safe would be considered objectionable.

My invention is a neat article of parlor furniture.

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

The parlor-safe described, having the outer case, M, the lining P, the intervening space filled with the plaster-of-paris or other fire

material, N, and having inner doors, E, and  
an outer lock-door, D, with lock-bolts R, bolt-  
frame Q, connecting-plates R', and connecting-  
plate Z, the elbow connecting-levers W and  
5 T, the straight connecting-levers V, the knob-  
lock X, and stop-bolt A', in combination with  
the secretary A, with desk-door C, and drawers  
B, or other similar furniture, for the purpose

of securing valuable papers, constructed and  
operated substantially as and for the purposes so  
set forth.

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