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Piano-Forte Cases.

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Fig. 1

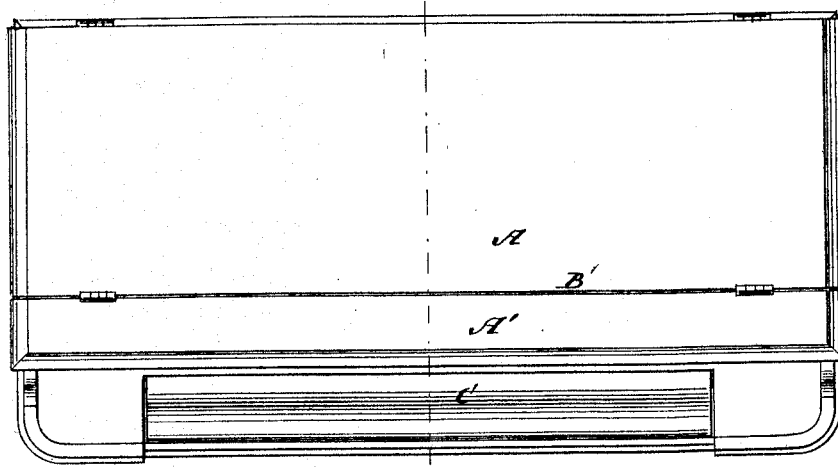


Fig. 2

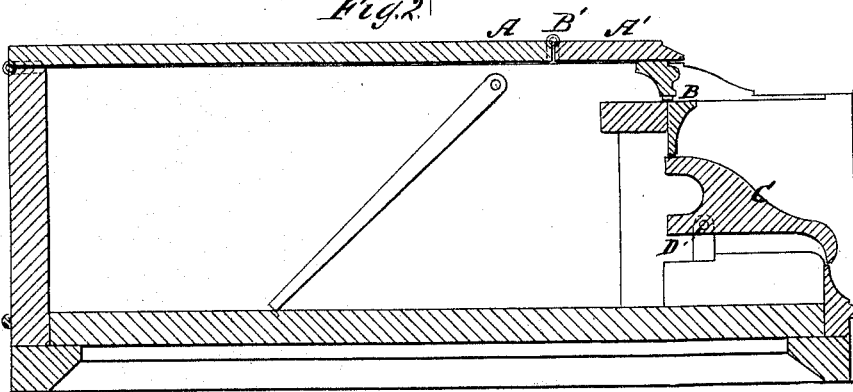
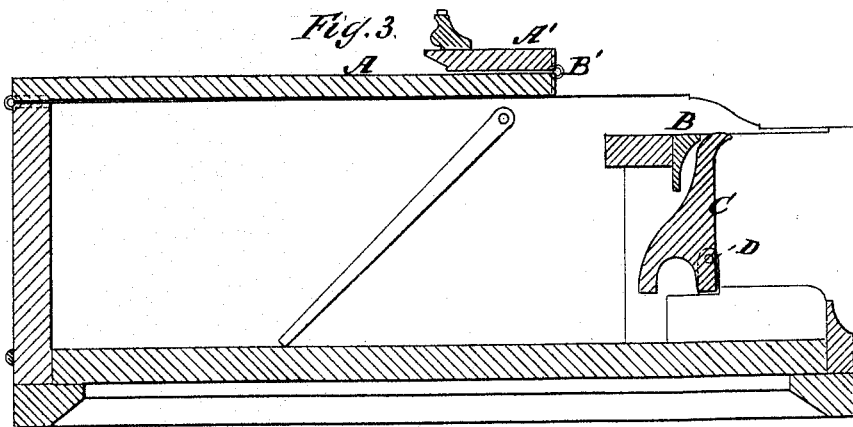


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN PIANO-FORTE CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRISON J. BAKER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Piano-Case, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a hinged or pivoted cover for the key-board for square pianos, which is contrived to be opened independently of the top cover of the case, which, instead of coming forward to the front of the case, terminates back of the key-board and at the music-rest, so as to allow the key-board cover to be raised without raising it, and so as to expose the key-board and other front portions of the top of the piano to view, to relieve it of the box-like character and render it more ornamental, the key-board cover being susceptible of ornamentation in a simple way.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved piano. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the case, taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 1, showing the case closed; and Fig. 3 is a similar section, showing the case open.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A *A'* is the top of the case, which only extends frontward as far as the music-rest B, and is jointed at B', so as to permit the front

portion to be raised. C is the independent key-board cover, which I propose to employ for opening and closing the piano more easily than it can be with the old construction, in which the heavy front piece is hinged to the hinged portion of the top, making a heavy lift necessary for opening and closing it, and requiring care to avoid noise and damage; or I may use a flexible sliding or folding cover.

The music-rack may swing down under the part *A'* of the case-cover, or it may slide in and out.

This improvement, as before stated, is to be applied only to square or square grand pianos, and does not in any way refer to concert or parlor grand or upright pianos.

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

As an improvement in square piano-forte cases, the hinged lid *A'* and key-cover C, said parts being constructed, combined, and arranged substantially as described and shown, for the purpose specified.

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