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KEY-HOLE GUARDS FOR LOCKS.

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Fig. 1.

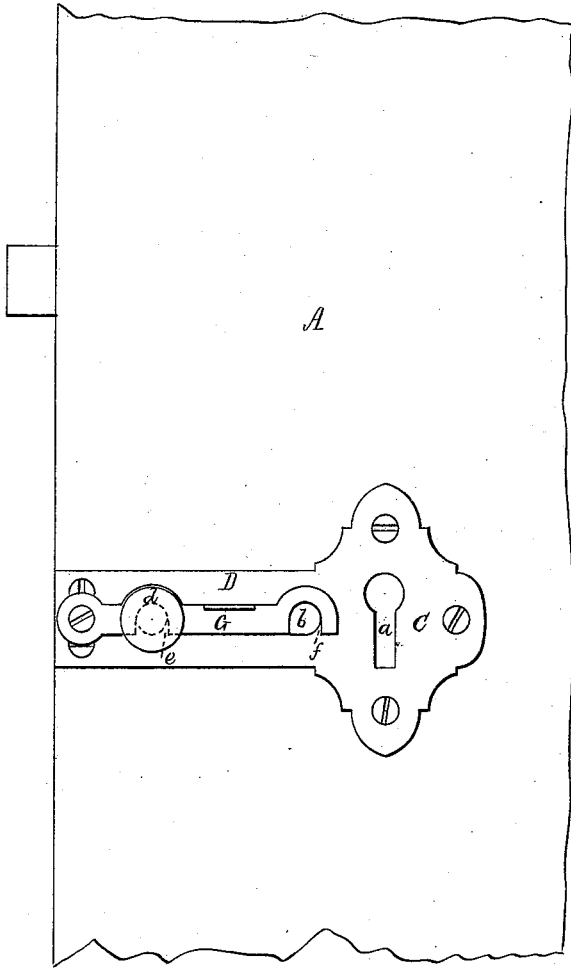


Fig. 2.

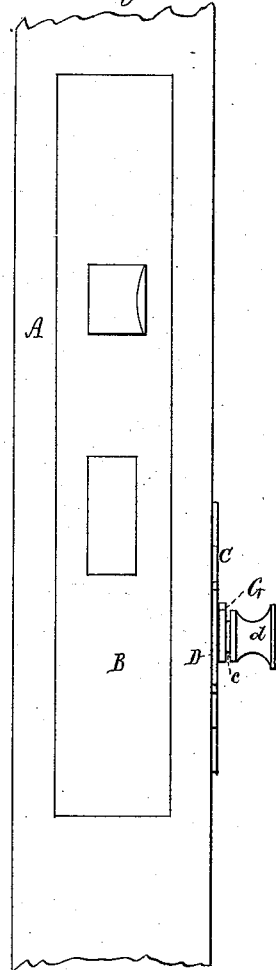
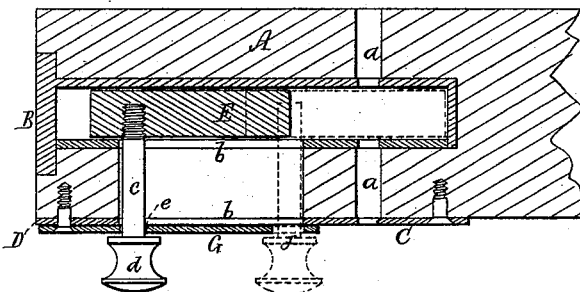


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IMPROVEMENT IN KEY-HOLE GUARDS FOR LOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, ELIJAH W. MOFFATT, of Hyde Park, of the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Safety Attachment or Key-Hole Guard for Locks for Doors; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view, Fig. 2 an edge view, and Fig. 3 a horizontal section, of part of a door with its lock provided with my key-hole safety attachment, which is to prevent the lock from being unlocked or picked from the outside of the door.

In the drawings, A denotes the door, and B a mortise-lock let into such door in the usual manner. The key-hole to the bolt is shown at *a* as extending through an escutcheon-plate, C, having projected from it an arm, D, provided with a slot, *b*, as shown, such slot being extended into the door and the back plate of the lock-case. Within such case, and beneath the bolt, is a gate, E, which is to be applied so as to be capable of being slid across the key-hole, so as to cut off any passage through it into the lock. From this gate a shank, *c*,

provided with a knob, *d*, extends through the slot *b*, in manner as represented. There is pivoted to the slotted arm D a latch, G, provided with two notches, *e f*, to receive the shank *c* in its extreme positions, and serve to hold the gate from being moved either forward or backward.

When the key is in the key-hole, the gate is entirely out of it, and will be held in place by the latch. After having locked the bolt and removed the key from the key-hole, and advanced the gate so as to close the passage into the lock, such gate may be kept in place by turning down the latch.

I claim as my invention as follows:

1. The key-hole escutcheon-plate C, provided with the slotted arm D and the duplex notched latch G, arranged and applied as set forth.

2. The gate E, its shank *c*, and the duplex notched latch G, arranged and combined with the lock B, the door A, and the key-hole *a*, substantially as and to operate as specified.

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