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FARE-BOXES.

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Fig. 1.

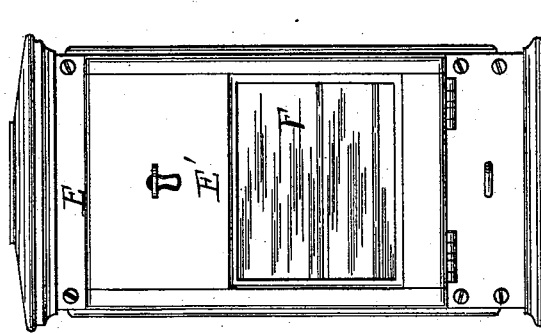


Fig. 2.

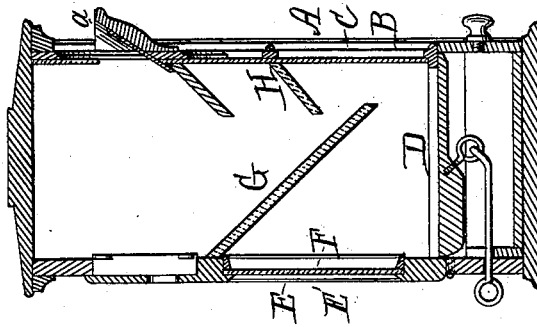
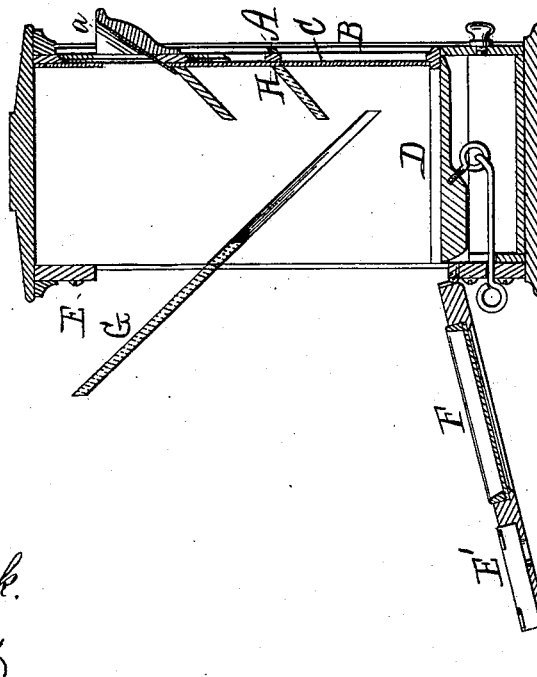


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FARE-BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. SLAWSON, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fare-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a rear elevation of a fare-box having my improvement applied thereto, and Fig. 2 a vertical transverse central section of the same, showing the door closed, and Fig. 3 a similar view, showing the door open and one of the slides partially withdrawn.

In fare-boxes, as usually constructed, great difficulty is experienced by the attendant in cleaning the glasses through which the driver or conductor and the passengers examine the fare, after being deposited in the box, to see that the fare is correct in amount, and good and lawful money, or genuine tickets.

The object of my improvement is to remedy these troubles; and it consists in providing the box with a locked door at its rear, and in mounting the slides, which form the guards against the fraudulent extraction of the fare from the box, in grooves formed in the side walls of the box.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its parts in detail.

The frame of the box consists of four sides, the front side A of which contains the opening a, through which the fare is deposited into the box, and also an opening, B, protected by a transparent medium, such as a plate of glass, C, or a piece of wire-gauze, through which the passengers look to examine the fare, after it has been deposited and temporarily arrested on a tilting or slide apron, D, for that purpose, such as ordinarily used in fare-boxes.

The rear wall E of the box I provide with a hinged door, which I prefer to hinge at the bottom so as to open from the top backward,

and thus be out of the way of the attendant in cleaning the inside of the glasses through which the passengers and driver inspect the fare.

The door E', like the front wall A, is provided with an opening, protected by a transparent medium, F, through which the driver inspects the fare, and with a lock by which to secure the door to the box, and which is kept constantly locked while the box is in use, and the key kept in the office, to be used only by the proper officer when the inside of the glasses C and F require to be cleaned, after which the key is intended to be again returned to the office for safe-keeping.

The slides G and H I also prefer to be made of glass, and may be cleaned at the same time as the other.

These are arranged to run in opposite directions, as shown in Fig. 2, to form a protection to the money deposited in the box from being fraudulently extracted.

The glasses find support and lodgment in grooves cut in the side walls I and J of the box. By this arrangement neither of them are disturbed by the opening of the door E', yet the rear one G, may be withdrawn when the door is opened, to facilitate the operation of cleaning the front glasses.

In putting the box into place in the car or other vehicle, it may be so arranged that the door cannot be opened without removing the box for the purpose.

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

In combination with a fare-box provided with two or more slides running in opposite directions to each other, and supported on the side walls of the box, a door, E, and lock, for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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