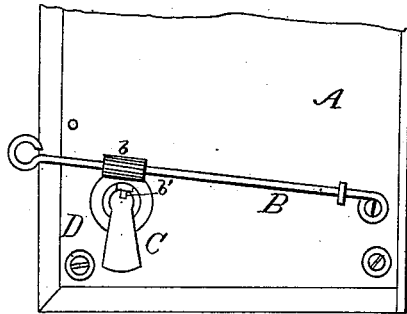


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## IMPROVEMENT IN KEY-FASTENERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT McCULLY, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Locks and Keys; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification, in which is represented a face view of a lock provided with my improvement.

The object of my invention is to provide simple and effective means for preventing a key from being turned in a lock by burglars or other persons operating on the outside of the door to which said lock is attached.

My invention consists of a fastening device or dog comprising a spring-wire attached to the lock and a stud or catch fixed upon said wire, and adapted to engage automatically with a notched key when the latter is in the lock, and at the moment that the bolt is projected, thus preventing the key from being turned back or removed from the outside of the door.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A designates an ordinary door-lock, to which is attached the elastic wire B, holding the catch *b b'*. C represents the key-hole, around the upper part of which is formed a semicircular guard or flange, D, having a recess or opening for the passage of the tooth *b'* of the catch, which automatically enters a notch in the shank of the key when the latter is so turned as to lock the bolt. The wire is raised by the hand to release the key.

Having described my invention, I claim—

The key-fastener consisting of the spring-wire B attached to the lock A, and provided with the catch *b b'*, to engage automatically with a notched key when the latter is so turned as to lock the bolt, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of February, 1877.

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