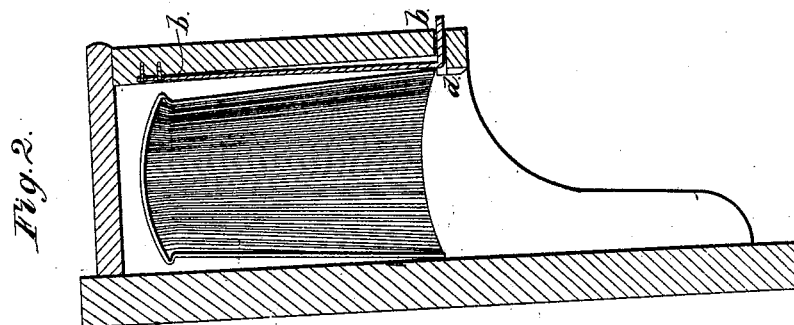
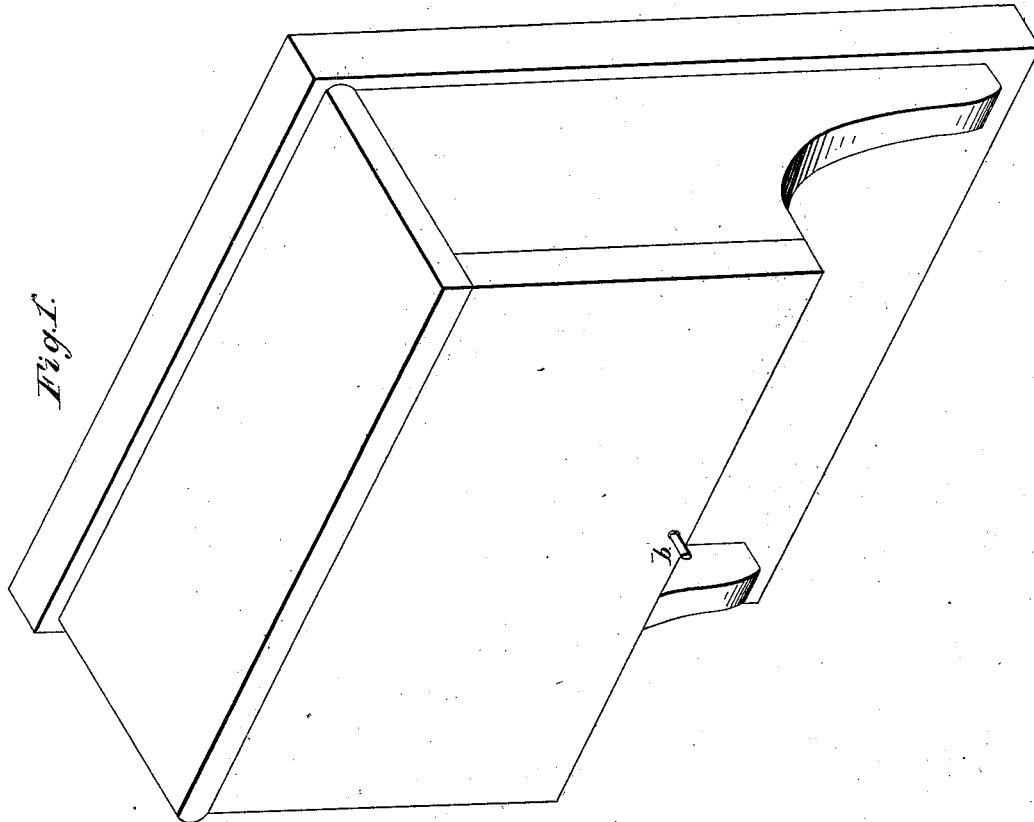


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Book Case,

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BOOK-SAFE.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 5,924, dated November 14, 1848.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES P. GAGE, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Article which I call a "Book-Safe;" and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a section.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a book safe, principally intended as a fixture in the pews of churches. In constructing this safe, I make a casing of proper material inclosing a space on every side except the bottom, which is left open, as seen in Fig. 2. The length and width of the interior space must be varied to suit the several sized books it is to contain, and as in churches the books used consist of Bibles, prayer and hymn books, of uniform sizes for the several kinds, this variation need not in general go to any great extent. Thus I propose, one casing in each pew, of sufficient length to hold all the books,

dividing the casing into partitions for the length only. Near the lower side of the front board of the safe, I project a ledge on the inside, as seen at (a), the use of which is to catch one edge of the cover of the book, as it springs open after it is inserted, and thereby forms a place for it to be sustained upon, and which prevents it from falling out, as is clearly seen in Fig. 2. I next insert a wire spring (b) vertically on the inside of the front board; the lower end being bent at right angles, and projects through a small hole in the board, as seen at (b) Fig 1. The use of this spring, is to push the cover of the book which rests upon the ledge (a) off of it; being thus released it immediately drops out; and falls into the hand held underneath, to catch it.

What I claim as my invention and improvement, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The spring and ledge combined with, the inverted casing, to be used, and constructed in the manner described herein.

JAMES P. GAGE.

Witnesses:

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