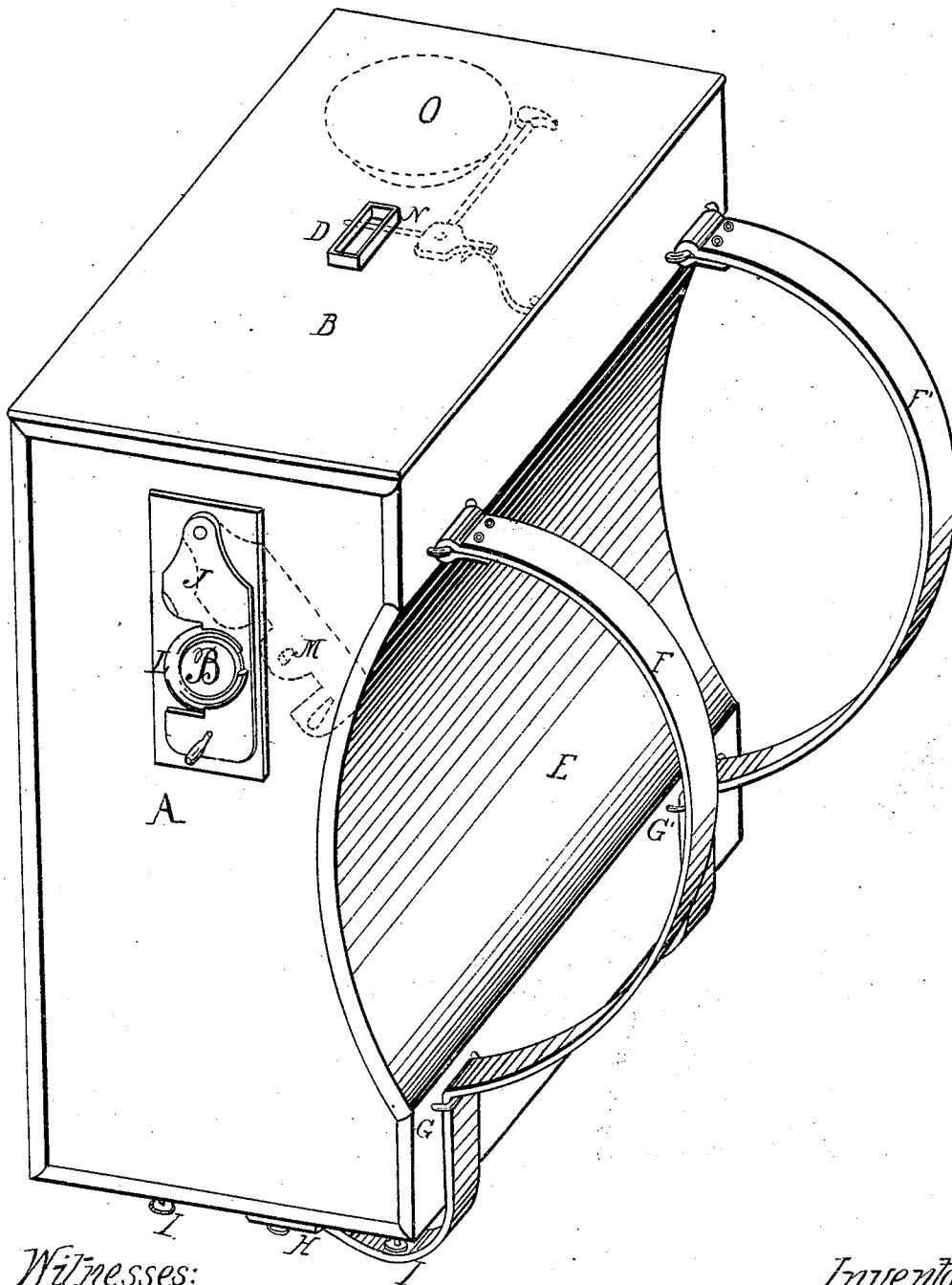


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FARE-BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AARON H. BUGHER, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Checking Device for the Prevention of Fraud in the Collection of Fares, Tolls, or other Payments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

My invention relates to a system of checks operated jointly by the collector and the person paying the fare, toll fee, or other money, whereby a precise register or record beyond the control of the collector is preserved of each and every payment.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box or case embodying the principal features of my invention.

A is a box or case having a lid, B, whose lock is in the exclusive custody of the superintendent, cashier, proprietor, or whosoever may for the time being have control, charge, or ownership of the money.

D is a slot or aperture in the top of the box A, through which check or counters bearing on their faces the amounts paid in each case are dropped by the passenger or other person paying the money. When checks of several denominations are employed, as many separate compartments and appropriate apertures may be provided in the box.

The box may have a concavity or depression, E, on its rear side to fit the arm of the user, and may be provided with straps F F', which, being linked or otherwise attached to the upper rear angle of the box, may pass through staples G G' near the lower rear angle and engage by eyes H over studs or buttons I projecting from the bottom of the box.

The straps F F' may be of india-rubber and

the eyes H of metal, while the buttons may consist of a series, so as to enable the wearer to give the straps any desired tension.

An additional safeguard may be afforded by providing a shutter or escutcheon, J, to the key-hole, which escutcheon, when closed, passes under a curb, L, coincident with whose center the said escutcheon is provided with a flaring stud or button, M. The key-hole being closed by the escutcheon, a wax seal may be run and stamped into the space within the curb, and will be securely held in place by the button H. A still further safeguard may consist in fixing athwart the aperture D, on its under side, a yielding and resilient tongue, N, which, being momentarily deflected by the passage into the box of a counter, will return with a spring and strike a bell, O, so as to enable the collector as well as the payer, and even any by-stander, to know whether a counter has actually entered the box.

The box may be composed of tin, wood, gutta percha, leather, or other suitable material, and may be adapted for use with coin or other money instead of counters.

The straps F F' may be replaced by a hook to engage in a suitable belt secured around the collector's waist, or by rings for the insertion of a sling or shoulder-strap; or the box may be simply adapted for use upon a table or counter or for attachment to a wall.

I claim herein as new and of my invention—

Providing the back of check-boxes with a concavity, E, as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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