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BELL PLATE AND CARD RECEIVER.

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FIG. 1.

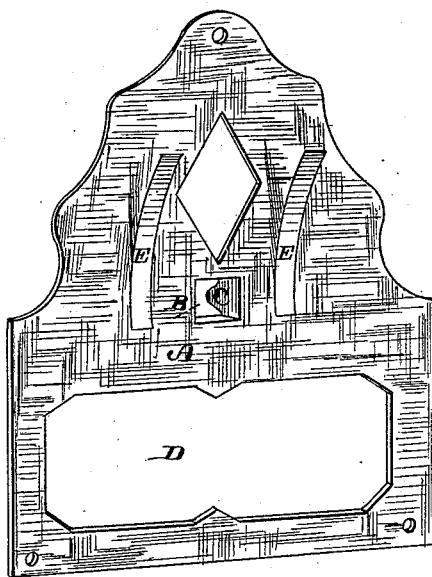
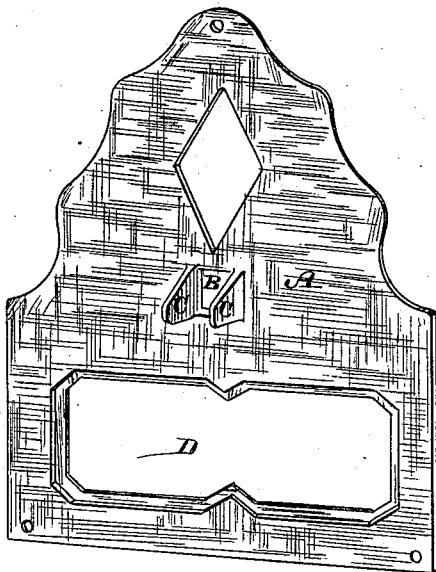


FIG. 2.



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BELL-PLATE AND CARD-RECEIVER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. MATTHEIS, of Alameda, county of Alameda, and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Bell-Plates and Card-receivers; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a device which I call a "bell-plate and card-receiver," and it consists of a metal plate adapted to be attached to a door, having an opening through which the bell-handle projects, lugs between which it is pivoted, springs upon the face of the plate to hold cards, and a tablet inserted into the plate upon which a name or card may be written.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a view of my device. Fig. 2 is a view of the back of the plate.

A is a plate, made, preferably, of metal, and finished in any desired style. This plate has an opening, B, near its center, through which the handle of a bell or gong projects to the outside to be within reach. This handle is pivoted between lugs C, projecting from the inner side of the plate upon each side of the opening B, and connects with the bell in any suitable or well-known manner. Below this handle is an opening or recess, into which a

tablet, D, is inserted, this tablet having a surface, upon which a name or sentence may be written with a pencil and erased, which can be suspended by its side. Above the bell-handle the plate is extended in any ornamental form, and elastic strips or springs E have their lower ends fixed to the plate, so that their upper ends may curve outward enough to allow a card or cards to be inserted, and be held in place by the elasticity of the springs. 35 40

This device provides a ready and convenient means for leaving a card or message when the occupants of the house are not at home, or for leaving letters in safety until they can be removed. 45

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

A door-bell plate having lugs C to support a bell-pull, and an elastic card-holder 50 consisting of the springs E, attached thereto, and an erasible tablet, D, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

J. G. MATTHEIS.

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