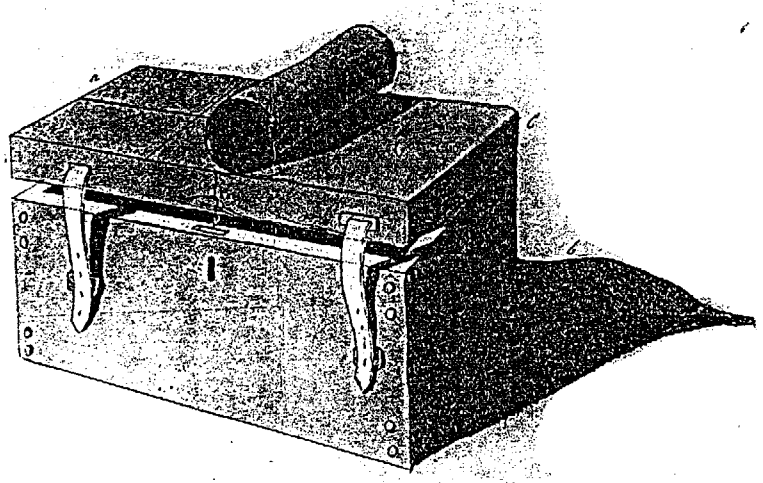
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a covering of Tin plate
b covering of Leather



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The schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same, containing a description in the words of the said Washington Sweetzer himself of his improvement in the Traveling Trunks.

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Be it known that I Washington Sweetzer of Portsmouth County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, have invented a new and useful improvement in the Traveling Trunks and that the following is a full and exact description thereof. My improvement consists in covering the outside of the trunk with some metallic substance, tin plate we have used as being the cheapest article. The trunk being completely covered with the sheet metal externally before the leather or linen are drawn on, the trunk is then covered with leather or skin and finished in the usual manner. What I claim as my invention or improvement is the covering the trunks for traveling and other purposes with tin plate, or some metalic substances and making it more safe and secure against fire from the burning of baggage cars or mail cars &c. it is also a safety against stormy weather &c. and not being liable to get to the inside of the trunks, and another advantage is it cannot be cut or injured as trunks in general are liable to. The said trunk in addition to its being made impervious to water &c. is extremely recommended or secured by iron, which renders it also unsurpassed for strength.

Witnesses Stephen Pullen
J. Mason

Washington Sweetzer
by Atty