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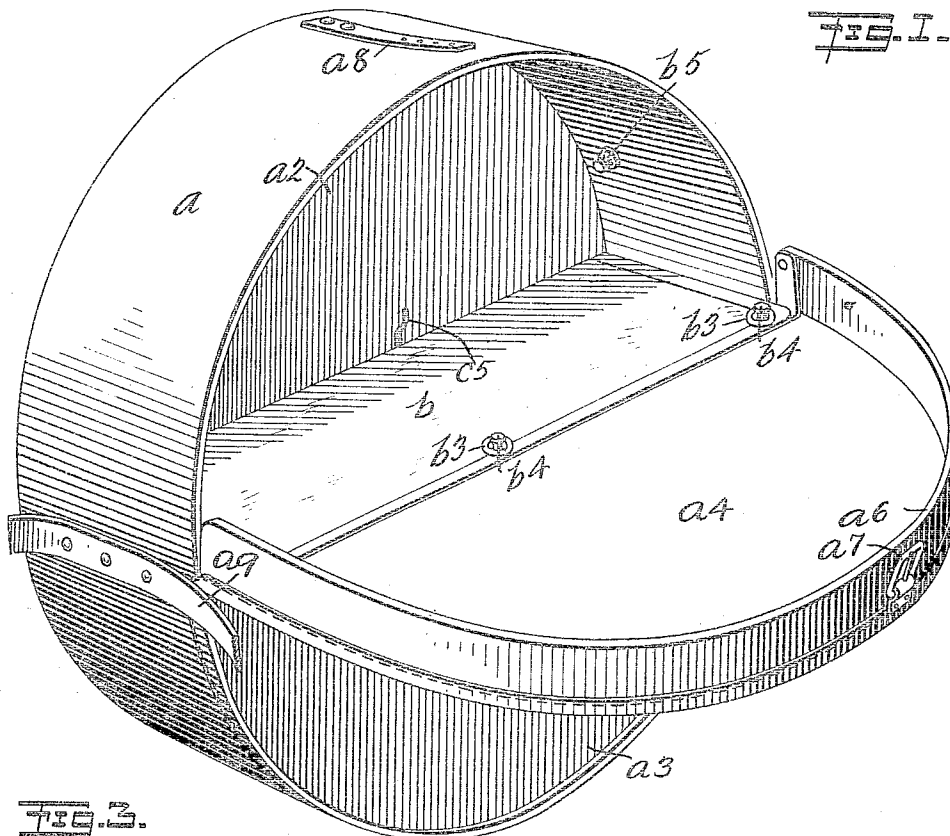


FIG. 1.

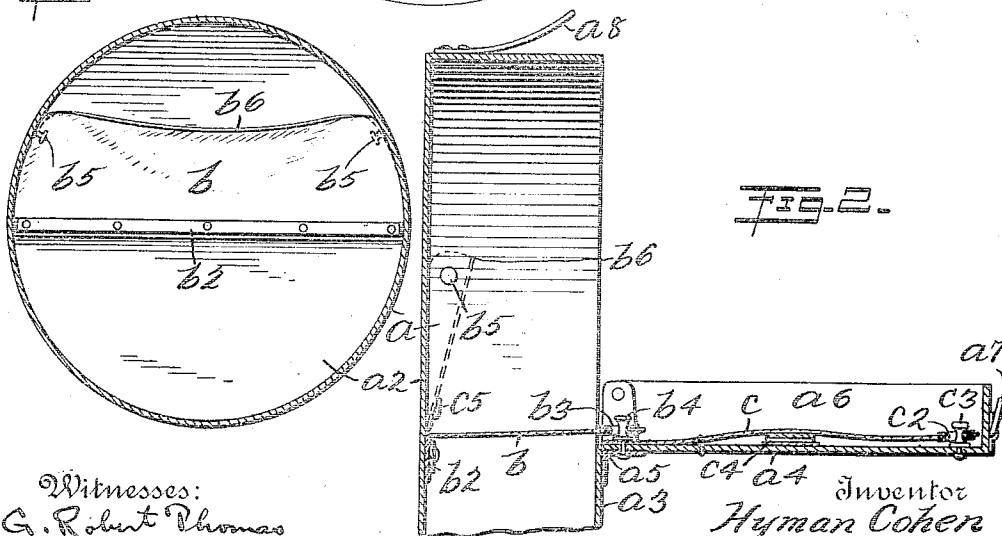


FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HYMAN COHEN, a subject of the Emperor of Russia, and residing at New York, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tire-Trunks, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to receptacles, particularly to that class known as tire trunks for use on automobiles, and the object thereof is to provide such a trunk which is entirely closed with the exception of a segmental opening at one point adapted to be covered by a correspondingly shaped cover, all being composed, preferably, of waterproof fabric.

A further object is to provide such cover holding means which will serve as a shelf and partition when the cover is open; a further object being to provide means whereby said shelf or partition may be converted into a pocket for receiving articles; a further object being to provide a tool holder on the said cover, or holders for other articles, and also to provide protecting means therefor; a further object being to construct the said shelf and protecting means of flexible material, whereby they may be folded out of the way when not in use; and a further object being to provide such a trunk which is light, compact, well adapted for the purposes for which it is intended, and which is inexpensive.

My invention is fully described in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts are designated by the same reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk constructed according to my invention, in an open position; Fig. 2 is a central vertical section therethrough; and Fig. 3 is a reduced vertical section at right angles to Fig. 2, and showing an alternate use of an element therein.

In the drawings forming a part of this application, I have shown a tire trunk, comprising a circular casing a having a solid back a^2 and a fixed half-front a^3 to which is hinged a cover a^4 at a^5 provided with an overlapping flange a^6 having a buckle a^7

thereon adapted to be engaged by a strap a^8 on the casing a to secure the cover a^4 in closed position, and the said casing is also provided with a strap a^9 , on each side thereof, whereby the trunk may be attached to a tire.

Within the casing a and in line with the hinge of the cover a^4 is a flap b secured to the casing back, preferably by means of a metal strip b^2 which also serves as a casing brace, said flap b being provided with gromets b^3 adapted to engage with studs b^4 on the inner cover edge, and within the casing, on each side thereof and at a distance above the metal strip b^2 , I provide studs b^5 with which the gromets b^3 are also adapted to engage to form a wall pocket b^6 .

Secured adjacent the hinge a^5 to the cover a^4 is a flap c , curved to conform to the said cover, and being provided with a gromet c^2 adapted to engage a stud c^3 secured to the cover a^4 , said flap c serving as a protection for a holder c^4 for tools or other articles, said gromet c^2 being also adapted to engage a hook, or equivalent, c^5 on the casing back.

As will be understood, it is frequently desirable to divide a trunk into compartments for the reception of articles of different classes, or for frequent and infrequent use, and in the position of the parts shown in Figs. 1 and 2, my trunk is so divided into an upper and lower compartment of equal size, by means of the flap b , and which also serves to prevent the cover a^4 from sagging below a horizontal plane, thus forming a continuous table or shelf, jointly, for arranging or placing articles upon, such as tools and the like, whenever repairs to the automobile are necessary, or for lunches, etc., the trunk being arranged within a tire held in a vertical position upon the automobile, as is usual, and, if it is not desired to use the said flap b , it may be folded against the back of the casing and be out of the way, in which event the flap c may be turned into the casing and connected with the hook c^5 and thus reveal the tools or other articles thereunder and also serve to hold the cover in a horizontal plane.

It will thus be seen that I provide a trunk which may be divided, horizontally, into compartments, and the partition be employed to hold the cover in a desired position, or I may employ the said partition

for use as a wall pocket if not desired as a partition and shelf but, in such use or non-use of the said partition, I provide supplemental means for forming a shelf and cover 5 retainer and which, normally, serve as a protector for tools or other articles held thereunder, it being understood that the entire casing is of substantially rigid construction, whereas the flaps *b* and *c* are 10 flexible.

My trunk is very light, compact, and commodious within its limits, and is also very inexpensive, and, while I have shown a specific securing means for the flaps, it 15 will be understood that any equivalents may be employed, and various other changes may be made within the scope of the following claims, and,

Having fully described my invention, 20 what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A tire trunk, comprising a casing, a cover therefor pivoted thereto, and a flexible flap forming a shelf secured within the 25 casing and in detachable connection with said cover to hold the same in position.

2. A tire trunk, comprising a casing, having side, back and front members, the latter extending partially across said casing, a 30 cover hinged thereto and covering the remaining portion of said casing forming a shelf, and a flap in said casing and in de-

tachable connection with said cover to limit the movement thereof.

3. A tire trunk, comprising a casing having an opening of less diameter than the casing, a hinged cover for said opening, a flap dividing said casing into compartments serving also to limit the movement of said cover, and means for forming a 40 rear wall pocket of said flap.

4. A tire trunk, comprising a casing having an opening in one side thereof and of less diameter, a cover therefor hinged thereto, a flap secured to said cover, and means 45 for connecting said flap to the interior of said casing to form a shelf and limit the movement of said cover.

5. A tire trunk, comprising a casing having an opening of less diameter at one side 50 thereof, a cover hinged thereto, a flap secured in said casing, a flap secured to said cover, means for connecting said first named flap to said cover and means for connecting said last named flap to said casing, 55 to form shelves and cover limiting means.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 15th day of October 1909.

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