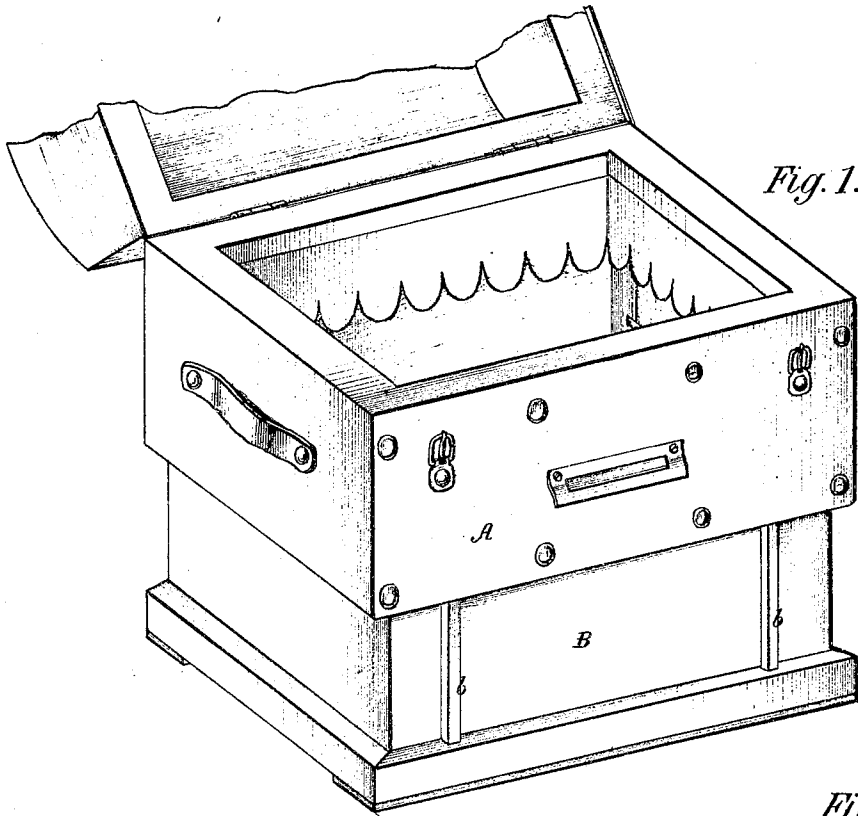


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*Trunk.*

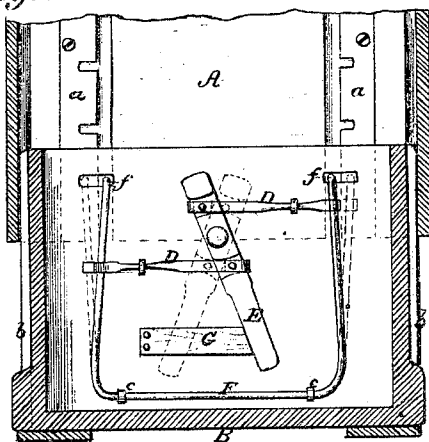
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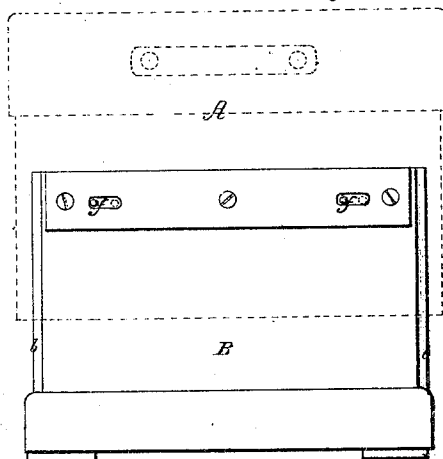
*Fig. 1.*

*Fig. 2.*



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*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN EXTENSION TRUNKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES RICE, of Middletown, in the county of Vigo and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Extension Trunk; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

### *Drawing.*

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved trunk, the lid being thrown back, and the trunk extended;

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical section across one of the ends of the trunk, showing the devices by which the extension part is secured; and

Figure 3 is an end elevation of the bottom or extension part of the trunk, the dotted lines indicating the upper portion.

This invention relates to trunks, and has for its object to produce a trunk capable of being enlarged or diminished in size or bulk, according to the quantity of goods to be transported therein, thus enabling it to be more solidly packed, thereby preventing the trunk from liability of breakage, as also keeping the goods in position while in transit; and to this end

My invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts of which my invention is composed, as will be hereinafter specifically designated and set forth in the following specification and claim.

In the annexed drawing forming a part of this specification—

A represents the body of a trunk sliding over a lower extension part, B.

The part B has guides, *b b*, upon its external surface, adapted to grooves within the inner surface of the upper part A, the object of these guides being to cause the parts to work evenly together, and to secure perfect action on the part of the levers and spring latches.

A rod, F, made of metal, of sufficient strength and durability, is secured, one at each end of the lower trunk-box, by nuts *c c*, their upper ends having spring catches *f f*, to register with the notches in the plates *a a*, operated by arms D D, attached to levers of the upper part of the trunk A.

At each end of the trunk B is a wedge, G, its office being to hold the lever E, which operates spring catches *f f*, out from the notches in the plates *a a*. When it is desired to adjust the trunk, the levers rest upon the enlarged end of the wedges.

The parts are in position in fig. 2 for adjusting the trunk, the dotted lines indicating the same when secured.

By the means herein described, the trunk may be adjusted with convenience and facility.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The part B of a trunk, having spring catches *f f* in combination with the part A, when provided with the slotted plates *a a*, substantially as shown and described,

2. The spring catches *f f*, arms D D, and lever E on the part B, in combination with the slotted plates *a a* on the part A, as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

3. The wedge G, in combination with the lever E, arms D D, and spring catches *f f*, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to this specification in the presence of two attesting witnesses this 13th day of April, 1870, at Middletown, in the county of Vigo, and State of Indiana.

JAMES RICE.

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