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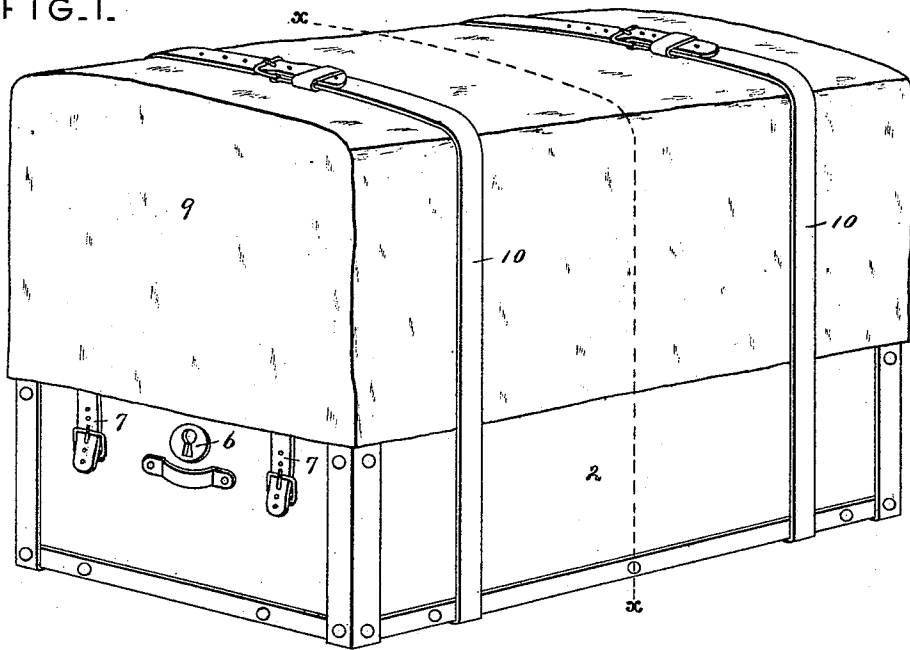
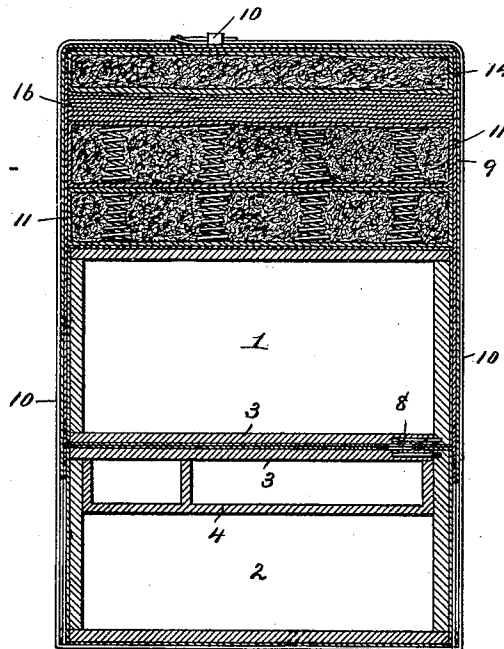


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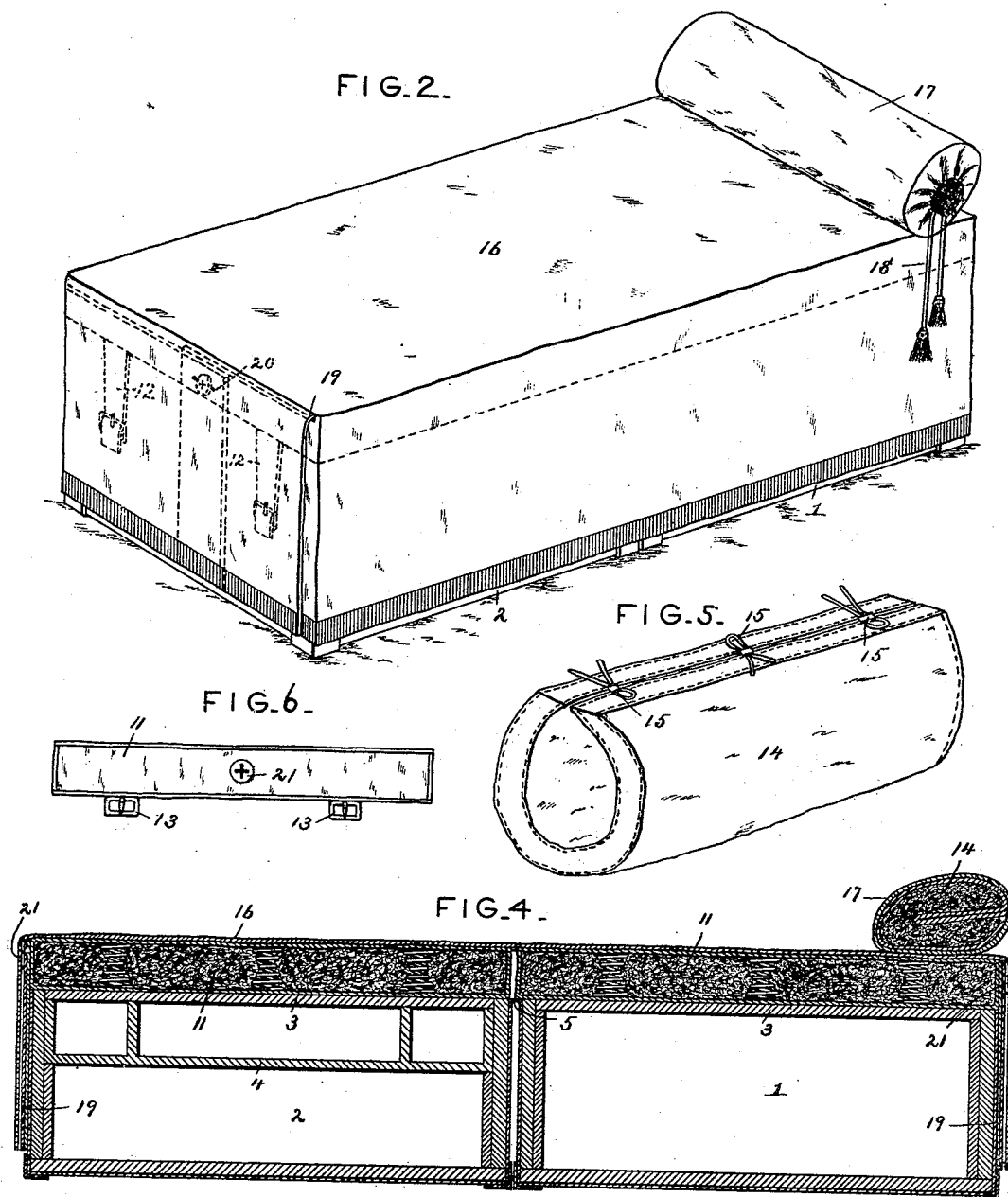
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY F. W. BLAISDELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Hancock and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Combined Trunk and Couch, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined trunks and couches adapted for use unitedly or separately, and consists of the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of this invention is to provide a device convertible from a trunk to a couch or vice versa, in which the couch portion thereof may be dispensed with and the device used solely as a trunk, and wherein the parts are simple and effective in their construction and operation, strong and durable, easily handled and readily understood, and comparatively inexpensive.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device arranged as a trunk. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device arranged as a couch. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section of the device as shown in Fig. 1, taken on the line *x. x.* Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal vertical section of the device as shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the pillow showing the manner of tying the same. Fig. 6 is an end elevation of the mattress.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to designate corresponding parts in the several views.

Referring to the drawings, the numerals 1 and 2 designate two box sections provided with lids 3, on the inner sides thereof, which are hinged, and under one of the said lids in section 2, is a tray 4, and the opposite box section 1, is formed as an open compartment. Both of said sections 1 and 2 are preferably of substantial rectangular form and adapted to receive articles of clothing or such other articles that are adapted to be carried within a trunk, and the inner opposing portions of one of the ends of each of said sections are hinged to each other as at 5, so that said sections may be opened to form a support, as shown in Fig. 2, and supplied with a suitable lock 6, and connecting straps and buckles 7, whereby the two sections 1 and 2, may be properly fastened to each other. The lids 3,

are also provided with suitable locks 8, by means of which the contents of said sections 1 and 2 may be safely stored, as will be readily understood.

When the section 1 is closed against the section 2, a flexible top cover 9, is mounted over the parts heretofore set forth and held in position, by securing straps and buckles 10, and within the same, and above the top of the trunk proper, is adapted to be stored a mattress or cushion 11, which is made in two sections hinged at the center thereof and having at opposite ends straps 12, and buckles 13, by means of which the said cushion or mattress may be fastened down against the lids 3, of the sections 1 and 2 by engaging the buckles and straps 7, on the said trunk section. Within the flexible top cover 9, is also adapted to be stored a pillow or cushion 14 having end cords 15, whereby the same may be doubled and secured in proper position. A drapery 16, may also be stored in the said top 9 and comprises a cylindrical case 17, to receive the pillow or cushion 14, and having draw strings, 18, in the ends thereof to close the case over the ends of the pillow when mounted therein.

The drapery 16, is made of such dimensions as to fully cover the cushion or mattress 11, and embrace the side and end portions of the trunk sections forming the support for the couch, and at the ends the said drapery is cut or slitted as at 19, and the outer ends on each side formed by said cuts or slits are provided with button-holes 20, adapted to be turned over and engaged with buttons 21, on the opposite ends of the parts of the mattress or cushion 11, and thereby securely hold the drapery in position and form a convenient attachment for covering the mattress or cushion 11, and also have falls that cover the ends of the couch, as shown.

It will be understood that the parts are adapted to be folded and stored or packed in the top 9, and securely held in place in connection with the trunk proper by the straps 10. If desired however, articles of clothing or wearing apparel may be stored or packed in the top 9, when it is not desired to convey the couch with the trunk, and by this means additional space is provided with many beneficial advantages to travelers. It will also be understood that the mattress or cushion 11,

will be supplied with suitable springs in any preferred and well-known manner.

The material of which the several parts of the device will be constructed will vary as necessity and the trade demand, such as canvas, leather, zinc, or other material now commonly employed, but it is preferred that pressed pulp be used, which would produce a light and strong construction, and the top or cover 10 9, may be made of the same material as the trunk proper, or of a flexible nature independently of the said trunk proper.

The proportions of the parts may be made to vary according to the intended use and the details of construction such as hinges, locks, handles, snaps, and other devices will be applied in such places and in such manner as best adapted and wherever found necessary.

The drapery set forth can be made simple or expensive according to the means of the owner and of any suitable material, it being understood that the entire device may be embellished with suitable designs and ornamentations.

25 The device as a whole is exceptionally convenient for many purposes and will suit varying conditions of life, and the trunk proper being divided into two compartments it is more readily accessible at all times.

30 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

In a combined trunk and couch, the combination of the separate box or trunk sections hinged at their inner ends and adapted to be 35 folded up or to be unfolded and extended in

alignment with each other to form a trunk and a base support for a couch, securing straps at one outer end of one section, and corresponding buckles at the opposite outer end of the other section and adapted to be engaged 40 by said straps when the sections are folded together, a jointed mattress adapted to be stretched lengthwise on top of the box sections when unfolded and having at its opposite extremities attaching straps and buckles 45 adapted to engage the buckles and straps at the outer ends of the box sections respectively, and also buttons centrally attached to said opposite extremities, a drapery adapted to completely cover the jointed mattress and the 50 side and end portions of the unfolded box sections, and provided with outer loose portions having button holes and adapted to be folded over the opposite ends of the box sections and to engage the buttons of the mattress, and a 55 cylindrical case near one end adapted to receive a head cushion or pillow, and a flexible top cover adapted to fit over the box sections when folded, and to inclose, inside of the same on top of the folded box sections, the 60 jointed mattress, the drapery, and the head cushion or pillow in a folded condition, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 65 the presence of two witnesses.

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