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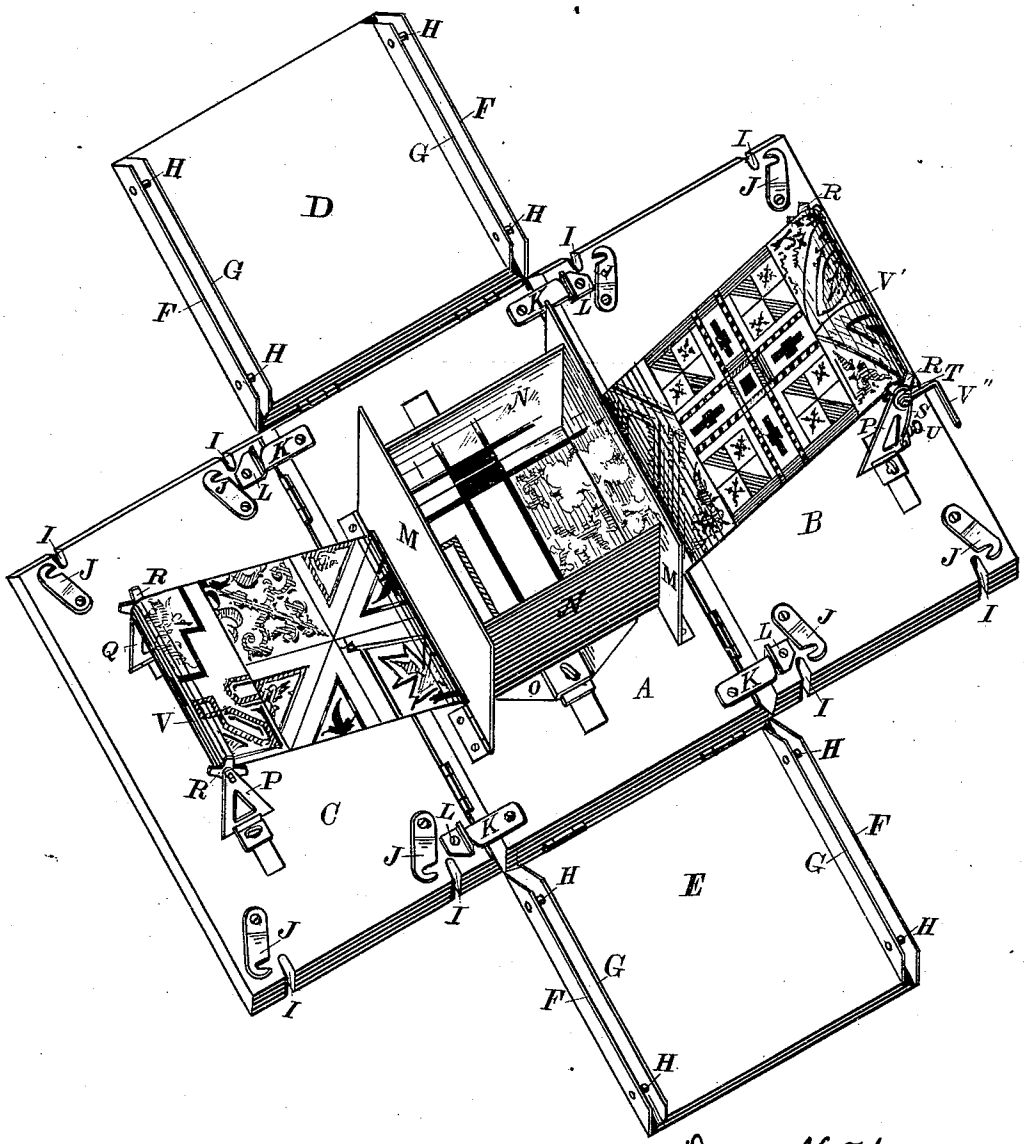

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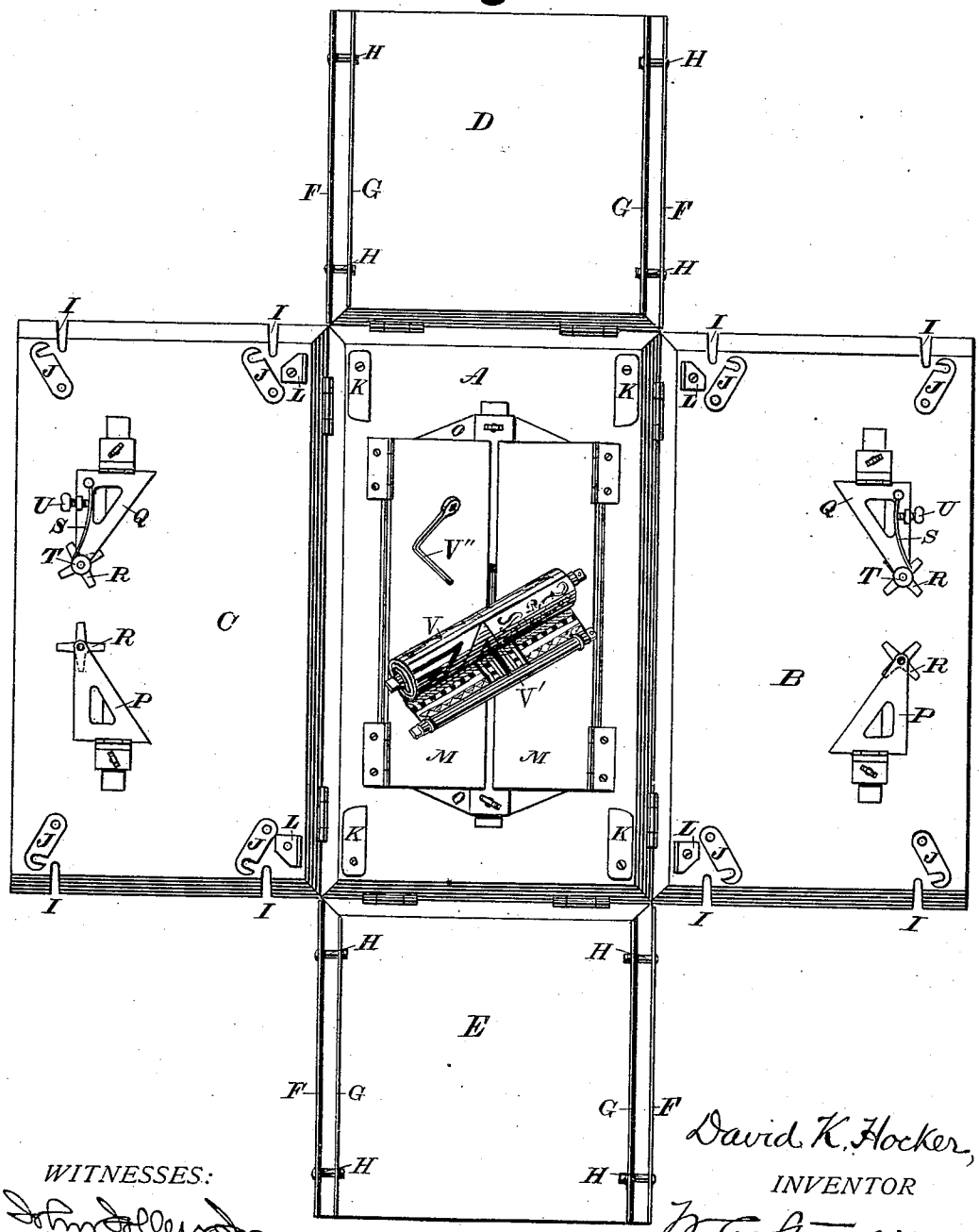

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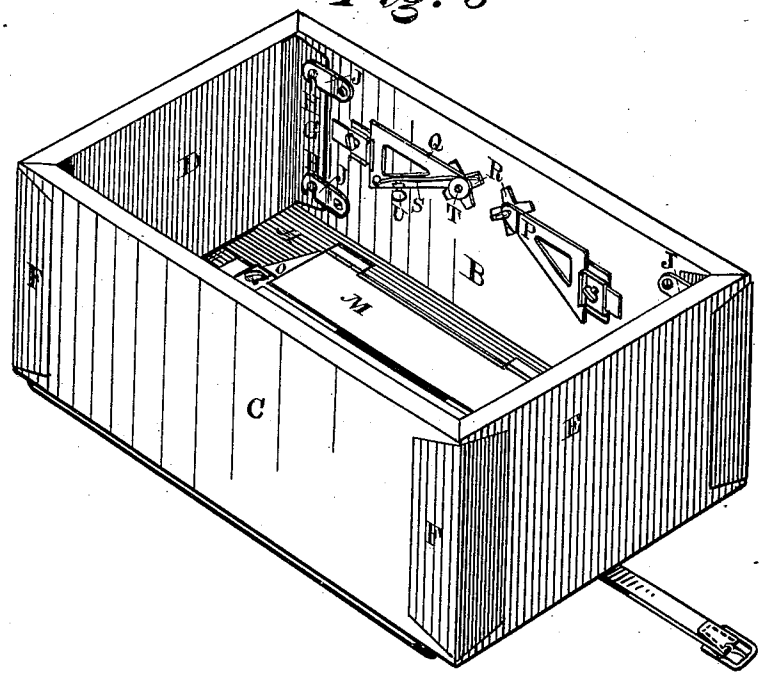

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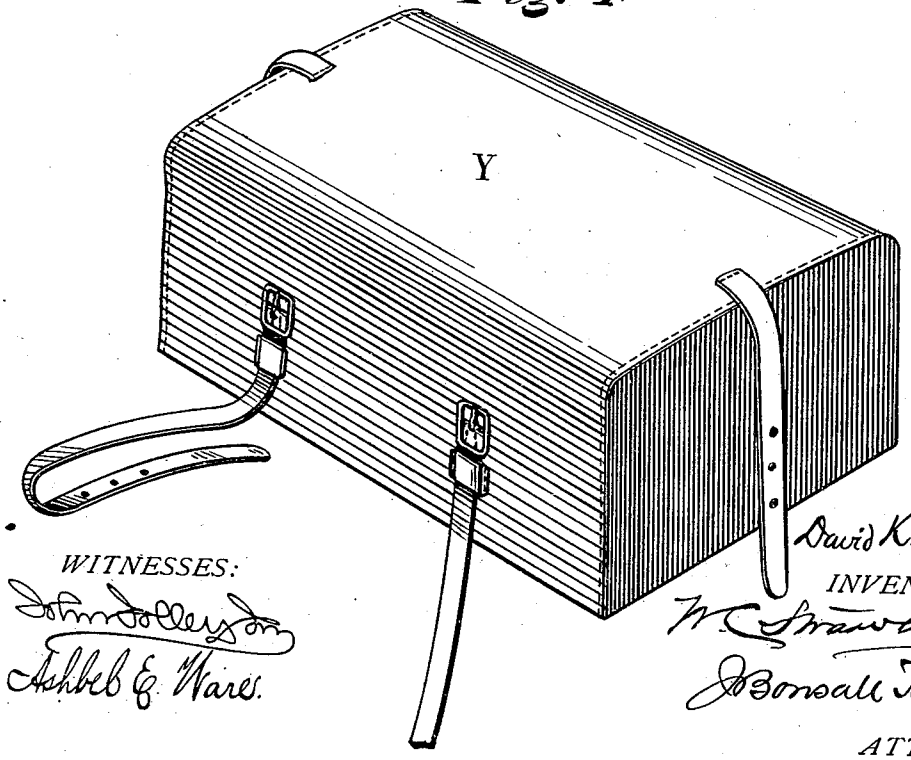

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID K. HOCKER, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Apparatus for Carrying and Displaying Samples of Carpets, Oil-Cloths, Prints, and such like Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object the provision of a case adapted not only to contain and carry samples, but likewise of such construction as to be made to serve as an apparatus for displaying samples to purchasers in such manner as that a full figure shall be presented from a sample consisting of one-quarter of the figure sought to be displayed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention when arranged to display samples; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same, showing the case ready to be folded into a receptacle for samples. Fig. 3 shows the case folded together, and Fig. 4 shows a top or cap adapted to fit on and over the case represented in Fig. 3, and provided with straps for securing said top in place to form a closed case or trunk.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the drawings.

The construction of my invention is as follows: A is the bottom of the trunk, B and C the sides, and D and E the ends. These parts are hingedly connected in such manner that they may be folded together to form five sides of a trunk or case, or may be turned down so as to all be in the same horizontal plane. The ends D and E are provided with seats, formed by flanges F G, or in any suitable manner, into which the ends of the sides B C take when the trunk is folded together. H H are pins secured through the flanges F G, and adapted to take into slots I I in the end of the sides B C. J J are latches pivoted on the upper or inner surfaces of the sides of the trunk, and adapted, when the sides and ends are folded together, to engage with the pins H H, and thus secure the ends and sides of the trunk together.

The bottom is provided with buttons K K, pivoted to its upper surface, near the edge adjoining the side body, and adapted to be turned on their pivots, extend to and abut against stops L L on the surface of the sides B and C when said sides and the bottom A are in the same horizontal plane, and thus rigidly secure the bottom and sides together in the same plane.

The bottom A is provided with four glasses or mirrors, M M and N N, at right angles to each other, and hinged in such manner to the bottom that they may be folded flat down upon the bottom or may be turned up in a vertical position, so that they together form the sides and ends of a box, the inner surface of which is a mirror. The side mirrors, M M, are so hinged to the bottom as to leave a space between their lower edges and the bottom A sufficient for the passage of such samples of oil-cloth, carpet, or other fabric as are intended to be displayed. The end mirrors, N N, are hinged to plates O O, which are horizontally adjustably attached to the bottom A in any convenient manner, so that said side mirrors may be adjusted to any desired width of sample which it is necessary to pass between them.

The sides B and C are each provided with two roller-standards, P and Q, attached to said sides and horizontally adjustable in the direction of the length of the sides, and hinged in such manner that they may be folded down flat upon the sides, or may be turned up into a vertical position to receive and carry upon their upper extremities rollers containing the samples to be displayed, and may be horizontally adjusted to receive and support rollers of different lengths. Each of these roller-standards is provided at its upper extremity with a pivoted hub, R, which, at its inner end, is adapted to receive and support the end of the sample-roller. These hubs revolve in bearings in the standards P and Q.

S S are springs mounted upon the standards P and Q, and made to bear against friction-pulleys T T upon the hubs R R by means of the thumb-screws U U, whereby the revolution of the sample-rollers V V is controlled.

From the above description of the construction of my invention the manner of its use will be readily understood.

Samples to be displayed, being of or about the size of the bottom of the box formed by the mirrors M M and N N, are sewed or otherwise joined together to form a long strip, and this strip is wound upon a roller, V. The bottom

A and sides B and C having been folded down and secured in the same horizontal plane, the standards P Q are turned up into a vertical position, the roller V, carrying the sample-strip, is placed in position in one set of the the standards, and the loose end of the sample-strip is passed under the edges of the mirrors M M and made fast to the roller V′, to which is attached the handle V″. The mirrors M M and N N having been turned up to a vertical position and adjusted to the width of the sample-strip, the sample is displayed by simply revolving the roller V′, by which the samples or quarter figures are each consecutively brought within the box formed by the mirrors, and thus an entire figure or sample is displayed.

To fold the apparatus into a case or trunk it is only necessary to remove the rollers V V′, fold down the standards P Q and mirrors M M and N N, unlock the buttons K, fold up the sides B C and ends D E, and lock the latches J with the pins H, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The samples, rollers, &c., may then be placed within the case and the top or cap Y (shown in Fig. 4) placed over and around the case and secured in place by the straps with which it is provided.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The combination of the bottom A, provided with the hinged mirrors M M and N N, and the sides B C, provided with the hinged standards P Q and sample-rollers V V′, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination of the bottom A, provided with the hinged mirrors M M N N, and the sides B C, provided with the hinged standards P Q and sample-rollers V V′ by means of the buttons K and stops L, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination of the bottom A, provided with the hinged mirrors M M N N, the sides B C, provided with the hinged standards P Q, and the ends D E, said sides, ends, and bottom being hingedly connected and adapted to be folded into the same horizontal plane or to be folded upward to form a sample-trunk, substantially as shown and described.

4. The combination of the hinged bottom A, provided with the hinged mirrors M M N N, the hinged sides B C, provided with the hinged standards P Q to receive the rollers V V′, the hinged ends D E, and the cap Y, all substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 11th day of June, A. D. 1880.

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