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Fig. 1.

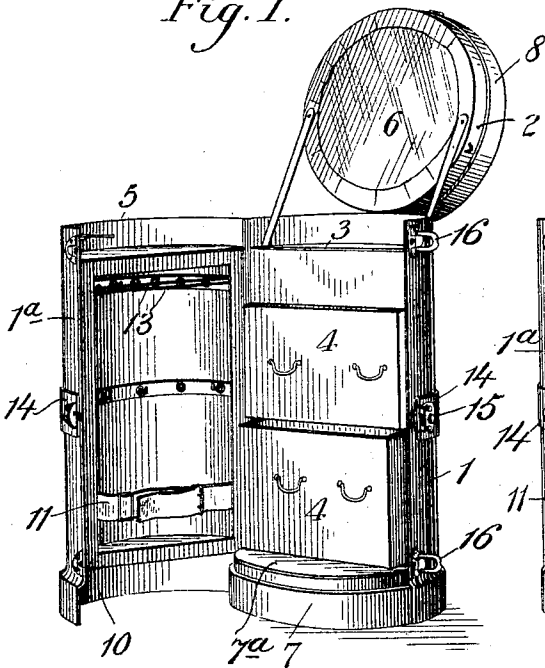


Fig. 2.

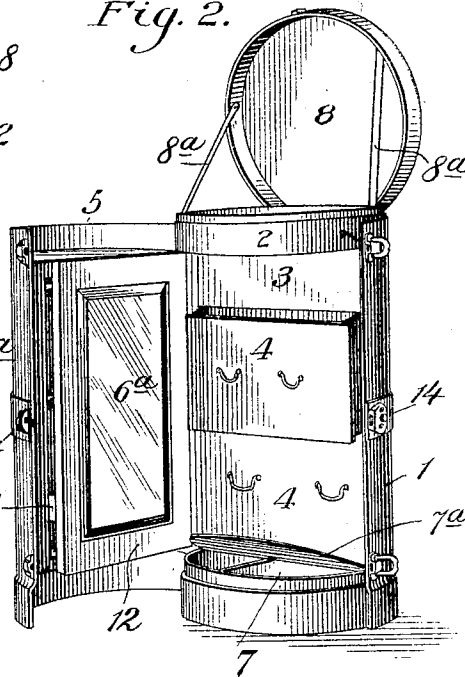
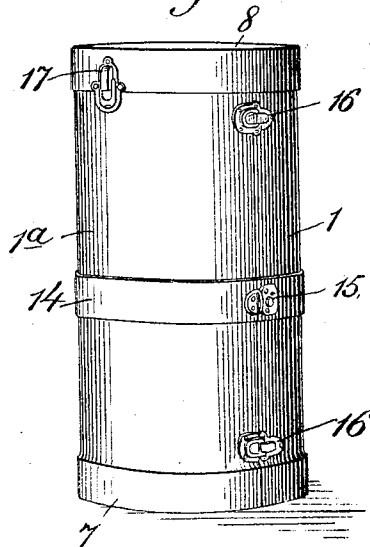


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern.*

Be it known that I, MARY ELIZABETH MORGAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Smith, in the county of Sebastian and State of Arkansas, have invented a Trunk, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in trunks, and more especially to that class which are made circular in form for stability of construction and convenience in handling.

The principal objects of my invention are to provide a trunk of this general character which shall be strong and durable and in which the particular construction and arrangement of parts will provide many conveniences in the nature of separate compartments and mirrors, whereby the trunk is adapted to carry all kinds of clothing, &c., and also form a combined wardrobe and dresser.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and what I claim as novel in the peculiar construction and arrangement of parts constituting the trunk will be more specifically set forth in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved circular trunk, the parts being thrown open to show the arrangement of the compartments and the door of the wardrobe being removed. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the body of the circular box constituting the upper end or head of the trunk lowered and the lid of the corresponding box forming the opposite head slightly raised. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the parts of the trunk arranged for transportation.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In carrying out my invention the circular or barrel-shaped trunk is practically made up of two parts or longitudinal halves 1 and 1<sup>a</sup>, which are hinged together, as shown. The main part 1 is provided at its lower end with a circular box 7, which forms the base of the device when the same is placed in a vertical position to serve as a wardrobe and dresser, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, and in such position the part 1<sup>a</sup> is adapted to swing away from the part 1. The upper end of part or section 1 is also provided with a circular box, as 2, which latter is removable, so as to be swung back, as shown in Fig. 1,

and is connected to said part or section 1 by straps 9.

The circular boxes 2 and 7, it will be noted, form the opposite heads of the trunk and being circular and unbroken serve to materially increase the stability of the trunk when the same is closed for shipping.

Between the circular boxes or heads 2 and 7 are semicircular boxes 3 and 4, the box 3 having a hinged lid or top which may be raised when the circular box 2 is removed, while the boxes 4 are in the nature of drawers slidable in and out and are provided with handles.

The circular box 2 is provided with a hinged cover or lid 8, connected thereto by straps 8<sup>a</sup>, and said box is intended as a hat-box, though of course it may be used for other purposes. The semicircular box 3 may receive toilet articles, the boxes 4 underclothing, shirt-waists, &c., and the box 7 shoes and stockings, said latter box being also useful to receive soiled clothes when the device is in use as a combined wardrobe and dresser. The box 7 is provided with a lid 7<sup>a</sup>, the front half of which is hingedly connected to the rear half, which latter is located beneath the boxes 4.

The bottom of the circular hat-box 2 is preferably provided with a mirror 6, which will be located in a convenient position for use when said hat-box is swung back, as shown in Fig. 1.

The part 1, with the several compartments described, comprises the dresser portion of the device or trunk when the latter is placed in an upright position and opened, and in forming a wardrobe of the part 1<sup>a</sup> the same is provided with a bottom 10, an inner door-frame 11, and a door 12, the latter being hinged at one side of the door-frame and provided with a panel 6<sup>a</sup>, comprising a mirror. Within the wardrobe, near the upper end thereof, is a series of transverse wires 13, from which skirts are supported, and near the lower end are attached tapes for closely confining the lower ends of the skirts. The rear wall of this wardrobe may be provided with hooks, upon which garments may be hung.

The circular boxes 2 and 7, forming the heads of the cylindrical trunk, are a little greater in diameter than the intermediate or body portion of the trunk, as shown, and practically form rims on which the trunk may be rolled, and intermediately there is a cor-

responding band 14, which latter carries a lock, as 15, while additional clasps, as 16, serve to further hold the trunk securely closed.

By reference to Fig. 3 it will be seen that the circular hat-box 2, forming the upper head of the trunk, is securely held in place by opposite clasps 17, one only of which is shown in said figure.

By the particular construction of my improved circular or barrel-shaped trunk when the parts are all closed and locked, as shown in Fig. 3, the unbroken circular heads will materially resist any tendency of the parts 1 and 1<sup>a</sup> to break away or separate during the rough handling which trunks usually receive in transportation. It will also be seen that the mirrors 6 and 6<sup>a</sup>, being located well within the side and ends of the trunk, will be protected from breakage. When the trunk is opened up, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the device will form a convenient dresser and wardrobe, including a dresser-mirror and cheval-glass.

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

1. A circular trunk, comprising longitudinal sections hinged together, and unbroken circular boxes at the ends of said sections and forming the heads of the trunk, substantially as shown and described.

2. A circular trunk, comprising longitudinal sections hinged together, and unbroken circular boxes at the ends of said sections and forming the heads of the trunk, said unbroken circular boxes being greater in diameter than the intermediate portion of the trunk, substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

3. A circular trunk, comprising two longitudinal sections hinged together, one containing a series of boxes and the other having a hinged door, unbroken circular boxes forming the ends of the trunk when closed, and

means for securing the parts in such closed position, substantially as shown and for the purposes set forth.

4. A circular trunk, comprising the semicircular longitudinal section 1 with a circular box forming the lower end thereof and a removable circular box at the upper end thereof, and a semicircular longitudinal section 1<sup>a</sup> hinged to the section 1 and having a door forming the inner side thereof, substantially as shown and described.

5. A circular trunk, comprising a semicircular longitudinal section 1 with a circular box forming the lower end thereof and a removable circular box at the upper end thereof, a mirror at the bottom of the removable circular box, and straps connecting said box to the section; together with a semicircular longitudinal section 1<sup>a</sup> hinged to the section 1 and having a door hinged at the inner side thereof, and a mirror in said door, substantially as shown and for the purposes set forth.

6. A circular trunk, comprising a semicircular longitudinal section 1 having a circular box forming the lower end or base thereof when the trunk is placed in a vertical position, a circular box removably mounted in the upper end of the section 1 and provided with a mirror, and semicircular boxes in said section between the aforesaid circular boxes; together with the section 1<sup>a</sup> hinged to the section 1 and provided with a door-frame and bottom, transverse rods at the upper portion of the section 1<sup>a</sup>, a door hinged in said frame, and means for securing the parts of the trunk together when the trunk is closed.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to his specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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