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Fig. 1

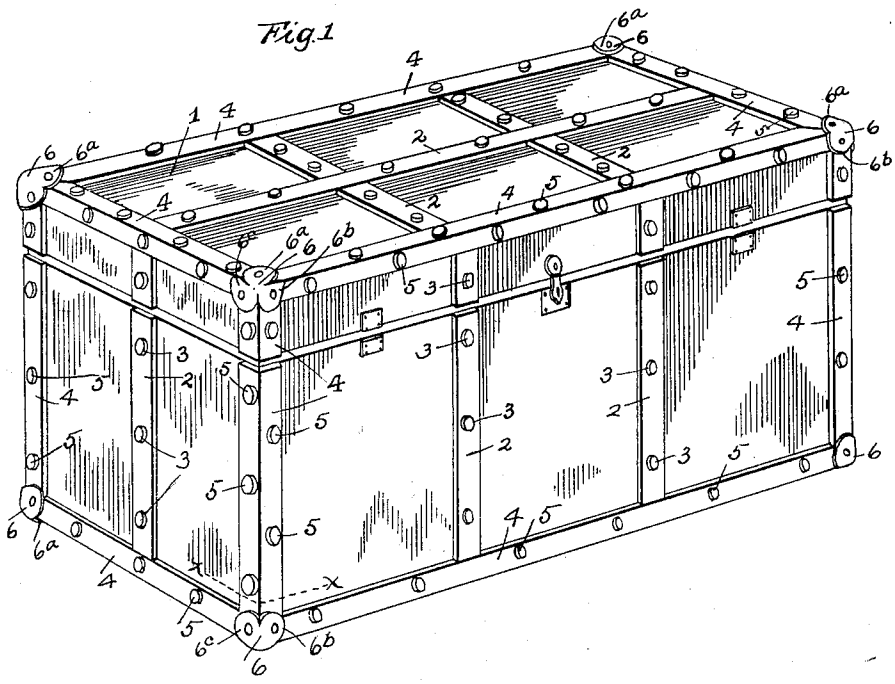


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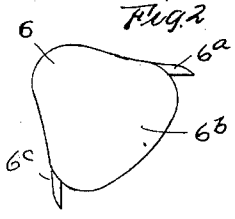


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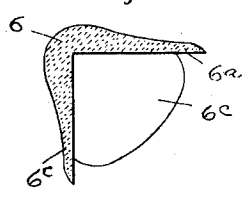


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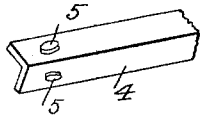


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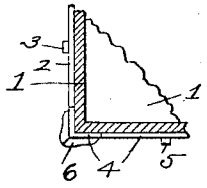
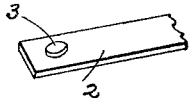


Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYRTLE V. BURNSIDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of trunks, and has particular relation to a trunk construction whereby said trunk and its contents may be protected against the results of concussion or shock; and the objects of my invention are to provide an ordinary trunk-body with means for cushioning the same against the results of rough handling and to provide certain improvements the details of construction of which will be more fully pointed out hereinafter. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a trunk having my improvements thereon. Fig. 2 is a detail view in elevation of one of the corner-buffers or cushion-pieces. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section of the same. Fig. 4 is a detail view in perspective of a portion of one of the corner-protecting sections. Fig. 5 is a corner sectional view of the trunk, taken on line x x of Fig. 1; and Fig. 6 is a view in perspective of a portion of one of the protecting-strips which I employ.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In carrying out my invention I employ across the sides and ends of the trunk 1 and across the top and bottom of the same at desirable intervals strips 2, these strips being arranged, as shown, intermediate of the corners of both the trunk body and lid and each of said strips being formed of rubber, the same being molded or otherwise produced with cushion projections 3 on their outer faces, these projections being arranged at desirable intervals thereon. Over the angular corners of the trunk body and lid I secure, as indicated in the drawings, protecting-strips 4, of rubber, these corner-strips being, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawings, angular in cross-section, so as to lap over two faces of the trunk or lid, and each wing of these corner-strips has formed thereon outwardly-projecting yielding bumpers or cushion projections 5, corresponding with the projections 3 on the strips 2. At the junctions of the horizontal and vertical corner-strips 4 I provide additional corner-bumpers, of rubber, such as are indicated at 6, each of the latter being in the nature of a rubber cap, formed with three wings 6^a, 6^b, and 6^c, which project at such angles with each other as to admit of their embracing, respectively, portions of opposite faces of the trunk sides and ends and portions of the upper side of the lid and lower side of the trunk-bottom. These corner-pieces when secured in the positions described preferably have their wings overlapping the ends of the adjacent corner-strips 4, thus providing at the corners, junctions of the sides and ends and top, and the junctions of the sides and ends and bottom of the trunk an increased thickness of rubber. It is obvious that any desired number and arrangement of the strips 2 may be employed on a trunk-body and that said strips or their cushion projections, together with the corner-pieces 6, will serve to relieve the trunk-body and its contents of the results of shock or concussion, such as is commonly produced by rough handling of trunks. It will also be understood that my improved protecting strips or cushions may be suitably secured to any desirable or well-known form or construction of trunk-body.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a trunk, the combination with the body and lid thereof, of rubber protecting-strips each having a plurality of cushion projections arranged at intervals thereon, said strips being secured to the exterior surfaces of said trunk body and lid.

2. In a trunk, the combination with a trunk comprising the body and lid thereof, of a plurality of rubber strips secured at intervals to the sides and ends of said trunk body and lid, said strips having cushion projections as described thereon, of angular rubber corner-strips having cushion projections and secured at the junctions of the sides and ends with the top and bottom of the trunk, substantially as specified.

3. The combination with a trunk comprising a body and lid portions, of rubber strips secured at intervals to said trunk body and lid, said strips having cushion projections, angular rubber strips embracing the junctions of the sides and ends of the trunk with the top and bottom thereof and corner-caps of rubber secured at the corners of the trunk body and lid, substantially as specified.

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