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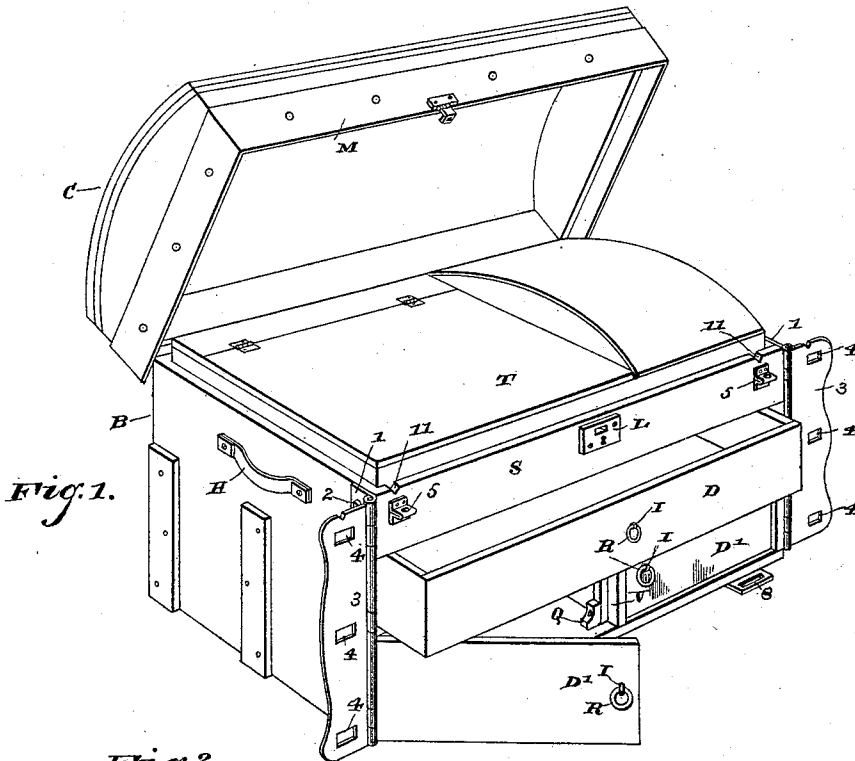
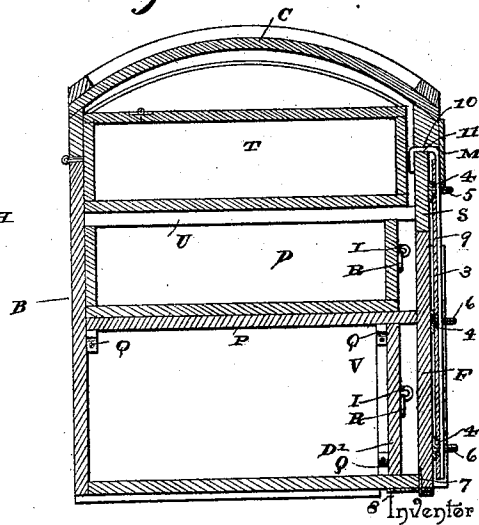
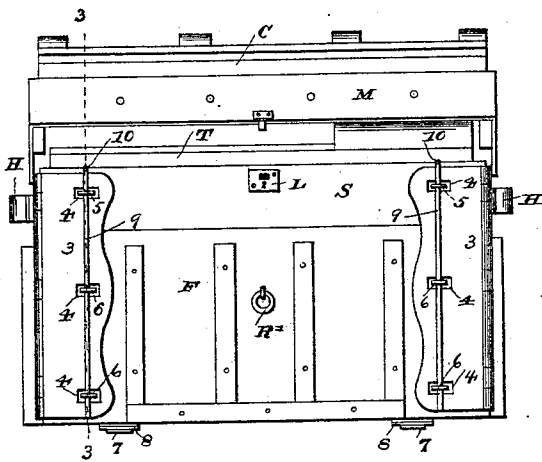


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN DWYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Texarkana, in the county of Bowie and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Convertible Trunk, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to baggage, and more especially to trunks which are convertible from a trunk adapted to contain clothing as in transportation to a trunk adapted for use like a bureau as when the owner is not traveling; and the object of the same is to produce certain improvements in devices of this character.

To this end the invention consists in a false front, a peculiar lock therefor of the hasp-and-staple nature, and certain details of construction, all as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and as illustrated on the accompanying sheet of drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a general perspective view of this trunk arranged as a bureau and with the false front removed. Fig. 2 is a front elevation with the front closed, but the cover raised. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2 with the trunk completely closed.

Referring to the said drawings, the letter B designates the body of the trunk, having handles H at its ends and having a hinged cover C connected with the back of the body and adapted to be secured in the front thereof by a lock L of any approved pattern, the cover being surrounded by depending flanges M, preferably of metal, which close the cracks between the upper edges of the body and the lower edges of the cover when the latter is lowered.

T is the ordinary till or a till of any suitable construction, and it fits into the top of the body and rests on upper cleats U, as usual. Below this till I arrange in the body—whose front is here open—a number of drawers, as D, or a horizontal partition P, a vertical partition V, and hinged doors D' for closing the compartments formed by the partitions. These drawers or doors have ring-shaped handles R mounted in eyes I, so that they will occupy very little space when not in use.

The letter F designates a false front, which, when in place, closes over the fronts of the drawers or doors above described, prevents

their being withdrawn, completes the body of the trunk by standing under the top horizontal strip S thereof which carries the lock, and is secured in place by the fastening means described below.

Secured to each end of the trunk is a hinge-shaped hasp, one member 1 of which has screws or rivets 2 passing therethrough into the trunk and the other member 3 of which has slots 4 adapted to take over staples 5 near the ends of said strip S and over other staples 6 on the front of the false front F. The latter has hooks 7 at its lower edge, which engage eyes 8, carried by the bottom of the trunk, as seen.

9 are rods, preferably having turned-over upper ends 10, the body of each rod being of a size to pass through the several staples 5 and 6 and its turned-over upper end 10 standing in a notch 11 in the upper edge of the strip S. The false front also has a ring-shaped handle R', and the corners and sides of the trunk are suitably braced by metallic straps and otherwise, as is usual in devices of this character. When the partitions P and V are used, triangular metallic cleats Q are preferably employed, as shown, to hold them in proper position.

Other details of construction will suggest themselves and may be adopted without departing from the spirit of this invention.

The trunk being open, as seen in Fig. 1, when it is desired to close the same the drawers D and doors D' are closed, the hooks 7 of the false front F are inserted in the eyes 8, and the front raised to vertical position, when it will pass under the strip S, as seen. The hinged members 3 of the hasps are then swung in until their slots pass over the staples and the two rods are inserted through the latter with their hooked upper ends standing in the notches 11. The till T is then put in place and the cover C brought down and secured by the lock L, at which time the lower edge of the front wall of the cover will bear on the rounded portion of each hook 10, as seen in Fig. 3, and prevent it or its rod 9 from rising out of operative position.

What is claimed as new is—

1. In a convertible trunk, the combination, with the trunk-body having horizontal cleats therein, its front being open, except a top

strip, a cover hinged to the back, a lock on said strip, and a till resting on said cleats, of a false front detachably closing the opening in the front, locks for the front controlled by
 5 the cover when the latter is closed, and drawers and doors in the trunk-body beneath the till, opening back of said false front, substantially as described.

2. In a convertible trunk, the combination,
 10 with a trunk-body whose front is open, except a strip at the top, a cover hinged to the back, a lock on the strip engaging the cover when closed, and a false front removably standing beneath said strip, of hinge-shaped hasps, one
 15 member of each being secured to the end of the trunk and the other being slotted, staples secured on the face of the front and of said strip and adapted to engage said slots, and
 20 and having a bent upper end passing over the strip, substantially as described.

3. In a convertible trunk, the combination, with the trunk-body whose front is open, except a strip at the top, a cover hinged to the
 25 back, a lock on the strip engaging the cover when closed, and a false front removably standing beneath said strip, of eyes secured to the bottom of the trunk and projecting beyond the front, staples carried by the face of
 30 the front and of said strip and in vertical alignment with the eyes, and upright rods passing through the eyes and staples and having bent upper ends passing over the strip, substantially as described.

35 4. In a convertible trunk, the combination,

with the trunk-body, a cover, means for locking the same when closed, and a false front having a series of staples, of hinge-shaped hasps, one member of each being secured to the end of the trunk and the other having
 40 slots engaging the staples at that end of the trunk, and a rod passing through said staples and having a turned-over upper end standing beneath the front edge of the cover when the latter is closed.

45 5. In a convertible trunk, the combination, with the trunk-body whose front is open, except a strip at the top, a cover hinged to the back, a lock on the strip engaging the cover when closed, eyes projecting from the bottom
 50 of the trunk, and a false front having hooks detachably engaging said eyes and adapted to be seated beneath said strip, of staples arranged in vertical alignment on the faces of the front and the strip, hinge-shaped hasps
 55 having one of their members secured to the end of the trunk and the other member provided with slots engaging said staples, and rods passing through said staples and having hooked upper ends removably seated in
 60 notches in the upper edge of said strip, substantially as hereinbefore described.

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

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