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Fig. 1.

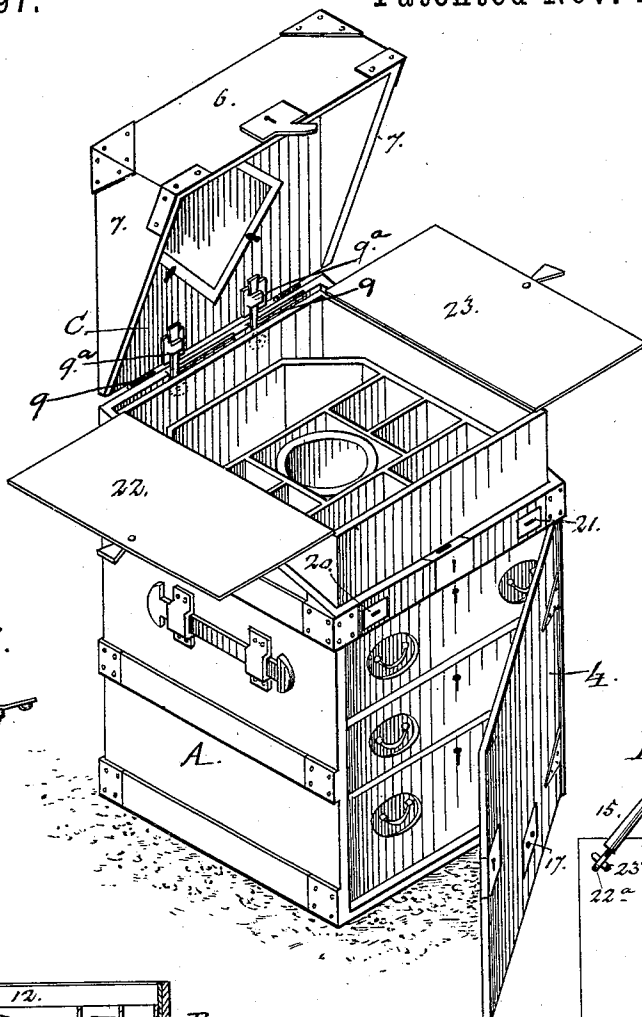


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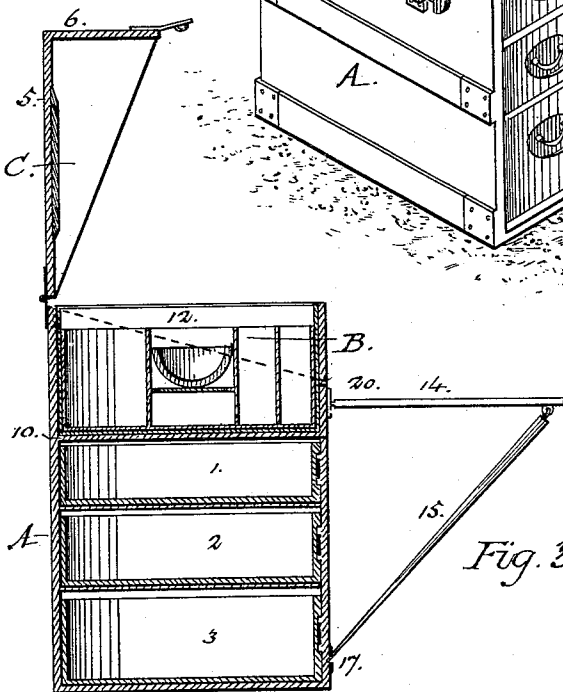


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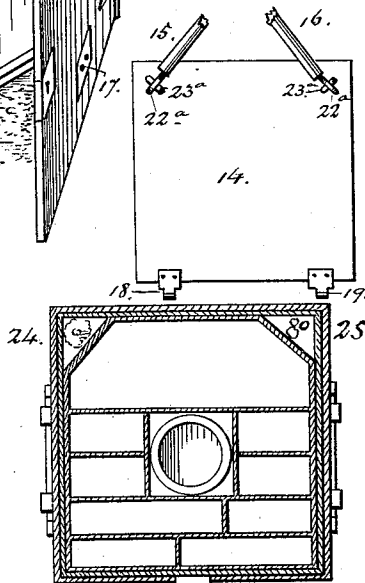


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILL C. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Traveling-Trunks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is an improvement in travelers' trunks of that class in which the arrangement is such as to provide a means of getting at the contents easily and conveniently without in any manner materially reducing its capacity.

My trunk, generally speaking, is unlike trunks of common form in that it is square in horizontal section and oblong in vertical section, one of the square ends forming the bottom, the other the top.

The important peculiarity in my trunk is that the top or lid is so formed and affixed to the body of the trunk that no space in a room where the trunk sets may be wasted, as the said lid or top, when the body of the trunk is against a wall, will rest snugly in the same vertical plane with the back of the body.

I divide my trunk horizontally below the tray portion into a number of spaces for drawers and when the drawers are not being opened, I conceal their fronts with a hinged door.

The tray of my trunk I divide up into several apartments for articles and these I arrange about a central apartment, which is fashioned to contain a combined hat box and wash basin. Within the trunk lid I arrange a mirror, which, when said lid is raised, stands at about face height of the average person when standing.

My trunk while compact in form and convenient in traveling, contains all the conveniences to be found in an ordinary bureau and washstand combined, as well as that of a temporary desk.

In the drawings illustrating my invention Figure 1—is a perspective view of the trunk thrown open to show the tray, the drawers, the top, &c. Fig. 2—is a vertical central sec-

tion. Fig. 3—is a longitudinal section. Fig. 4 is a bottom view of table.

Similar reference letters and numerals indicate like parts in all of the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of the trunk, B the tray, and C the top. 1, 2, and 3 are drawers arranged to slide easily on ways fixed within the walls of the body, the fronts of these drawers being provided with knobs or pulls set in countersunk depressions to offer a flush face for the door to close against.

4 is the side door of the trunk suitably hinged and provided with a strong lock, which together with a suitable keeper secured to the side of the trunk without exterior projection, completely protects said drawers, holding them securely closed.

The top or lid C of the trunk is composed of four pieces, viz: a plain flat top 5, a front return 6, of rectangular oblong form, and triangular side pieces 7, and 8. The top is hinged to the trunk at the back by suitable strap hinges so placed with reference to the body of the trunk as to allow its upper surface, when it is thrown back, to rest in line with the back vertical surface of the trunk's body. Buttons or bars 9 pivoted to the trunk body and loops 9^a are fixed to the top of the trunk and are arranged and secured with reference to the top and body of the trunk, so that said trunk top may be propped up when the trunk tray is being used. The trunk in its upper part is arranged with horizontal supports or cleats 10, in the usual way to form rests for a tray 12, which latter is divided by vertical partitions forming apartments, as shown, for toilet articles of various kinds, a central feature of said apartments being especially arranged for a receptacle which may combine the utility of a hat box, a collar box and a wash basin.

Upon the inner face of the top of the trunk is a mirror 13, fixed or movable which supplies an important feature of a toilet makeup.

The tray 12 is provided with hinged covers 22, 23.

Detached from the trunk, I provide a table top 14, which is of a length and width somewhat less than that of the drawers 1, 2, 3.

Pivoted to the under side of this top are limbs 15, 16, which have their free ends pointed to fit into a socket 17, of countersunk form, secured to the door or a bottom rail of the trunk frame. The other ends of the limbs have loops 22^a which take into loops 23^a of the table. The table top 14, is provided on one edge with hooks 18, 19, which are fashioned to take into sockets 20—21, fixed in the upper front rail of the frame of the trunk. The table formed as described is intended for attachment to the trunk on any side to serve the purpose of a writing desk, and it may be used either when the trunk is closed or open. When not in use the parts of this feature may be snugly stored in one of the drawers.

The purpose of my trunk is to comprise a complete outfit for a traveler, who is frequently lodged in a room with but few articles for comfort and which has but limited capacity of floor area. It is also designed to be so complete in its arrangements as to render former packing and unpacking quite unnecessary, thus saving time usually consumed in changing contents from trunk to wardrobe, bureau and washstand on arrival and repacking at departure from a place. It will be noticed that the back corners 24, 25 of drawers are splayed to provide openings the entire depth of the trunk as receptacles for umbrellas, canes and such articles.

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

35 1. A traveling trunk having a body square in horizontal section, its mouth or opening in a horizontal plane, with its front horizontally rabbeted, its sides obliquely rabbeted and its

back plain without rabbet; said trunk provided with a top, flat or horizontal, its sides 40 triangular and its front rectangular and adapted to fit over the rabbeted portion of the trunk's body, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The trunk body, formed as described and provided with drawers and a sub-divided tray 45 as set forth; said drawers and tray truncated at their back angles to form with the back corners or angles of said trunk body receptacles for umbrellas, canes &c. as specified.

3. The trunk body A, hinged as described, 50 and provided with bars 9, in combination with the lid C, formed as described, hinged to the body A and provided with hooks 9^a adapted to catch and co-operate with said bar, 9, to hold said trunk top to a raised position as set 55 forth with its top surface in a plane with the back surface of said body as and for the purpose set forth.

4. A traveling trunk square in horizontal section, oblong in vertical section and having 60 a top adapted to open and close on the body, as described; the body or base of the trunk provided with drawers and a tray, the former opening laterally and the latter adjustable to place vertically; both the former and the lat- 65 ter having their rear angles truncated to form, together with the body of the trunk, cells or receptacles for long articles such as umbrellas, canes &c., substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 70

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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