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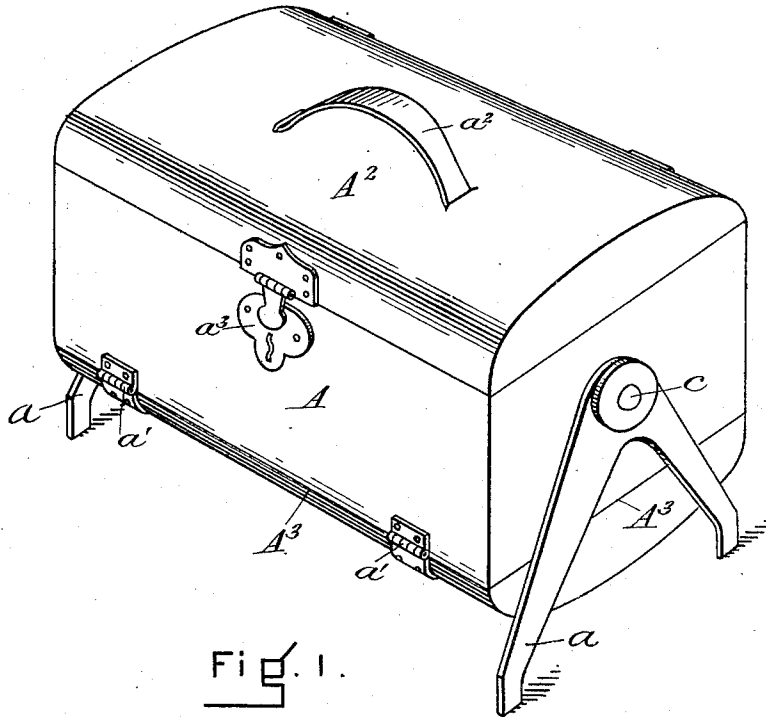


Fig. 1.

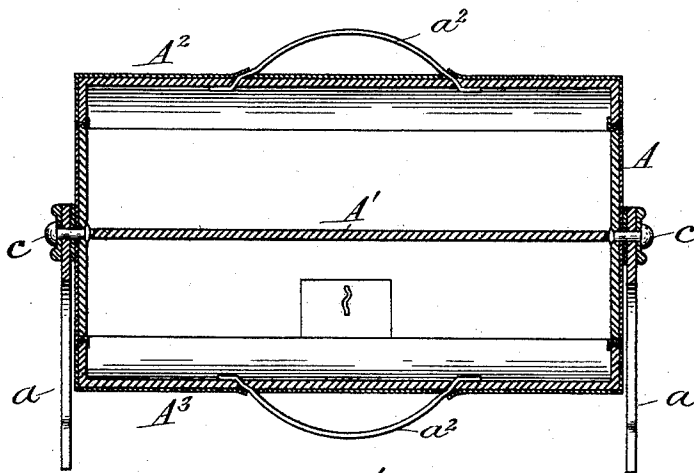


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD DILLINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hand-Trunks or Valises, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

The object of my invention is to construct a hand-trunk or valise so that its contents may be accessible when wanted if one wishes to carry and show a variety of samples that can be conveniently packed or unpacked. When used for carrying ordinary toilet articles, one is enabled to find more readily such articles as are required by reason of its being reversible and opening on both sides—i. e., top and bottom. I attain this object by the mechanism shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

I construct my improved reversible hand-trunk in the following manner: I form the trunk with the body A, which I divide by a central partition A', forming two compartments. Said partition serves as a bottom for each compartment. Each half or compartment is furnished with a cover A² A³, said covers having hinges a' a' and handles a² a² and

locks a³ a³. I attach legs or supports a a to each end of the trunk. Said legs or supports are shaped like an inverted letter V and are attached to or move on pivots c c, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The legs a a are arranged to turn loosely on the pivots c c, so that whichever side is uppermost the legs a a always drop and project far enough below the trunk to keep the handles a² a² from touching the ground or floor.

I do not confine myself to the above-described construction, as, if desired, the center partition may be left out, the two compartments serving alternately as top and bottom.

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

The herein-described reversible hand-trunk provided with a partition forming compartments, each compartment having a separate cover, said trunk having pivots, one on each end, and self-acting legs with bearings adapted to swing on said pivots, all constructed and adapted to operate substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 28th day of January, A. D. 1892.

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