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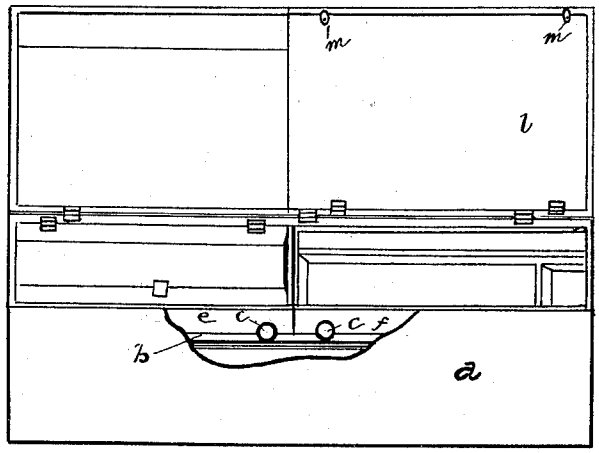


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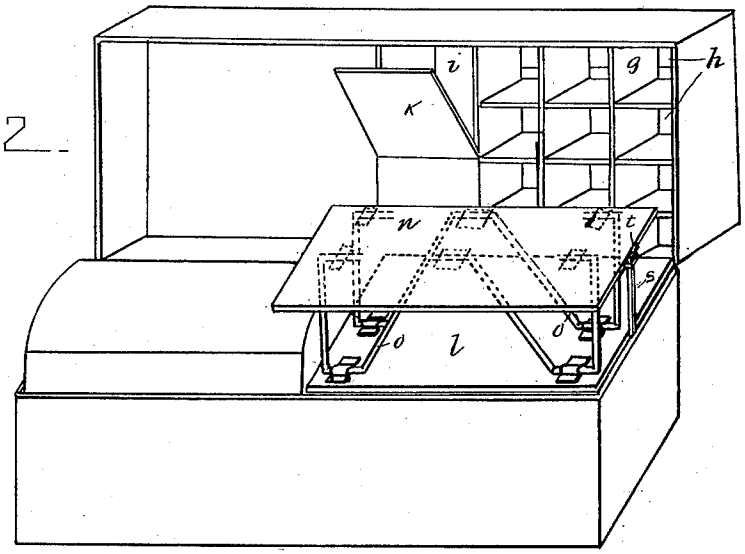


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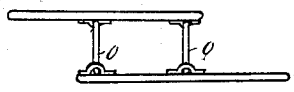


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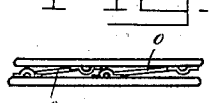


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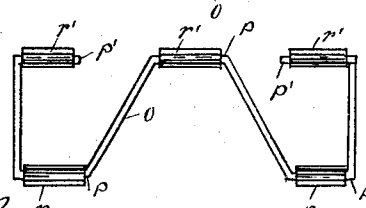
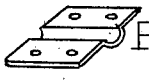


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. BOYLSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton, State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in 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 relates to trunks, and has for its object to provide a trunk for general uses and to add certain special features, so as to adapt them to the special use of travelers, artisans, and others, and to provide a convenient and effective desk and its accompanying cabinets, &c.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification and in which like letters of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk constructed in accordance with my invention and with the top raised, the desk being folded into the top. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 with the desk portion in an open position. Fig. 3 is a detail showing a support for the desk. Fig. 4 is a view showing a support for a desk with the fastening-clip in place. Fig. 5 is a view showing a fastening-clip. Fig. 6 is a detail showing the desk portion when folded.

Referring now to the drawings, in operating in accordance with my invention I form a body portion *a*, upon the inner faces of the sides of which I arrange track-rails *b*, upon which bear rollers *c*, secured to the under sides of the two sections *e* and *f*, in which the tray is formed. The two sections of the tray fill the upper portion of the trunk-body and are thus slidably arranged in order that either may be moved readily sidewise when the other is removed.

Each tray-section *e* and *f* is divided into a suitable number of compartments, as may be required by the individual possessing the article, and which compartments may be as shown in the drawings.

The inclosure of the lid or cover of the trunk is likewise divided into compartments, as may be required, by projections of the tray-compartments, and in addition to these tray-receiving compartments I have a compartment *g* divided by partitions into pigeonholes *h*, as shown. Intermediate the tray-receiving compartment and the pigeonhole-compartment is a third compartment in the form of a box *i*, having a closure *k*.

Hingedly connected with the hinged edge of the lid or cover of the trunk is a board *l*, adapted to lie over the pigeonhole-compartment and the one adjacent thereto and to be held in place by means of buttons *m* or in any other desired manner. Furthermore, the board *l* is of such dimensions as to cover the upper face of the adjacent tray-section, as shown, and has connected therewith a second board *n*, forming a desk. The desk-board *n* is connected with board *l* through the medium of a pair of hinges, each consisting of a W-shaped wire or rod *o*, which wire comprises parallel portions *p*, connecting the legs of the W, and other extensions *p'*, extending inwardly from the ends of the legs and lying upon a common axis, with the extension *p* at the upper angle of the W, as shown in detail in Fig. 4 of the drawings. The lower extensions *p* are pivotally connected with the board *l* through the medium of the clips or straps *r*, which are secured to the face of the board, the upper extension *p* and the extensions *p'* being secured to the under face of the board *n* in a similar manner by means of additional clips *r'*, similar to the clips *r*. As shown in the drawings there are two of these devices, one connected at the rear edge of the board *n* and the other slightly in the rear thereof, the W being disposed longitudinally of the board.

The lower portions of the rods *o* are connected one at the outer edge of the board *l* and the other slightly in the rear thereof, so that the board *n* may be folded flat against board *l* and that when raised therefrom it will project beyond the front face of the trunk-body. I have shown a stop *s* pivotally connected with the end of the board *l* and extending upwardly through a guide *t*, carried by the board *n*, said guide being adapted to lie flat when the board *n* is folded downwardly. Thus it will be seen that when the board *l* is held against the pigeonholes and adjacent box the trunk is to all appearances the same as an ordinary trunk, while by loosening the

retaining-buttons the desk may be brought into operative position and may be readily returned.

It will be readily understood that I may vary the specific form and construction herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of my invention, that I may employ whatever material may prove desirable in the manufacture of the different parts of my invention, and that I may employ my desk attachment wherever available.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The combination with a receptacle having a hollow lid comprising compartments, of a cover for one of said compartments and a board hingedly connected with the inner face of said cover through the medium of W-shaped wires, each of said wires connected at their angles and ends with the board and cover and adapted to stand parallel and support the board parallel with the cover.

2. In a device of the class described the combination with a base, of a board rotatively connected therewith through the medium of two W-shaped wires connected at their angles and ends with the base and board respectively and adapted to stand at right angles to the base and mutually parallel and support the board parallel with the base.

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

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