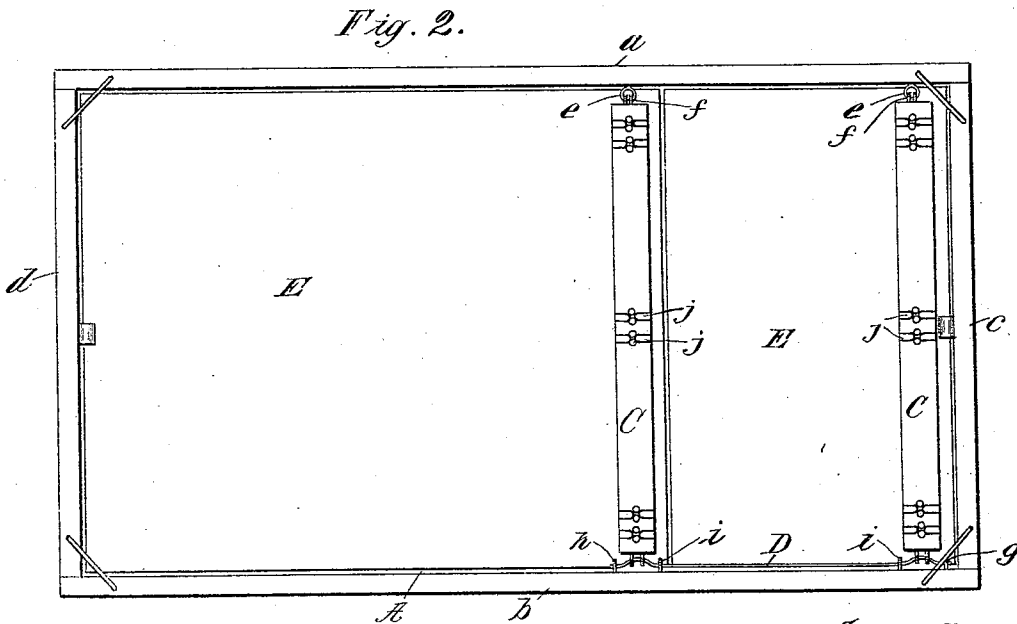
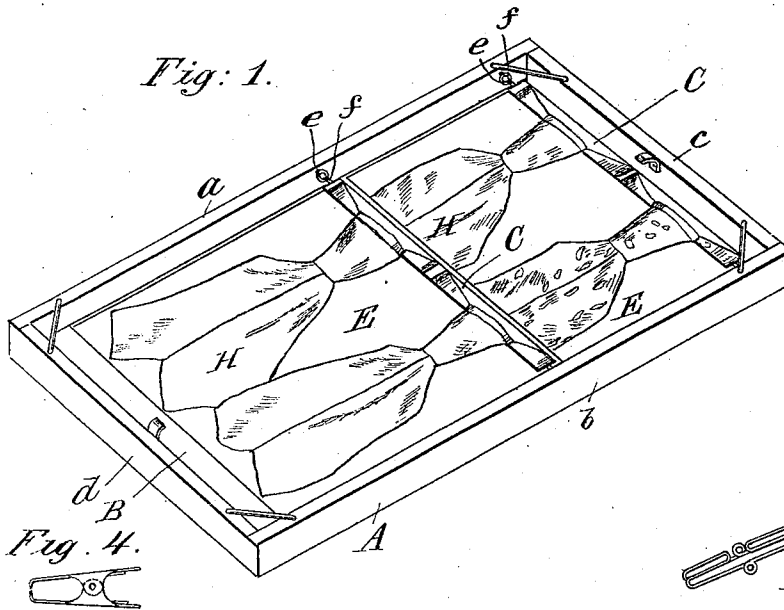


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM P. BINGHAM and DAVID R. JONES, Jr., citizens of the United States, residing at Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunk and Display Trays; and we 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.

Our invention has relation to combined trunk and display trays, more especially those to be used by traveling salesmen, selling by samples, with immediate reference to the transportation, display and sale of neck-wear and the objects sought to be obtained are, first, to provide a tray which shall be so arranged, that the samples will not be injured or jammed in packing and transportation or "mussed" when taken out and displayed for sale; second, to secure the articles in the tray in such a manner, that they shall appear to the purchaser to a good advantage and be rapidly inspected by the purchaser; thirdly, to readily remove a sample when sold out and replace the same by another, and, fourth, economy in space and weight. The mechanical means for accomplishing these and other minor objects are more fully set out in the following specification, claims and accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective of our tray with the articles to be displayed, placed therein and ready to be set in the trunk. Fig. 2, is a plan view of the tray with the articles removed. Fig. 3, is a perspective of one of the hooks for holding the article in the tray, and Fig. 4, is a side elevation of a modified form of Fig. 3.

Like letters denote corresponding parts in all of the drawings.

A, represents a tray, having its four sides *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*, constructed of some light material, with a bottom *B*, preferably of some strong, firm cloth. Into the inner side of the strip *a*, is inserted, at regular and convenient intervals, the eyebolts *e*, *e*, to which are removably attached the yielding straps *C*, *C*, by hooks *f*, *f*. Into the inner side of *b*, near the end *c*, there is secured an eyebolt or ring *g*, and a corresponding eyebolt or ring *h*, into

the inner side of the strip *b*, and just below where the last strap *C*, is attached also eyebolts or rings *i*, *i*, along the inner side of *b*. To the eyebolt *g*, is fastened an elastic cord *D*, which runs along the inner side of the strip *b*, through the eyebolts or rings *i*, *i*, and secured to the bolt or ring *h*, the object of which will presently appear. Along the straps *C*, *C*, at convenient intervals are fastened double hooks *j*, *j*, to which the articles *H*, *H*, are detachably secured. Two convenient forms of these hooks are shown in Figs. 3, and 4. There are also secured to the back of the straps *C*, *C*, papers *E*, *E*, of the same length as the straps *C*, *C*, which papers are preferably of some color in striking contrast with the color of the articles attached to the straps *C*, *C*, as a back-ground for displaying them.

The manner of arranging and using our trays is as follows: The cord *D*, is fastened to the eyebolt *g*, and passed through the rings *i*, *i*, and secured at its other end to the bolt *h*. The straps with their papers *E*, *E*, secured to their under sides are removably fastened to the cord *D*, at one end and hooked into the eyebolts *e*, *e*, at the other end. The articles *H*, *H*, to be carried in the tray are then attached to the straps *C*, *C*, by the double hooks *j*, *j*, or clasped by well known spring-garment clasps one of which is shown in Fig. 4. If the articles be neckties which are longer than the distance between the straps *C*, *C*, then the lower end or apron of the article, runs under the strap *C*, next below.

The trays, with the articles secured to the straps in the manner above described, present a very attractive appearance with the articles of various colors resting upon a contrasting back-ground of colored paper. It will also be seen, that when they are displayed to the purchaser, the whole tray can be set up in an inclined position and quickly inspected and this without handling, as the custom hitherto has been. In this manner the goods are shown to a much better advantage and much more quickly and the samples will not be soiled nearly as soon as by the former manner of handling and when one line of samples has been sold out, it can be removed and a new line substituted without disturbing the remainder. In packing the trunk for transportation, the trays, thus arranged, are

packed the one over the other with their sides resting the one upon the other and in this manner the articles are in no manner injured by pressure the one upon the other.

5 It is manifest that the manner of attaching the articles in the tray, may be varied without departing from the spirit of our invention.

10 Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

15 1. A trunk and display tray, consisting of a frame, a yielding cord attached to one side of said tray and a yielding strap attached to said cord and to the opposite side of the tray on which the articles to be displayed are removably secured, for the purposes shown.

2. A trunk and display tray, consisting of a frame, with yielding straps, to which the

articles to be displayed are attached, secured 20 to the sides of the tray and colored backgrounds attached to said straps on which the articles are displayed, as and for the purposes shown.

3. A trunk and display tray, consisting of 25 a frame A, a strap C, secured to one side of the frame by hooks *e*, and eye bolts *f*, and to the other side by an elastic cord D passing through the eye-bolts *g* and *h* and rings *i*, *i*, substantially as described.

30 In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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