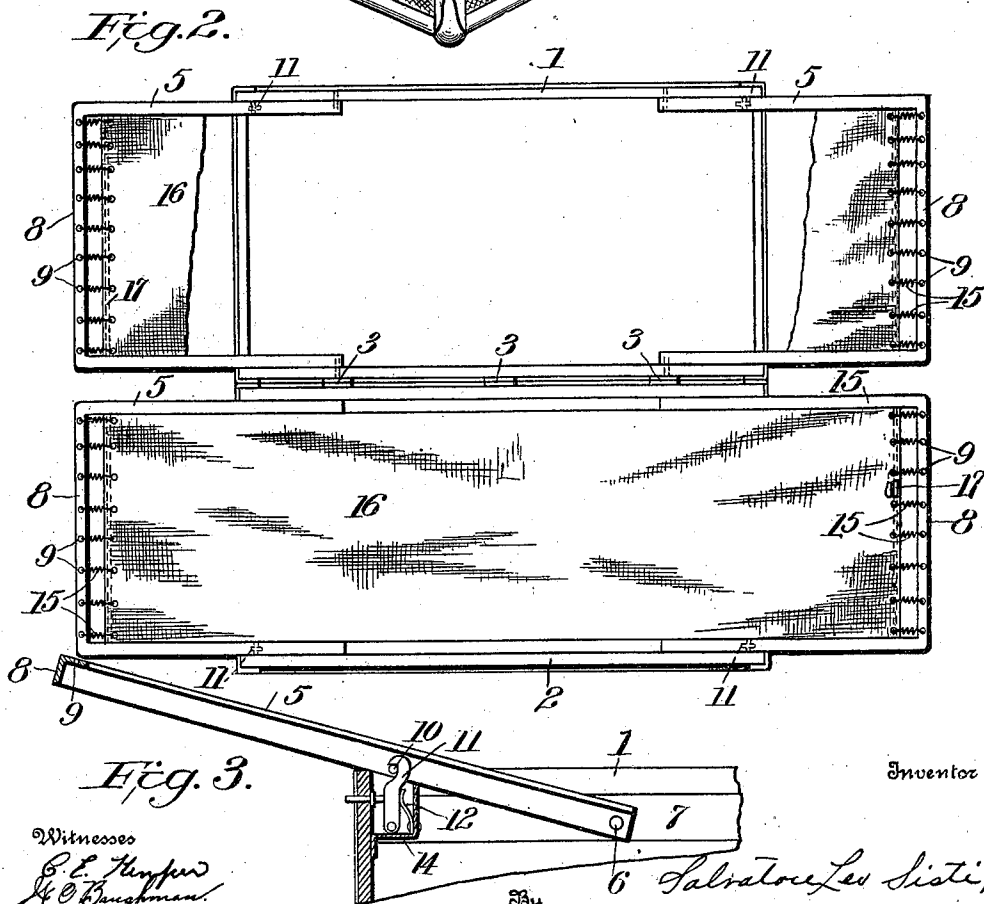
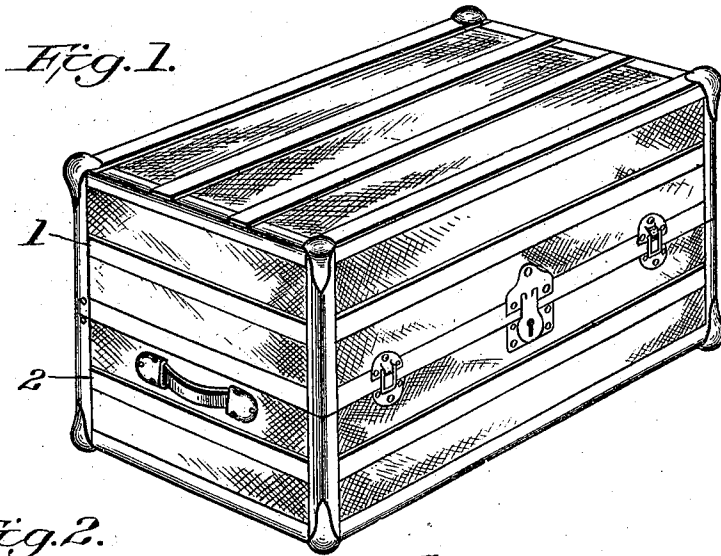


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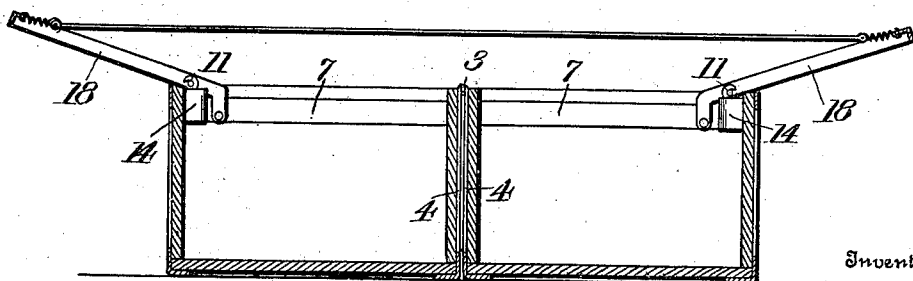
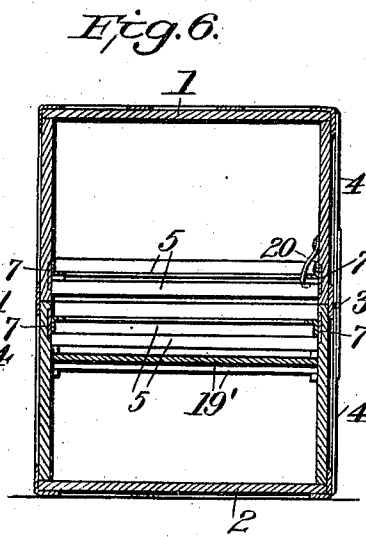
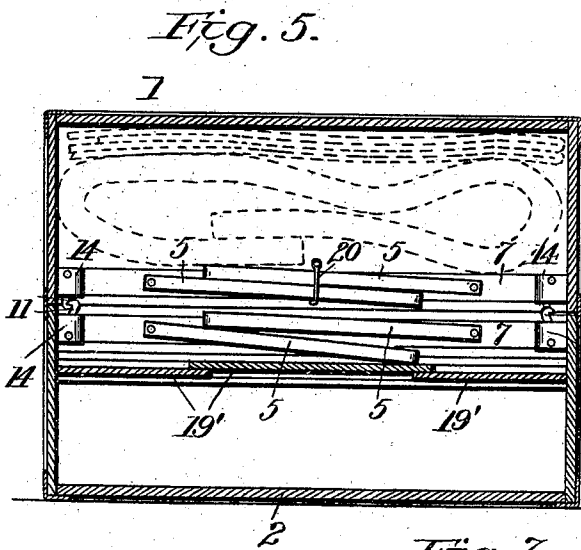
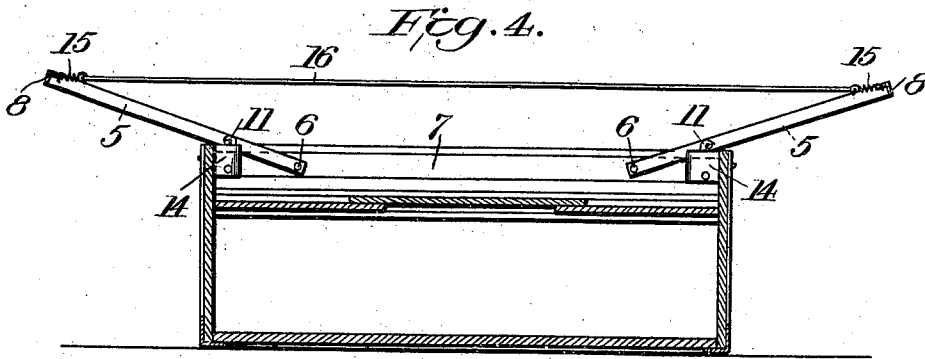
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SALVATORE LEO SISTI, a subject of the King of Italy, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Bedsteads and Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bedsteads, and more particularly to combination bedsteads and trunks.

One of the objects of the invention is to produce a bedstead that can be housed in an ordinary traveling trunk.

A further object is to produce a combined bedstead and trunk that is cheaply constructed and easily operated.

Another object is to produce a combined bed and trunk that is simple in its construction. And a further object is to produce a combined bed and trunk that is very light in construction and weight and at the same time durable in every particular.

With these objects in view, reference is had to the accompanying drawings which are made a part of this specification.

Like numerals of reference are used for the same parts in the several figures of the drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the combined bed and trunk closed. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the combined bed and trunk opened, ready to receive the mattress, partly broken away. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the latch used in holding the frame in its extended position. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section through the bed and trunk in the position in which it is ready for use as a bed. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section of the trunk closed and ready for shipping. Fig. 6 is a vertical cross section of the trunk closed and showing the bed frame in its folded position. Fig. 7 is a longitudinal view of a modified construction showing the bed ready to be occupied.

The numerals 1 and 2 indicate the upper and lower sections, respectively, of a trunk, which are hinged together at 3. These sections of the trunk are of the same size and are supported upon the back by strips 4, which strips abut against each other and take the strain off the hinges when the trunk is in the open position.

Near the ends of each section of the trunk is pivoted a U-shaped frame 5, mounted upon pivots 6. The pivots 6 are fastened

to a metal supporting bar 7 secured inside the front and rear walls of each trunk section. The end portion 8 of each U-shaped frame is provided with a series of apertures 9 for a purpose hereinafter explained. Each frame 5 rests upon the end wall of the trunk sections when in its open positions, and is provided with a pin 10, which engages with a latch 11 secured to the bar 7 and placed in the corner of the trunk section. A spring 12 keeps the latch closed over the pin 10, and a push pin 13 is provided for opening the latch when it is desired to fold the frames. The latch is inclosed in a casing 14 for protection.

Secured in the apertures 9 of the end bars of each U-shaped frame are the ends of a series of springs 15 the other ends of the springs being attached to the end of a web 16 of cloth or other material, and which is the supporting member of the bed, and upon which rests the body. Two of these supporting webs are used, one for each section of the trunk, and they may be covered with a mattress, quilt, or other covering for the body to rest upon. The springs yield enough to make one rest comfortably upon the bed, as is easily understood. Each web 16 has secured at the end a rod 17 which prevents tearing of the web and over which the ends of the springs 15 are fastened.

In Fig. 7 I have shown a form in which each section of the trunk carries a single U-shaped frame 18 extending from the side, instead of from the ends as in the other form of the invention. The frame in this form is pivoted and locked in open position in the same manner as in the other form shown in the other views. The frames 18 are connected together by a single web 19 instead of two webs as in the other form illustrated.

The lower section of the trunk is provided with sliding partitions 19', for the purpose of forming a separate compartment for clothes or other articles. The upper section of the trunk is provided with a hook 20, for the purpose of holding the frames in their folded position when closing the trunk. The trunk is provided with the usual lock and fasteners.

By reference to Figs. 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the drawings, it will be noted that the trunk is made up of two sections of equal size which are hinged one to the other along a center line and that when the sections are opened

the top and bottom will be on the same plane, and the sides which are connected by the hinges will abut. With this construction the upper edges of the sides of the sections will be held against separation by the hinges and the pressure of the frames or bars upon the opposite edges of the sections will tend to force the sides below the hinges against each other providing a rigid support for the pivoted arms or frames.

It is clear that various changes in the construction of the device described may be made by those skilled in the art, without departing from the principle and scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising two equal trunk sections hinged together, each section carrying a U-shaped frame at each end, said frames being pivoted to the trunk sections, and means for locking the frames in open position, substantially as described.

2. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising two equal trunk sections hinged together, each section being provided with supporting bars along its longitudinal walls and said supporting bars carrying hinged frames pivoted near their ends, substantially as described.

3. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising two trunk sections, each section supporting two U-shaped frames said frames being connected together by a flexible web, and springs for allowing an easy movement of the web, substantially as described.

4. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising trunk sections, U-shaped bed supporting frames pivotally secured within the sections, means engaging the frames for locking the latter in open position and means for locking the frames in closed position, substantially as described.

5. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising trunk sections, U-shaped bed supporting frames pivotally secured to each section near each end thereof, the U-shaped frames abutting against the end walls of the sections when the frames are in open position and lying within the sections when in closed position.

6. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising trunk sections hinged together, U-shaped bed-supporting frames pivoted to each section near each end of the latter, the U-shaped frames abutting against the end walls of the sections when the frames are in open position and locking hooks carried by the sections and engaging the frames for

locking the latter in open position, substantially as described.

7. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising two trunk sections, U-shaped bed-supporting frames pivoted within the sections, there being a U-shaped frame disposed at each end of each section, and webs connecting the U-shaped frames of each section.

8. A combination bedstead and trunk comprising trunk sections, supporting bars disposed along the longitudinal walls of each section, bed supporting frames pivoted to the supporting bars near the ends of the latter, studs carried by the supporting frames, hooks carried by the trunk sections for engagement with the studs, and means for operating the hooks, substantially as described.

9. In a combination bedstead and trunk, a box like structure to which is pivoted below the plane of the upper edge, web-supporting frames comprising parallel sides and cross-bars and locking means attached to the trunk for engagement with the side bars when said side bars are swung upon their pivots to extend beyond the walls of the trunk.

10. In a combination bedstead and trunk, a pair of web-supporting frames comprising parallel bars and transverse connecting members, means for maintaining such supporting frames in pivotal engagement with the side walls of the trunk, the maintaining means being positioned so that the frames may be swung thereon to be housed within the trunk or extended beyond the sides of the same, means for holding the frames in extended position, and a flexible support attached at its ends to the cross-bars of opposite frames.

11. In a device of the character described, a structure comprising a trunk-like receptacle, having a base and a top of equal dimensions which are hinged to each other, pivoted web-supporting frames attached to the receptacle at a point within the end walls and below the plane of the edges thereof; said frames being of such dimensions that they may be housed within the section to which they are pivoted and when projected will rest upon the edges of the end walls and extend outward at an upward inclination therefrom, and means for engagement with the side bars of the frames for holding the same in their extended position.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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