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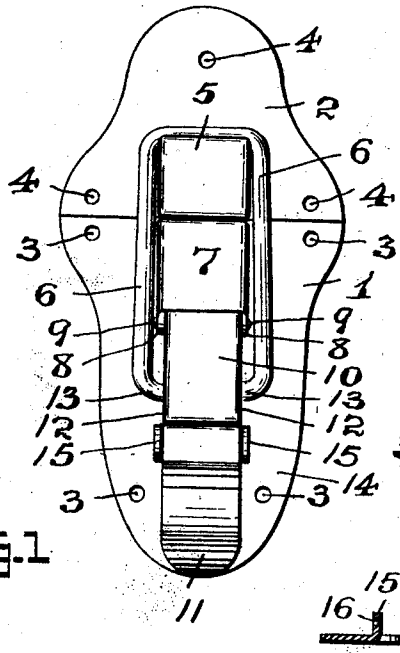



Fig. 1

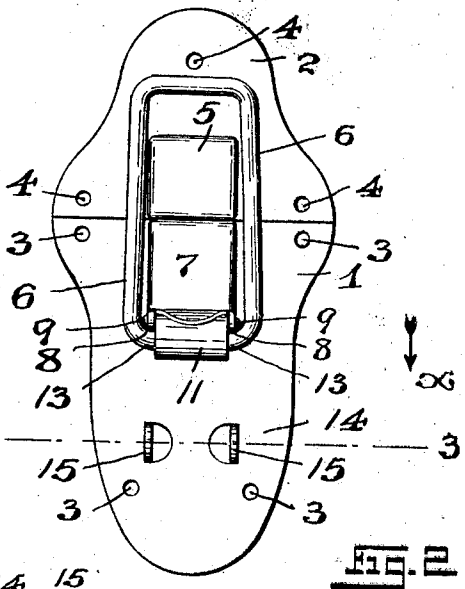



Fig. 2

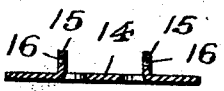



Fig. 3

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH S. ISIDOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catches for Trunks, Suitcases, and the like; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates, generally, to improvements in that class of catches or fasteners which are adapted for use with trunks, suitcases, and the like; and, the present invention has reference, more particularly, to a novel construction trunk or suitcase catch or fastener, one of the usual plate or body-members of which is provided with outwardly extending lugs, serving to provide a means for securing the loop-actuating lever of the catch when closed down, in a fixed position against lateral or sidewise movement.

With the objects of the present invention in view, the said invention consists in the novel arrangements and combinations of the several devices and parts, as well as in the details of the construction of the said parts, all of which will be more fully described in the following specification, and then finally embodied in the claim, which is appended to and which forms an essential part of the said specification.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front face view of a trunk-catch, showing one embodiment of the principles of the present invention, the fastening loop and the actuating lever of the same, being represented in their closed down or locked positions; Fig. 2 is a similar view of the trunk-catch, with the said fastening loop and the actuating lever shown in their raised positions; and Fig. 3 is a horizontal section, taken on line 3—3 in said Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrow $x$.

Similar characters of reference are employed in all of the said above described views, to indicate corresponding parts.

Referring now to the several figures of the drawings, the reference characters 1 and 2 indicate the body-members of a trunk-catch, which members may be of any desired marginal configuration, the member 1 being provided with a series of nail-receiving holes 3 for attachment of said member to a body, and the member 2 being likewise provided with a series of nail-receiving holes 4 for its attachment to the lid or cover of said body, in the manner usual with such catches or fasteners for trunks, suitcases, and the like. As shown, the member 2 is provided with the usual catch-member or enlargement 5, with which the usual loop 6 is adapted to be brought into holding or retaining engagement, substantially as shown in Figures 1 and 4 of the drawings.

At its upper edge-portion, the said member 1 is provided with the usual bolt-receiving shell 7, with which a bolt, with which the said catch-member 5 is provided, said bolt however not being shown in the drawings, is adapted to engage in the usual manner. At its lower end-portion, the said shell 7 is provided with a pair of perforated lugs or ears 8, for the reception of a pin 9, upon which is pivotally mounted, between said ears or lugs, the upper end-portion of the usual spring-controlled lever 10 of the usual construction, said lever terminating at its lower end in a suitably formed finger-piece 11. Pivotally connected with the longitudinally extending side-walls 12 of the said lever 10, in the usual manner, are the pivot-ends 13 of said tightening loop 6, substantially in the manner shown in said Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings.

It will be seen from the drawings, that the lower portion 14 of the body-member 1 has forced out therefrom a pair of lugs 15, extending at right angles from the front face of the said member 1, said lugs being sufficiently apart so as to provide a proper space between the lugs, to permit the lever 10 to snugly enter between said lugs, without binding, thus allowing for slight movement of the lever vertically between said lugs but fitted in a manner so that any side-play of the lever, when closed down, is impossible.

As shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the said lugs 15 may also be provided with holes or perforations 16, through which the wires of the usual seal may be threaded and sealed down over the closed lever, thus locking

the lever in its closed position to prevent tampering or pilfering of the trunk or other container with which the catch or fastener is used.

The operation of the herein-above described parts of the device will be readily understood from an inspection of the several figures of the drawings, and any further description of the same is therefore deemed unnecessary.

I claim:—

A trunk-catch comprising an upper and lower body-member, a lever pivoted to said lower member, a retaining means connected with said lever and adapted to be brought into separable holding engagement with said upper body-member, and a pair of lugs forced out of and extending forwardly at right angles from the outer face of said lower body-member, between which the said lever is adapted to enter so that said lugs are disposed contiguous to the marginal edge-portions of said lever and in contact therewith to prevent side-play of said lever, but permitting movement vertically of the lever between said lugs.

In testimony that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of August, 1921.

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