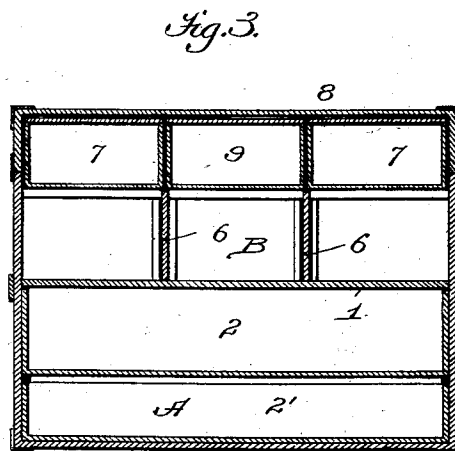
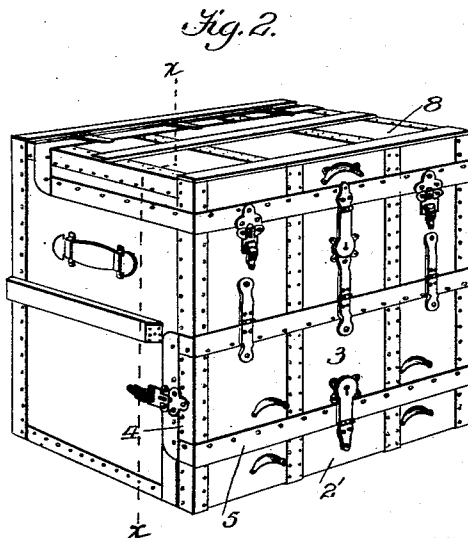
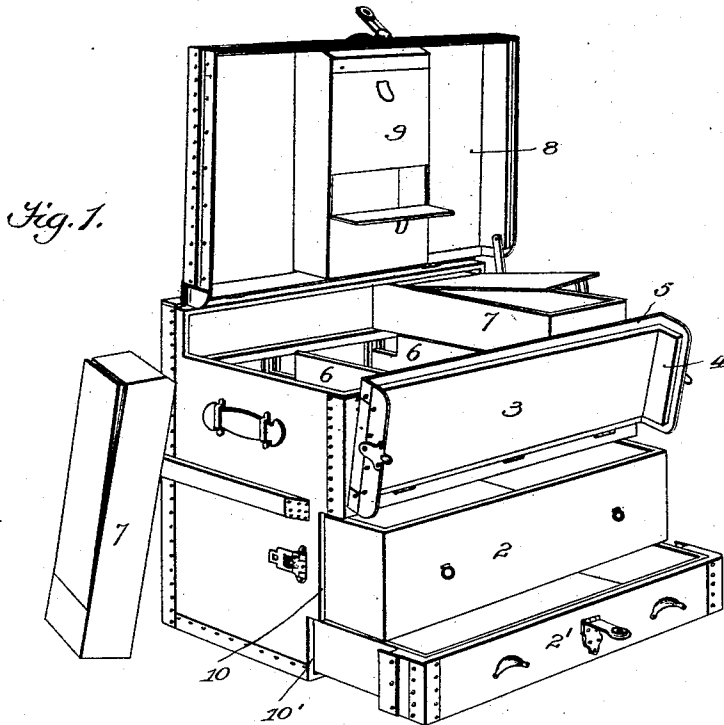


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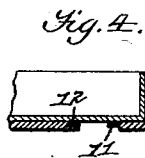
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CALVIN R. STARR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, 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.

The object of my invention is to provide a trunk every part of which shall be readily accessible without disturbing the contents of the other parts.

My invention relates particularly to trunks that are divided by a horizontal partition into two sections, each provided with independent drawers, trays, or receptacles; and the invention consists substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the opened trunk, the drawers in the lower section being partly pulled out. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the trunk closed. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line *xx* of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a detail view showing dowel-pins.

The shell of the trunk is divided at about its middle by a horizontal partition 1 into two separate sections A and B. The lower section A, which is open at the front side of the trunk, contains any desirable number of sliding trays or drawers 2 2', two being illustrated. When these trays or drawers are pushed in, the opening is closed and the drawers or trays locked within the trunk by a cover or door 3, which is hinged to the upper edge of the opening. The lid 3 has end lips 4 and a flange 5. The end parts fit over the protruding ends of the drawers or trays and the flange 5 fits along the upper edge of the lower drawer 2'. The end lips 4 of the cover 3 are shown to have hooks which receive spring-catches on the ends of the trunk, and the door may also be locked to the front of the lower drawer 2' by any suitable trunk-lock.

As is well known, trunks are subject to rough handling, and the corners particularly should be well braced. In order to strengthen my trunk at the lower corners where the drawers are, I recess the sides of the trunk,

as shown at 10 and 10'. The recess 10 is made of a height equal to the depth of the upper drawer and the recess 10' equal to the depth of the lower drawer. The front part of the lower drawer at its top, bottom, and sides is reinforced with wood equal in thickness to that of the sides of the trunk, as shown, and the inner edges and inner upper corners of the reinforcing material on the ends of the trunk fit in the recess 10'. The inner sides and ends of the cover for the opening in the front of the trunk are also furnished with a thickness of wood equal to that forming the shell of the trunk and of such dimensions that it fills the space between the upper edges of the front part of the lower drawer, including the recess, and so that when the drawers are pushed in and the cover closed a wall is provided at the front and lower corners of the trunk corresponding uniformly with the wall of the shell of the trunk.

Dowels 11 may be employed in the edge of the reinforcing material on the lower side of the front of the lower drawer to enter corresponding holes 12 in the front edge of the bottom of the trunk when that drawer is pushed in. The lower corners are thus braced practically as strongly as though the shell were solid, as ordinarily constructed.

The upper section B of the trunk will preferably have its lower part divided into three compartments of equal size by removable partitions 6. Over the compartments at each end of the section B, I place removable boxes or trays 7, and secured to the lid of the trunk 8 is a third box or receptacle 9, which, when the lid is closed, fits down in and fills the space over middle compartment. The lid of course will be furnished with a suitable lock for fastening it closed upon the trunk.

The placing of the box or receptacle 9 in the lid of the trunk makes easy the apprehension and removal of the end trays or boxes and at the same time utilizes the space between said trays.

It will be obvious that my improved trunk as herein shown will be especially advantageous to travelers, as it not only affords numerous independent places for packing different articles, but also permits quick and convenient access to these articles. It will also be useful to two persons traveling or

rooming together, as each may appropriate a separate section A or B of the trunk, capable of being locked by different keys.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A trunk having its shell divided horizontally into two independent sections A and B, the upper section B having vertical partitions 6 6 to form compartments opening upwardly, boxes or receptacles 7 7 removably supported over the outer of said compartments, a lid 8 for the section B containing a box or receptacle 9 to fit in the space between the boxes 7 7, the section A open at its front, recesses 10 10' in the sides thereof, a drawer 2 to slide in the upper part of said section, and a drawer 2' in the bottom of the section having a reinforced portion adapted to fit in the recesses 10', and a reinforced door 3 to fit in recesses 10, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a trunk, a shell open at its lower front wall, recesses 10 10' in the sides thereof, a drawer 2 sliding in the upper part of said opening, a drawer 2' in the bottom of said shell having a reinforced portion adapted to fit in recesses 10', and a reinforced door 3 to fit on the recesses 10, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a trunk, a shell open at its front side near its bottom, recesses 10' in the sides of said shell, a drawer to slide in the bottom of said shell having a reinforced portion adapted to fit in said recesses, substantially as and for the purpose explained.

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

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