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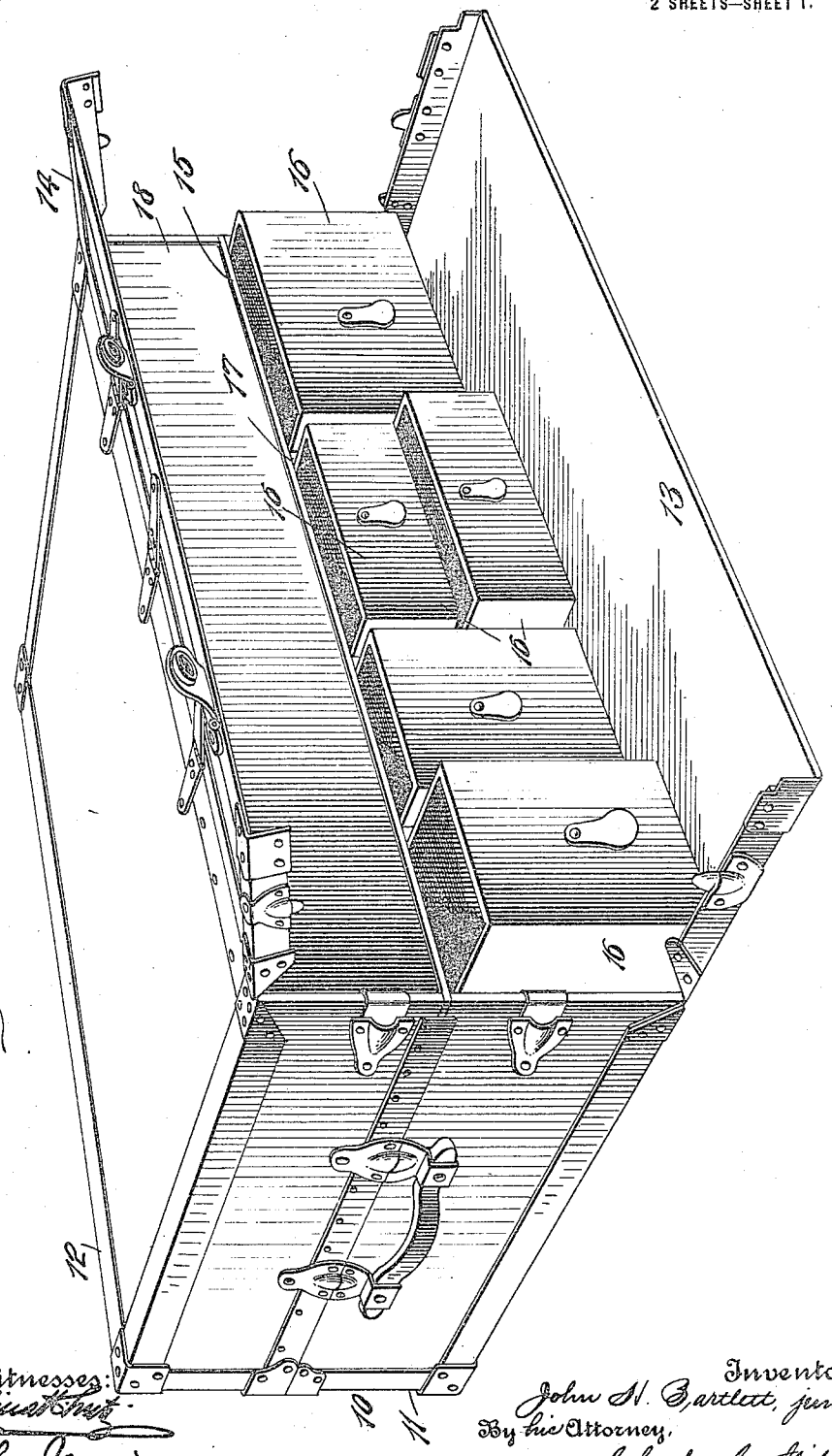


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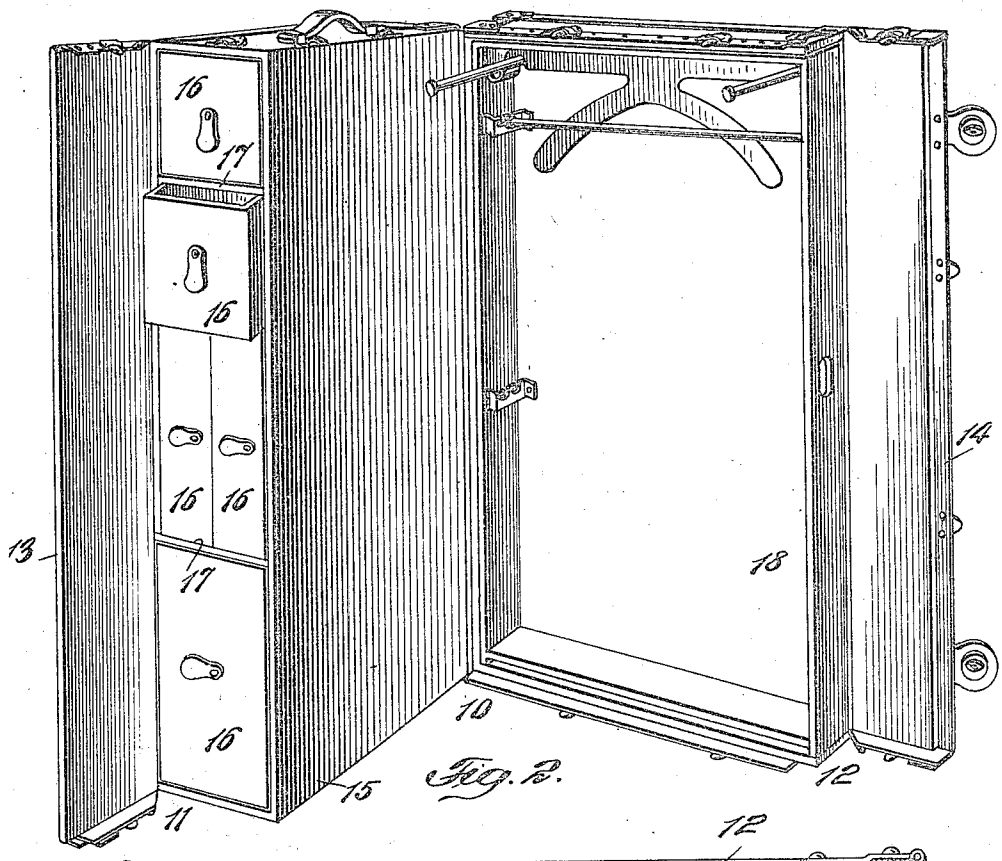


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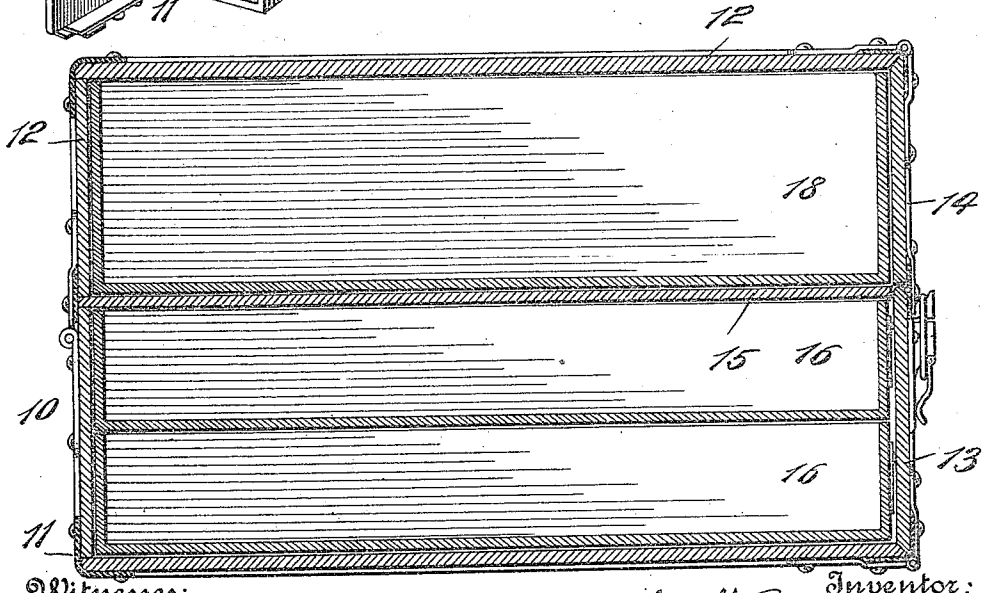


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. BARTLETT, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

The invention pertains more particularly to what may be classed as steamer trunks, and it consists in the novel features, structure and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The trunk of my invention comprises a body portion, a cover portion hinged thereto at the rear edge thereof, as usual, a hinged front for said cover portion, a hinged front for said body portion, a removable wardrobe tray in said cover portion, and a series of drawers in said body portion.

In accordance with the construction presented by me the steamer trunk may rest on its bottom under a berth and have either the front of its cover section opened for the removal of the wardrobe tray or the front of its body section opened for access to any of the several drawers located in said section, or the trunk may be withdrawn from under a berth or other confined place and set on end and opened along the line between the cover section and body section and allowed thus to stand with the wardrobe tray reversed within the cover section to expose its contents at the front and the outer ends of the drawers fully exposed in the body section, the hinged fronts of these sections being preferably opened. The body section is closed at its normally upper end by a partition between which and the bottom of said section the several drawers are located, and which partition when the two sections of the trunk are closed together affords a support for the wardrobe tray in the cover section.

The invention will be fully understood from the detailed description hereinafter presented, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk constructed in accordance with and embodying my invention, the body and cover sections being shown in their closed together position with the hinged fronts of said sections shown in an open position, and the drawers in the body section being illustrated as partly pulled outwardly; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the trunk shown as standing on end and opened, with the wardrobe tray reversed in the cover section so as to expose the interior thereof, one of the drawers being shown in a partly open position and the hinged fronts of the cover and body sections being shown opened, and Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section through the trunk with the cover and body sections in their closed position.

In the drawings, 10 designates the trunk as a whole, 11 the body section or portion thereof, and 12 the cover portion or section thereof, these two parts being hinged together along their rear edge in the customary way of securing covers to the body portions of trunks. The body portion 11 is provided with a hinged front 13 adapted to open downwardly against the floor, and the cover portion 12 is provided with a hinged front 14 adapted to be turned upwardly. The body portion 11 is closed in its top or upper end by a partition 15, and said section has between said partition and its bottom a series of drawers 16 varying in dimensions so as to adapt them for conveniently receiving the various articles a traveler might desire to have in the trunk. The drawers 16 fill the space between the partition 15 and the bottom of the trunk, as illustrated, vertical partitions 17 being provided to separate the drawers from one another.

Within the cover section or portion 12 is placed a removable wardrobe tray 18, this tray completely filling said cover portion or section and being at the proper time closed in by the hinged front section 14. The tray 18 is open at one side so as to fully expose the interior thereof, as shown in Fig. 2, and said tray is equipped with suitable supports and hangers for garments, as indicated at the upper portion of Fig. 2, these features in their details not being essential to the present invention and to be embodied in another application to be filed therefor. When the tray 18 is within the trunk, its closed side, then at the bottom, will be supported upon the partition 15, as shown in Fig. 3.

In the use of the trunk the tray 18 may be withdrawn from the trunk and stood on end at any convenient place, or, if preferred, the entire trunk may be stood on end and opened, as shown in Fig. 2, and the tray reversed in position, that is taken out of the cover section 12 and turned around to expose

its open front and then restored to said cover section whereupon the interior of the wardrobe tray will become exposed. When the trunk is stood on end it is desirable that the then two upper drawers 16 be reversed in position or turned from the position in which they are shown in Fig. 1 to that illustrated in Fig. 2 so that their open tops may face upwardly. It is intended to carry small articles in the two square-front drawers, and hence the open tops of these drawers should face upwardly when the trunk is placed on end. The other drawers are of some considerable dimensions and will receive clothing which will probably be held in position by tapes. The trunk of my invention may thus be utilized to carry a series of drawers and also a wardrobe tray and either the tray or drawers may be drawn out from the front of the trunk without opening the cover section 12 or the trunk itself may be stood on end and opened and when in its open position contain both the series of drawers and wardrobe tray. I regard it as a highly desirable feature of my invention that the trunk may be opened and stood on end and expose the wardrobe tray and the ends of the drawers. After the trunk has been in use while in the condition shown in Fig. 2 and it is desired to again close the trunk for shipment or other purpose, the wardrobe tray 18 will be taken from the cover section and turned around and restored to said section with its open front facing the inner face of the cover section and thereupon the trunk may be closed, the then closed back of the wardrobe tray finally engaging the partition 15, or in lieu of this method of procedure the wardrobe tray may be withdrawn from the cover section and the trunk closed and said tray then slid to position within the cover section, the hinged front section 14 being opened or left open for this purpose.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A trunk comprising a body section and a cover section hinged together along their rear edges and each having an independently hinged front, the body section containing receptacles and having a top separating it from the cover section, and said cover section having within it a wardrobe tray.

2. A trunk comprising a body section and a cover section hinged together along their rear edges and each having an independently hinged front, the body section containing receptacles and having a top separating it from the cover section, and said cover section having within it a wardrobe tray said tray being removable from and reversible in the cover section.

3. A trunk comprising a body section and a cover section hinged together along their rear edges and each having an independently hinged front, that of the cover section to turn upwardly and that of the body section downwardly, and one of said sections having a partition at its inner face, one of said sections containing receptacles and the other a wardrobe tray.

4. A trunk comprising a body section and a cover section hinged together along their rear edges and each having an independently hinged front, that of the cover section to turn upwardly and that of the body section downwardly, and one of said sections having a partition at its inner face, one of said sections containing receptacles and the other a wardrobe tray, and said tray being removable from and reversible in the section containing it.

5. A trunk comprising a body section and a cover section hinged together along their rear edges and having independent receptacles therein, one being a wardrobe tray substantially fitting the section containing it, and each of said sections having a hinged front.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 28th day of August A. D. 1914.

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