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WRITING DESK TRUNK.

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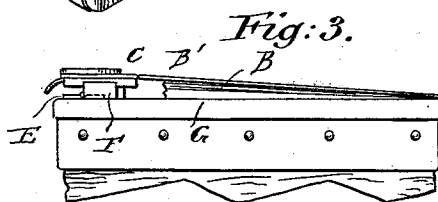
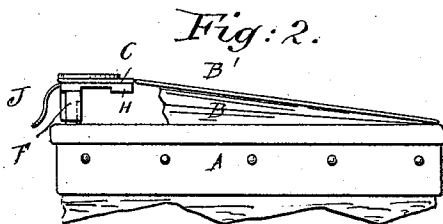
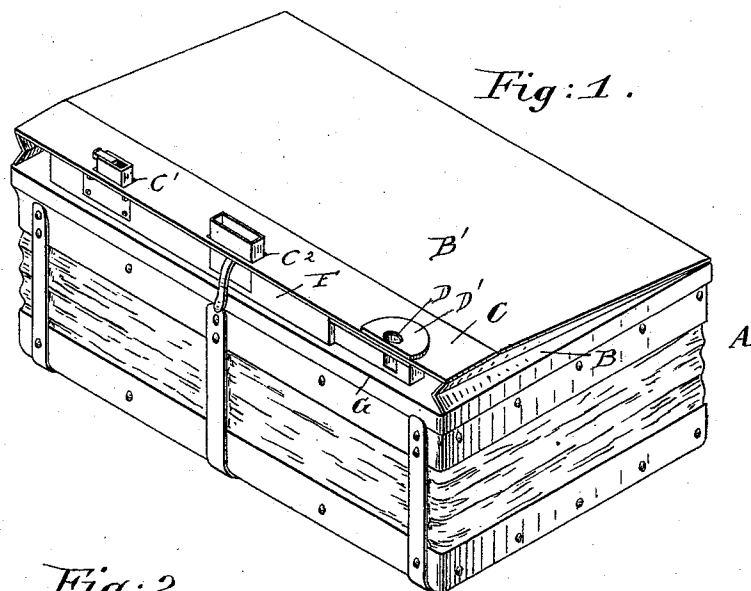


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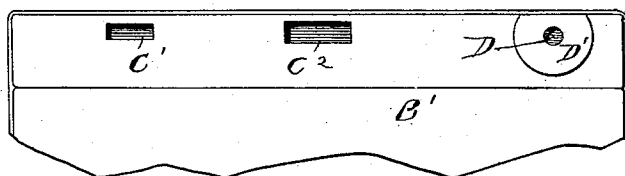


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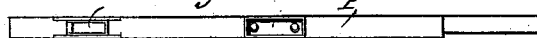
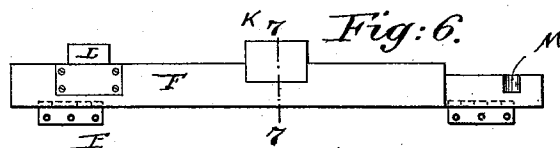


Fig: 6.



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WRITING-DESK TRUNK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EBERHARD GRAF VON PFEIL, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing in Hansdorf, Silesia, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Writing-Desk Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a new and improved trunk or satchel which can be readily adjusted for use as a writing desk, part of it serving as a compartment for paper, envelopes, blotters, pens, &c.

The invention consists in the combination with a trunk or satchel, of a pocket formed on one side of the same, a strip on the side of said pocket along one edge, which strip has apertures and a bar hinged to the side of the trunk below said strip and having receptacles projecting from its edge, which receptacles when the bar is swung on edge can pass through the apertures in the strip, the strip being raised so that the side of the pocket forms a writing support.

The invention also consists of the construction and combination of parts and details as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk provided with my improved writing desk attachment, said attachment being adjusted for use. Fig. 2 is an end view of the upper part of the trunk with a writing-desk attachment, with the latter adjusted for use. Fig. 3 is a similar view, showing the desk attachment folded. Fig. 4 is a top view of the swinging end of the writing desk attachment. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the bar for holding the top-plate of the attachment in raised position. Fig. 6 is a side view of the same, and Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional view on the line 7, 7, Fig. 6.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The trunk or satchel A is of the usual construction and is provided at one side with a pocket B having folding ends, the outer side B' of said pocket being formed of material of sufficient rigidity and stiffness to serve as a support for papers while writing on them. A strip C is secured to the swinging edge of said side B' and is provided with the slots C', C² and also the aperture D around the edges of

which a metal plate D' is fastened on said strip C.

As shown in the drawings, the strip C is arranged slightly at an angle to the side B' about in the same manner as a top ledge of a writing-desk is arranged in relation to the inclined support. By means of hinges E, a bar F is hinged to the outer side G of the trunk A below the strip C of the pocket B, and in such a manner that it can be swung on edge as shown in Fig. 2, to hold the swinging end of the side B' in raised position, or can be folded down on the side G of the trunk when the pocket B is closed.

To the under side of the strip C two cleats H are fastened which are provided with notches for receiving part of the bar F when the same is folded as shown in Fig. 3. A strap J is secured to the swinging edge of the bar F to permit of pulling the same from the folded position shown in Fig. 3 to the raised position shown in Fig. 2.

In a recess in the top edge of the bar F a receptacle K for receiving matches is fastened in such a manner that when said bar F is raised to the position on edge, said receptacle K passes through the slot C² of the strip C. A tight closing ink-well L of oblong shape is also fastened on the top edge of the bar F to project from said top edge and to pass through the slot C' of the strip C when the bar F is swung on edge.

A recess or aperture M is provided in the upper edge of the bar F in such position that when the bar is raised, said aperture M will register with the aperture D in the strip C.

To adjust the attachment for use as a writing-desk, all that is necessary is to grasp the strap J and pull the same outward whereby the bar F is swung on edge, the match-safe or receptacle K passing through the slot C² and the ink-well L through the slot C', whereby the bar F is locked in the position on edge. The swinging edge of the side B' of the pocket B is now raised and forms an inclined writing support. A candle can be placed into the apertures D, M, so as to furnish light when writing at night. The ink-well L is so constructed as to close absolutely liquid tight when not in use. After the writing has been done, the free end of the cover or side B' is raised, so as to disengage the

same from the match-box or receptacle K and ink-well L, and the bar F is swung down upon the side G of the trunk as shown in Fig. 3, and the side B' of the pocket folded on the same.

- 5 The pocket serves as a receptacle for writing-paper, blotters, pads, envelopes, pens, &c.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

- 10 1. The combination, with a trunk or satchel, of a pocket on one side of the same, a strip on the outer side of the pocket along the open edge, which strip has slots, and of a bar 15 hinged to the side of the trunk below said open edge of the side of the pocket, and receptacles projecting from the edge of said bar and adapted to pass through the slots in the strip on the edge of the side of the pocket, substantially as set forth.
- 20 2. The combination, with a trunk or satchel having a pocket on one side, of a strip secured to the side of the pocket along the edge of the same, and provided with slots, a bar hinged to the side of the trunk below said

strip, receptacles projecting from the edge of 25 the bar, and notched cleats on the under side of the strip, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with a trunk or satchel, of a pocket on one side of the same, of a strip 30 secured to the side of the pocket along one edge, and provided with apertures, a bar hinged to the side of the trunk below said strip, receptacles projecting from the edge of 35 said bar and adapted to pass through some of the apertures in the strip, said bar being provided in its edge with an aperture adapted to register with one of the apertures in the strip when said bar is raised, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 40 my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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