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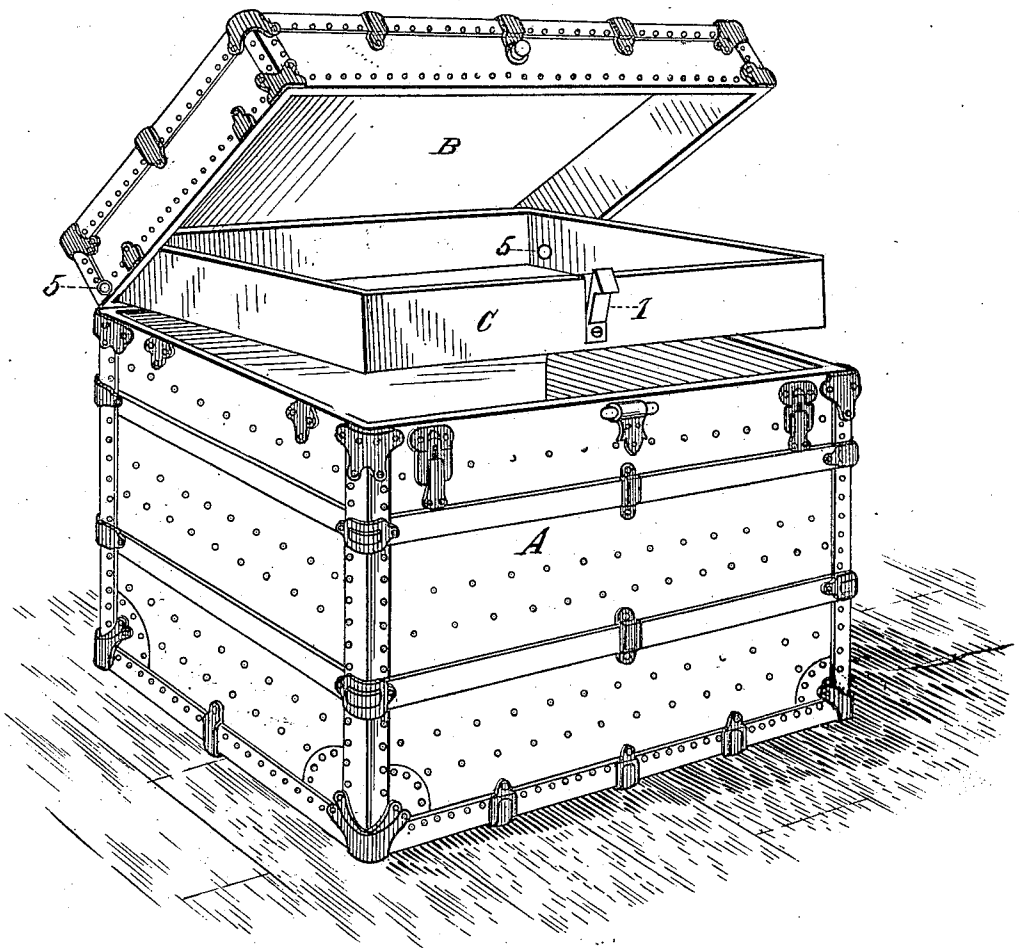



Fig 1.

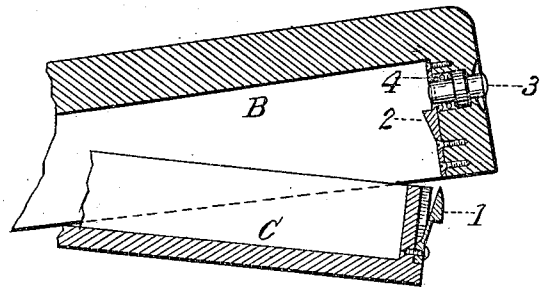



Fig 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD MORRIS HARDESTY, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to trunks, and especially to such as are provided with a tray hinged in the lid thereof; and the object of my invention is to provide a simple convenient fastening to hold the tray in its place when the trunk is opened and to readily detach it when desired; and it consists in a spring-latch attached to the outside of the tray and adapted to coöperate with a rigid catch on the inside of the lid, so as to hold the tray in place or release it, as desired.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a trunk, of which A represents the body, B the lid, and C the tray hinged therein. Fig. 2 represents a section showing details of the fastening.

Like characters of reference refer to like parts in both drawings.

Upon the front side of the tray C is a spring-latch 1, and upon the inside of the front of the lid B is a rigid catch 2, so arranged that when the tray is closed into the lid the latch 1 slips over and interlocks with the catch 2. A pin 3 is contained in a hole bored through the side of the lid, so that when the tray is closed and the latch 1 is interlocked with the catch 2 the said pin 3 is adapted to bear upon the interlocked portion of latch 1, and when it is pressed inwardly it bears upon the spring-latch 1 and unlocks it from contact with the catch 2, and thus allows the tray to open outwardly from the lid. This pin 3 is held in place by an encircling spring 4, which bears against a collar upon said pin at one end and at the other against the plate forming parts of the catch 2.

I claim—

1. In a trunk of the character specified a tray hinged in the lid thereof, a spring-latch upon one of the outer sides of said tray, a rigid catch upon the inside of the lid of the trunk and adapted to engage the said latch, and a pin passing through the side of the lid and adapted to be pressed inwardly against the said spring-latch and thus disengage it from the catch, and thereby release the tray, substantially as herein set forth.

2. In a trunk of the character specified a tray hinged in the lid thereof, a spring-latch upon one of the outer sides of said tray, a rigid catch upon the inside of the lid of the trunk and adapted to engage the said latch, and a pin passing through the side of the lid and adapted to be pressed inwardly against the said spring-latch and thus disengage it from the catch, and thereby release the tray, and a spring adapted to hold said pin normally away from said latch, substantially as herein set forth.

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

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