

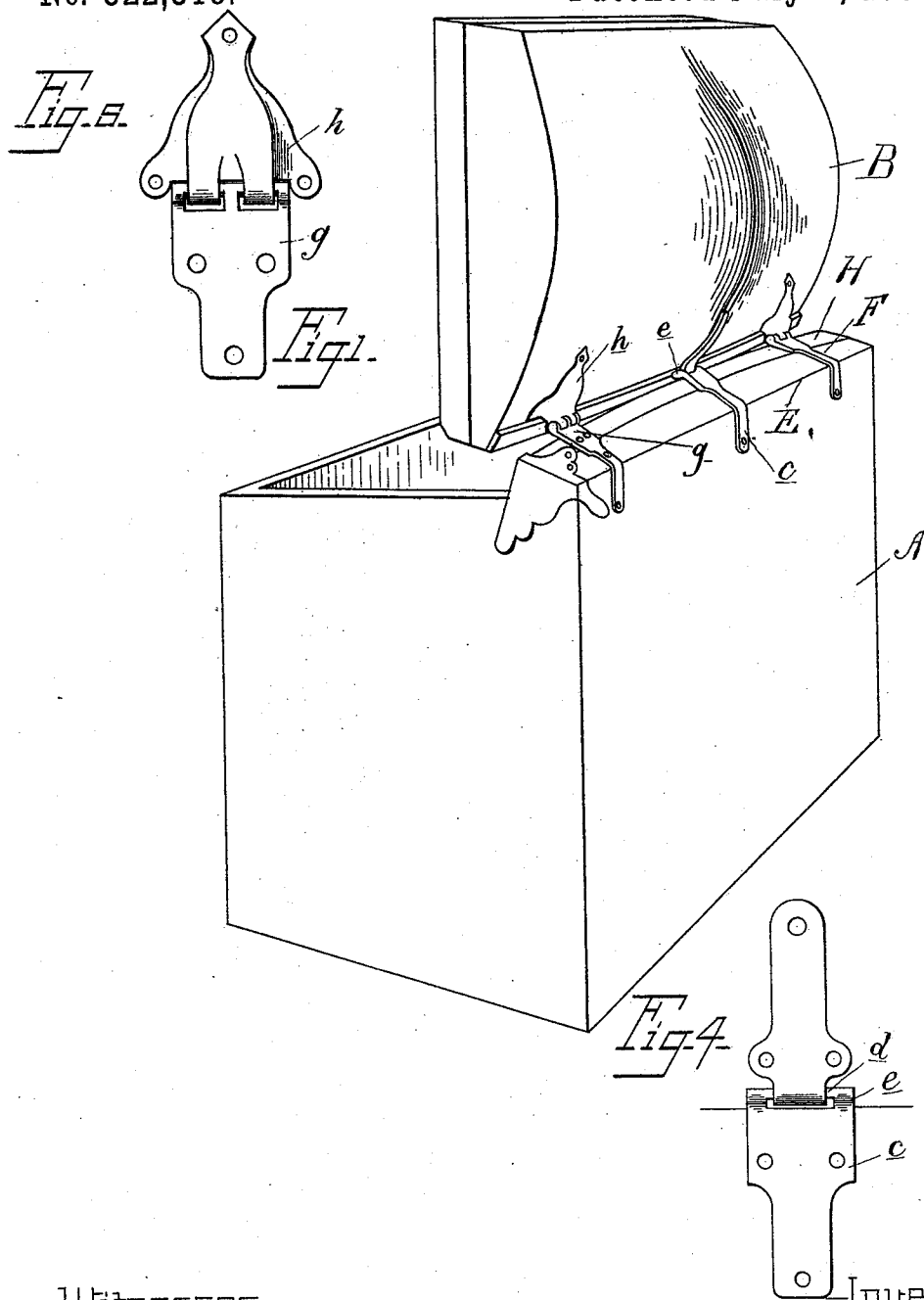
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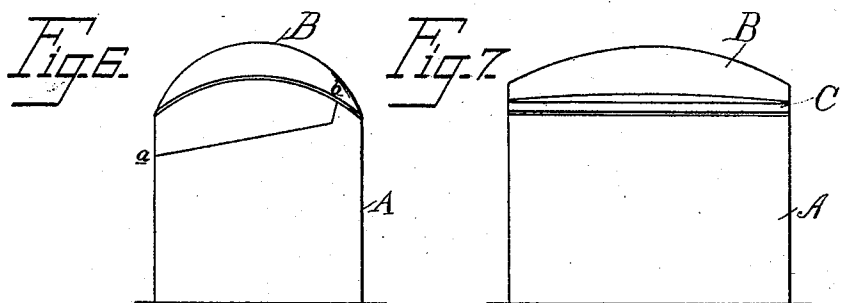
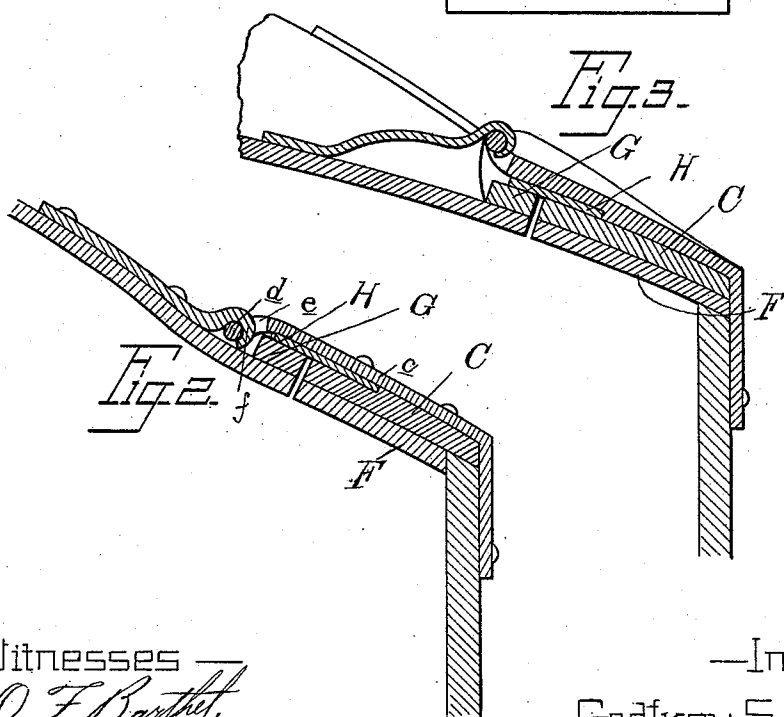
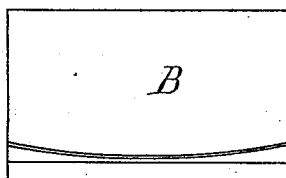


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GODFREY S. EGGEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction of the top and the hinge joint by which the top is connected to the body in swell top or "barrel" top trunks.

The invention further consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts, all as more fully hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a central section through the central hinge. Fig. 3 is a central section through one of the end hinges. Fig. 4 is a plan of the central hinge. Fig. 5 is a plan of one of the end hinges. Fig. 6 is an end elevation of the trunk, in process of manufacture. Fig. 7 is a rear elevation thereof. Fig. 8 is a top plan view. These last three figures illustrate the manner of manufacturing the trunks.

One of the objects of my invention is to construct a so called wall trunk (that is one in which the top is so hinged to the body that it may be fully opened while the trunk is against the wall) and to construct such a trunk economically and of the desired strength.

To this end I construct my trunk by forming a body A, (Fig. 6) and a top B, the top being a curved barrel top or swell top being secured to the body.

The trunk top is next formed by sawing the body on the line *a b* and sawing through the top C on a straight line connecting the points *b b*. At this stage of manufacture the trunk consists of the body having the extensions E at its rear edge, and the forwardly extending ledge or strip F, which is covered by a divided reinforcing strip, the forward portion G thereof, being secured to the rear edge of the top of the trunk top, conforming in contour with the top, and yet presenting a straight edge to form the hinge joint.

The body and top thus formed are hinged together by hinges which are especially designed for this construction to give a proper

motion, with a tight joint to the curved meeting edges.

H is a valance covering the joint in the reinforcing strip.

The central hinge has a pintle strap-section *c* having its pintle *d* formed between the lugs *e* bent downward over the front edge of the reinforcing strip, the hook section *f* secured to the top and having its hook engaging over the pintle. (See Fig. 2.) This construction brings the pintle and its engaging hook down near the top, out of the way of possible breakage by rough handling, and also so that the pintles of the end hinges, in line therewith, need to be raised very slightly.

The end hinges consist of a pintle section *g* and hook section *h*, substantially like the middle hinge, except that the pintle is raised from the strap, so that it is in line with the hinge point of the trunk at the middle.

When the trunk is open, the top will stand vertically without projecting beyond the back, thus permitting it to be opened while standing against the wall. When closed, the rear edge of the top fits under the valance, thus making a break-joint.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a trunk, the combination with the body, of a top curved in the direction of its length and width, a ledge extending forward from the back of the body forming a complementary portion of the top when closed, a central hinge on the ledge having a downwardly bent end, a pintle supported therein, end hinges on the ledge having upwardly bent ends, pintles supported therein, and straps secured to the top engaging the pintles, substantially as described.

2. In a trunk, the combination of the body, a top curved in the direction of its length, a forwardly extending ledge at the back, to which the top is hinged, the hinge joint being located at the highest point, and of end hinges raised to have their pintles in line with such joint, substantially as described.

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

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