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Fig. 1.

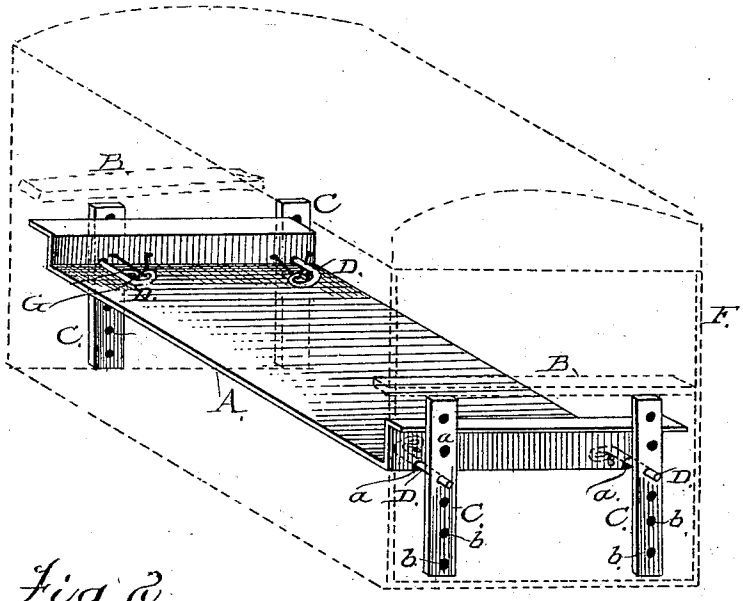
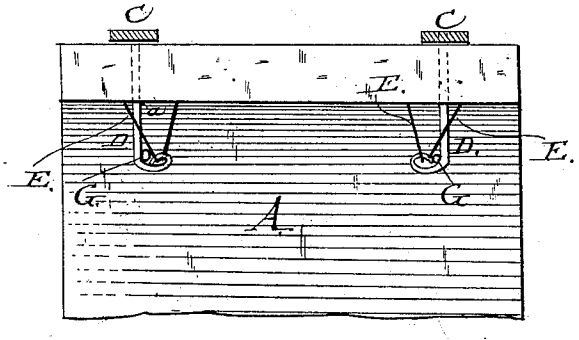


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. COLUMBUS HUDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, 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.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in trays for trunks, and has for its object to provide a trunk-tray which shall be adjustable between the bottom of the trunk and the ordinary bottom tray; and with this end in view my invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter fully described, and specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may understand the construction and operation of my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same in detail, referring by letters to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement attached to the interior end of a trunk. Fig. 2 is a plan view of one end of the tray, showing the upright posts in section and the bolts held back by the stops or catches.

A is my improved tray, having small holes or sockets *a* in the ends, and with pins or catches G.

C are upright posts erected at the ends of the trunk, and provided with small holes *b*.

B is the ordinary stop upon which the regular trunk-tray rests.

D is a pin or bolt having an eye in the handle, as shown, and with a rubber spring, E, passing through said eye and fastened to the tray.

The application and mode of operation of the several parts of my improvement are as follows: The bolt D is first inserted in the socket *a* in the tray, and the rubber spring E, which, in its normal position on the tray, is in a distended state, is then passed into the eye in the handle of said bolt, and the latter is then pulled back and turned over, so as to rest against the catch or stop G, in the manner shown in the drawings. The tray is then placed to the required depth in the trunk, so that the sockets *a* in said tray are in alignment with those in the posts C, and the handles of the bolts D released from contact with the stops or catches G by simply turning up. The elasticity of the springs E will cause said bolts to shoot into the sockets in the tray and posts aforesaid, thereby securing the tray in the position required. The tension of the rubber keeps the bolt from dropping or shaking out during the handling of the trunk in carriage to and fro. In removing the tray from the trunk I am enabled to confine the articles placed thereon by sides or a strip of flexible material, such as cloth bound around the sides of said tray, and with a gathering-string passed in any ordinary way through the edges of said cloth, and by simply pulling the ends of the string I gather the cloth, so as to keep the articles on the tray from falling off when the latter is removed from the trunk.

I am aware that it is not new, broadly, to adjust a trunk-tray by means of pins or bolts operating through said tray into sockets in the walls of the trunk, and do not wish to be understood as laying claim to any such broad construction; but

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

A supporting-tray for trunks, provided with sockets *a* and bolts D, having springs E attached thereto, and catch-pin G, projecting from the floor of said tray, whereby the bolts may be withheld from said sockets, in combination with the posts C, having sockets *b*, attached to the body of the trunk, substantially as set forth.

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

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