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TRUNK-TRAY FIXTURE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID GOLDSMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunk-Tray Fixtures, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to trunks and the like, and particularly to means for fastening the tray-cover in place.

The object of my invention is to do away with the ordinary leather fastenings or elastic straps, such as are commonly employed to fasten down trunk-tray covers, and to substitute a more positive and durable means.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper end portion of an open trunk carrying a tray. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of my improved tray-cover fastening. Fig. 3 is a section of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar view, the fastening being in the open position.

A is a trunk-tray adapted to drop into a trunk and fit the same in the usual manner.

B is a carrier secured to the end or front face of the tray, as desired.

C is a hook hinged at its rear edge to the trunk-tray and having its forward edge adapted to stand substantially flush with the forward face of the tray.

D is a loop or hooked projection pivoted in the carrier E, the bill of the hook being adapted to project over the unattached edge of the tray-cover D, as shown in Fig. 1, so that when the said hook is in the said position the cover will be held securely in place, particularly when the trunk is closed, since the presence of the top F of the body of the trunk will prevent the retraction of the hook. It is preferable to provide a suitable spring G, so as to yieldingly hold the hook E in the locking position. Manifestly the size of the hook and the size of the fixture may be varied at will.

By the employment of the above device the old and commonly-employed means of fastening a trunk-tray cover in place—to wit, a leather or elastic strip—is done away with. Serious inconvenience is frequently caused by the breakage of straps employed to this end; and it is to overcome this disadvantage that I have devised the means heretofore described, which will not deteriorate with age or become useless during the ordinary life of a trunk.

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

1. A trunk-tray fixture comprising a carrier adapted to be secured to a trunk-tray, a hook hinged thereto, the bill of said hook projecting inwardly and being adapted to overstand the trunk-tray cover, means to hold the hook in position over the trunk-tray cover or lid, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A trunk-tray fixture, comprising a carrier adapted to be secured to a trunk-tray, a hook hinged to said carrier, the bill of said hook projecting inwardly and being adapted to overstand the trunk-tray cover, a spring held by the carrier and adapted to bear against the hook to yieldingly hold it in the operative position.

Signed at New York, this 7th day of October, 1901.

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