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Fig. 1.

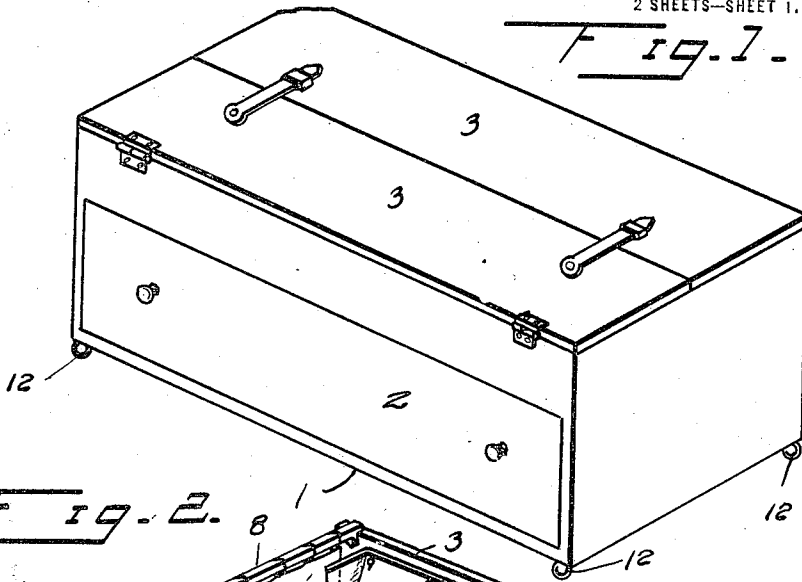
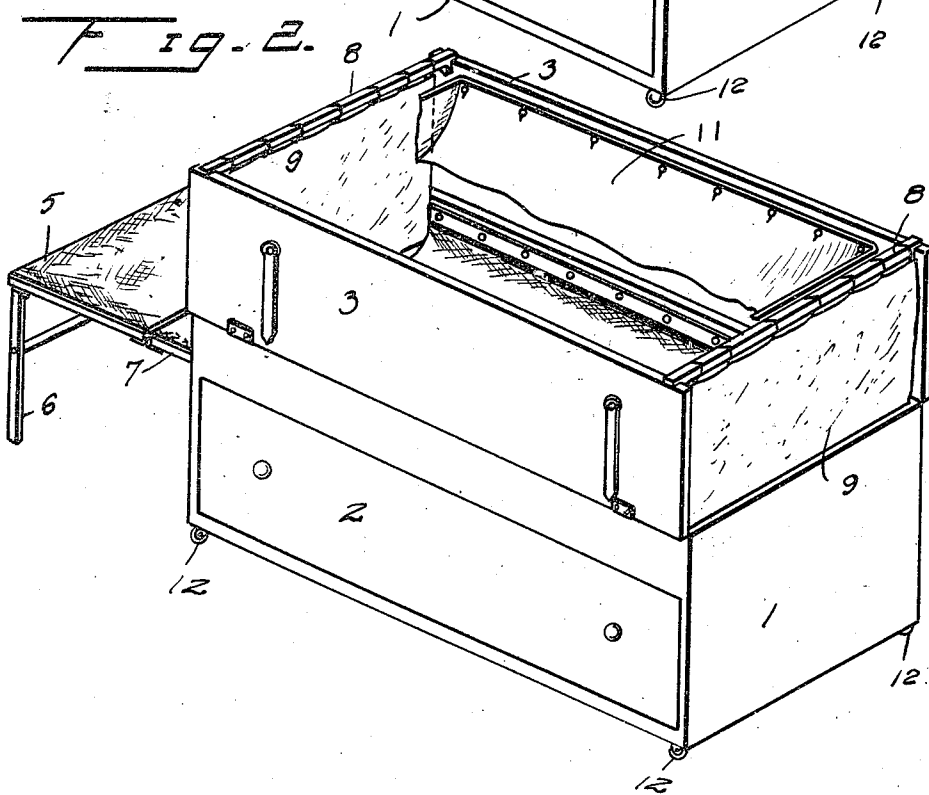


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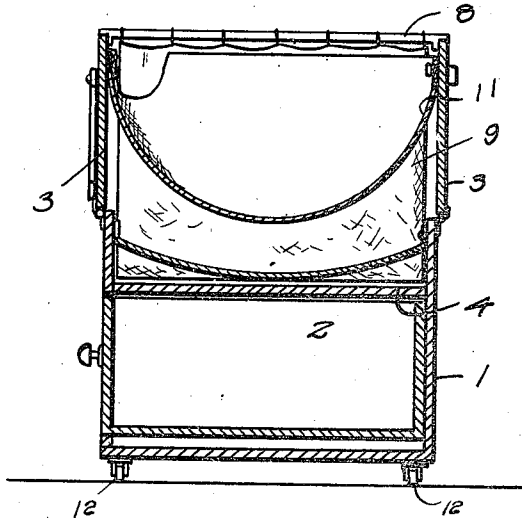
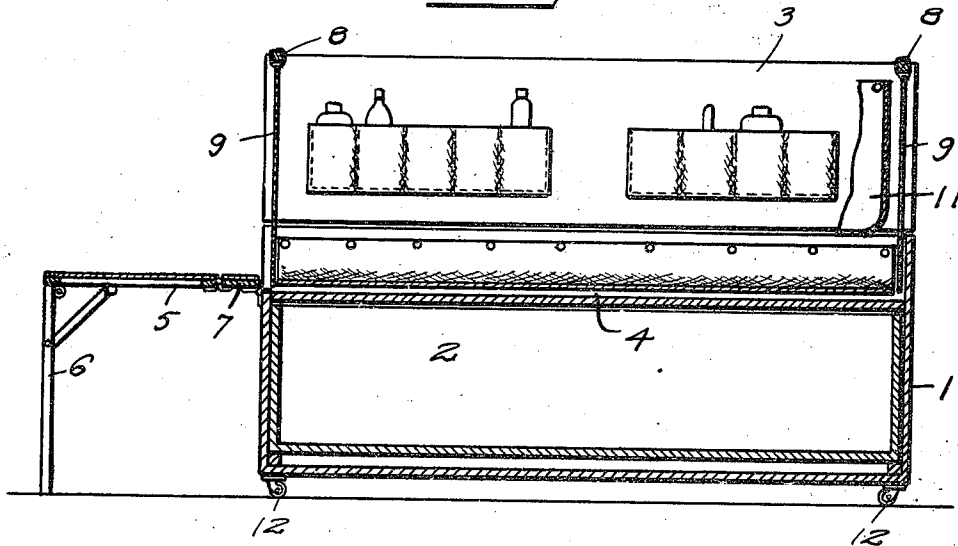


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIA H. P. DROSTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manati, in the Island of Porto Rico, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Steamer 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.

The invention aims primarily to provide a trunk which may be used for the packing and storing of wearing apparel and sundry articles of personal wear and use and as a berth for infants and small children for which no sleeping accommodations are provided by ship owners.

In accordance with this invention, the trunk embodies a drawer opening through a side thereof, a two-leaf top having the leaves hinged to the upper edges of the sides, an end having an upper folding section to provide a bed of greater length than the trunk, a bed bottom above the drawer, and means for maintaining the leaves or top sections in upright position.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent and suggest themselves as the nature of the invention is understood.

While the drawings illustrate an embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that in adapting the same to meet different conditions and requirements, various changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the nature of the invention.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of the specification,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk as it appears when closed,

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the trunk adapted for use as a bed,

Figure 3 is a cross section of the trunk as it appears in Figure 2, and

Figure 4 is a longitudinal section of the trunk adjusted as shown in Figure 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and designated in the several views of the drawings by like reference characters.

In general outline, the trunk presents the appearance of such articles as commonly provided for travel upon the seas. In accordance with the invention, the body of the trunk 1 is provided in its front side with an opening through which slides a drawer 2.

The top of the trunk is closed by two leaves 3 which are hinged along their outer edges to the top edges of the sides. The leaves 3 are preferably of uniform width and are adapted to swing upwardly and are made secure when closed by any well known fastening means commonly provided in trunks and like articles. The space above the drawer 2 receives a tray 4 which may be of such construction as to constitute a bed bottom. The part 4 comprises a frame and a covering stretched thereover, said covering being of a nature usually provided in the formation of bed bottoms. The part 4 may embody an extension 5 whereby to admit of the provision of a bed of greater length than the trunk should occasion require. Folding legs 6 support the outer end of the extension 5 when the latter is required for use. The parts 5 and 6 are adapted to fold so as to lie within the trunk when the latter is closed so as to be out of the way, as indicated in Figure 1. The end of the trunk 1 corresponding with the position of the extension 5 has an upper folding section 7, whereby to provide clearance for the extension 5 when the same is projected into operative position. This admits of the part 4 and extension 5 lying in the same plane to provide in effect a continuous bed bottom.

The leaves or top sections 3 are held in upright position by means of braces or stays 8. The parts 8 consist of rods having their end portions bent so as to engage the upper edges of the leaves 3 and maintain them in the required adjusted position. Curtains 9, attached to the braces 8, depend therefrom and close the spaces formed between the leaves 3 when extended upwardly. The curtains 9 are attached at their ends and lower edges to the ends of the leaves 3 and the ends of the trunk 1, respectively, by suitable fastening means such as separable sprocket and stud fasteners. One of the leaves or top sections 3 is provided along its inner side with a plurality of pockets for the reception of nursing bottles, powder cans, toilet articles and the like, whereby to have the same conveniently at hand. The other leaf or top section 3 is provided upon its inner side with a waterproof sheet or folding tub 11 which in practice is held extended by engagement with the upper edges of the leaves 3 and braces 8, suitable fastening means being provided for connecting the parts.

It will be understood from the foregoing,

that the invention provides a trunk which admits of ready access to the interior thereof without necessitating the entire withdrawal of the trunk from beneath a berth, since the bulk of the articles is contained in the drawer 2 and it is only necessary to partly withdraw the part 2 to obtain any desired article therefrom. The trunk also provides a bed for infants and small children and may be quickly brought into service for this purpose when required. When closed, the trunk presents the usual appearance and is capable of containing a like amount of articles equal to a trunk of corresponding size.

For convenience of moving the trunk it is provided with castor wheels 12. The part 11 provides a rubber sheeting bath which, as stated, is collapsible and foldable to be reduced to compact form when not required for immediate use.

It is further observed that the trunk may be of such construction as to be supplied with the usual tray or with the adjunctive parts herein disclosed as may be required to meet the demands of the user. The character of the trunk is thus rendered optional with the purchaser and the same may be supplied with a tray simply or with the parts accessory to the berth as herein specified.

What is claimed is:

1. A bed-forming trunk comprising a rectangular body having a drawer receiving space located in a plane below the upper edges of said body, a drawer received by the space, leaves hinged to the upper edges of the sides of the body to close the top of the

latter when in a position and to form sides of a bed when in another position, a bed-forming means carried by the walls of the body above said space, and drapery poles engaging said leaves to support them in their second named position.

2. A bed-forming trunk comprising a body having clothes-receiving means, a bed-forming means carried by the walls of said body, leaves hinged to the side walls of the body to close the latter when in one position and to form sides to a bed when in another position, drapery poles holding the leaves in said second position, an extension hinged to one of the end walls of the body to increase the length of the bed when in one position and adapted to be positioned onto the bed when not in use, and collapsible legs for supporting the extension.

3. A bed forming trunk comprising a body having a clothes-receiving means, a bed-forming means carried by said body, leaves hinged to the body to form sides for said bed when in one position and to close the body when in another position, means for supporting draperies engaging the leaves when in the first position to prevent them from moving into the second position, and a waterproof element detachably secured to the leaves and end walls of the body to provide a top.

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

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