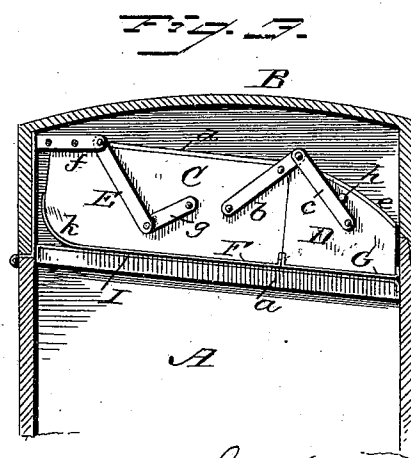
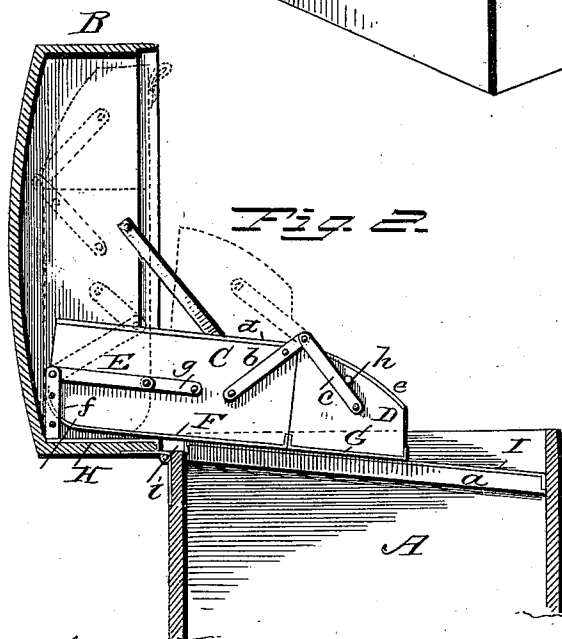
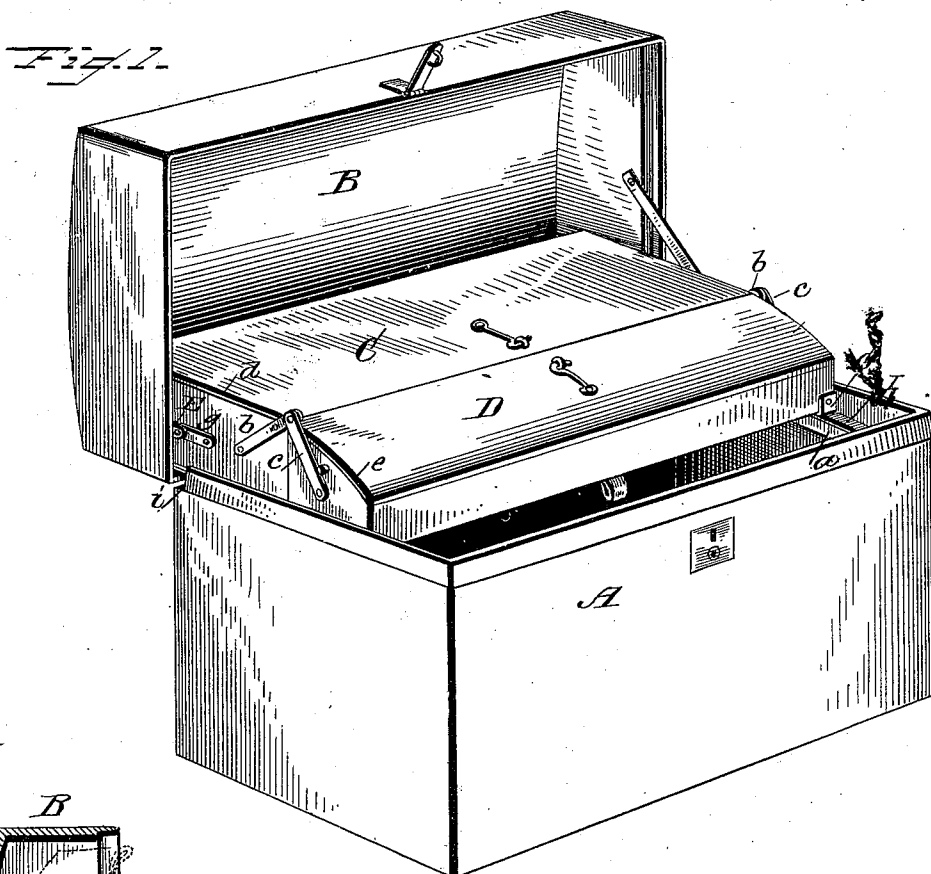


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ASHBY S. WILKINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The present invention has relation to that class of trunks in which the tray thereof is connected with pivoted links or arms which in turn are attached to the body and lid or cover of the trunk whereby the tray is supported in an elevated position to obtain convenient access to the interior of the trunk.

The object of the present invention is to improve the manner of connecting the tray to the body and lid or cover of the trunk to render it more convenient and enhance its value, which objects are attained by the construction substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a perspective view of a trunk constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the tray in position that it will assume when the lid or cover is raised. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of Fig. 1 showing the tray in position in dotted lines when thrown back into the lid or cover. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the lid or cover closed and the position the tray will assume.

In the accompanying drawings A represents the body of the trunk and B the hinged cover or lid, said body having upon its inner sides the usual cleats *a* for supporting the tray when the trunk is closed.

The body and lid of the trunk may be of any suitable shape and design and of any suitable material that trunks are usually constructed of and the cleats upon the interior of the body may be slightly inclined as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The tray C may also be of any suitable construction and of any desirable size and shape, and may have connected thereto a suitable box D for containing a parasol or other articles that it is desired to place therein. The box is connected to the tray by

the links *b c* which are pivoted together at their inner ends, the links *b* being rigidly connected to the ends of the tray while the links *c* are pivoted to ends of the box as shown.

The tray and box are provided with lids *d e* respectively and suitable means for fastening them closed. To the interior sides or ends of the lid B are rigidly secured metal braces *f* and to the ends of the braces are pivoted the ends of levers E which in turn are pivoted to links *g*, said links being pivoted to the sides or ends of the lid.

To hold the box D in its relative position with the tray C as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, stops *h* are provided which also takes the strain off the pivoted ends of the links *b c*.

The underside of the tray and box are provided with metal friction plates F G respectively and also the lid is provided with similar plates H so as to take off the wear from the parts. The cleats *a* are also provided with friction plates I to take the wear off the cleats and also to form a smooth track for the tray and box to slide thereon when the lid of the trunk is raised. When the lid of the trunk is raised the tray with its box will automatically move to its proper place as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, thus enabling access to the interior of the trunk.

It will be seen that the rear portion of the body of the trunk is cut away as shown at *i* so as to allow the rounded corner or edge *k* of the tray to be brought to its proper place for closing the lid. The rounded corner or edge of the tray is of importance as should any obstruction occur at the rear side of the tray, the rounded corner or edge would enable the tray to ride over it. The rounded corner or edge of the tray in connection with the cut-away portion at the rear of the trunk-body enables the tray to turn back in position in the lid or cover of the trunk, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 2.

The metal friction plates render the parts easily movable and prevent injury to the tray or box should either of them stick or fail to work in opening and closing the lid of the trunk.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A trunk having its body cut away at its back
or rear side, a tray having its rear lower cor-
ner or edge rounded as shown, means for con-
necting the tray to the trunk-lid, and metal
5 friction-plates connected to the tray and
trunk-lid and to the cleats for supporting the
tray within the body of the trunk, substan-
tially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have
hereunto subscribed my name in the presence 10
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