

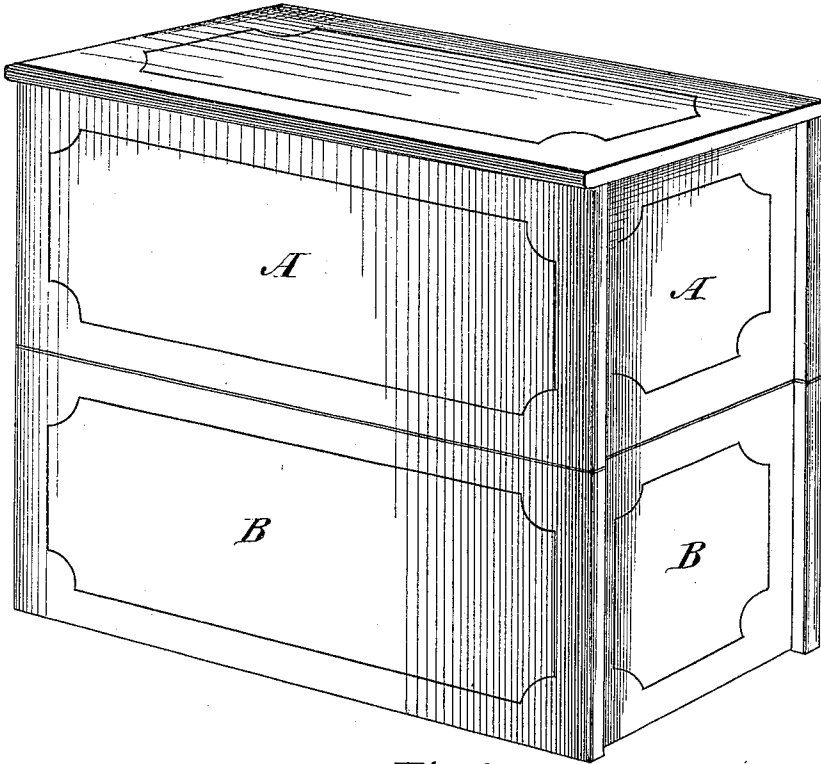
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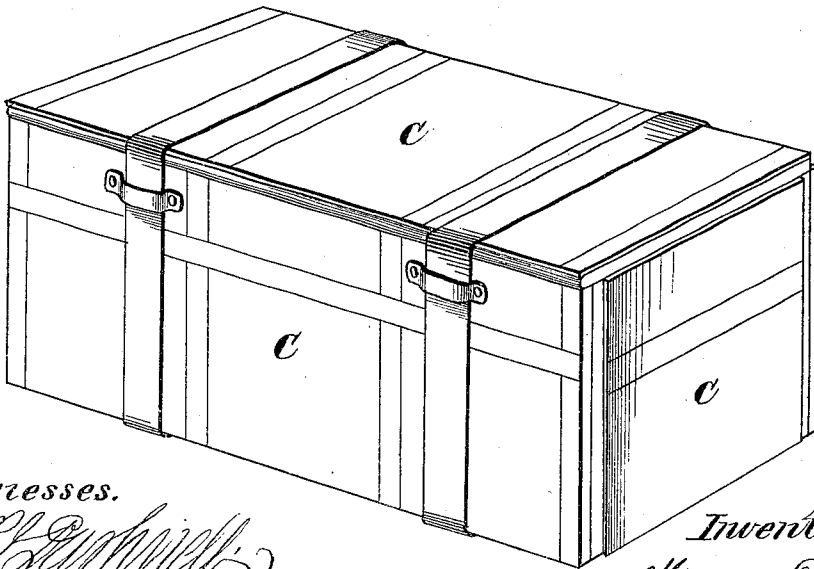
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 132,754, dated November 5, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRISON DOWENS, of the city of New York, county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Cabinet-Trunk; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the drawing which accompanies and forms a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my cabinet-trunk when extended for general use. Fig. 2 is a view of the same as folded for transportation.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The object of this invention is to provide a trunk which may be transformed into an elegant and convenient article of furniture while standing, but which will admit of being folded for transportation in such a way as effectually to protect the surface of the cabinet-work while in transit, thus securing the strength and convenience of form of an ordinary trunk, and consists of a trunk constructed with double sides, one folding upon the other, so that when extended the polished or ornamental surface is exposed to view, but when the sides are folded the finished surface is brought within, thus protecting it from injury while being transported.

This improvement is simple in its application, and will enable travelers and others to retain their trunks in their apartments easy of access without sacrificing taste to convenience, since, from an article offensive to the sight, a trunk, as thus constructed, may be transformed into a piece of rich and elegant furniture suited to the tastes of the occupant.

A and B, Fig. 1, are the polished or cabinet surfaces, the outer one of the double sides being unfolded. At Fig. 2, the double sides being folded, the trunk-finished surface *c* is brought without, while the cabinet surfaces being brought within are thus protected from injury while in transit. The sides are held in position by springs or other convenient means. The outer one of the double sides may fold up or down as is most convenient. If constructed to fold up a false top may be used.

Having thus explained the construction of my cabinet-trunk, and the mode of its operation, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A trunk constructed with double sides, one folding upon the other, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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