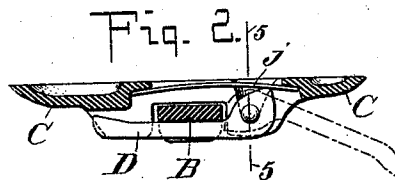
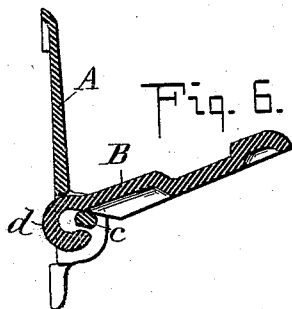
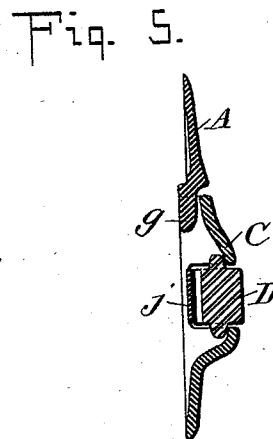
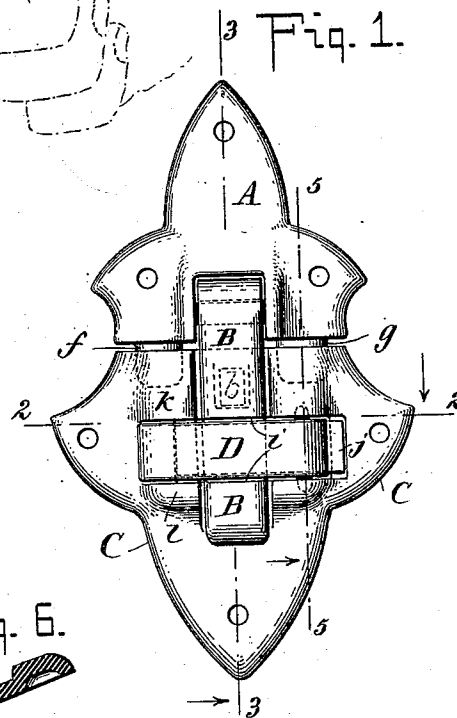
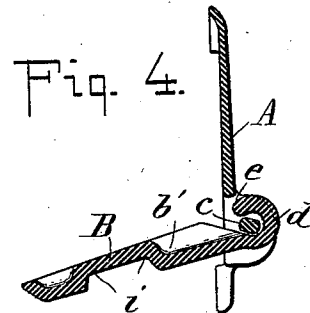
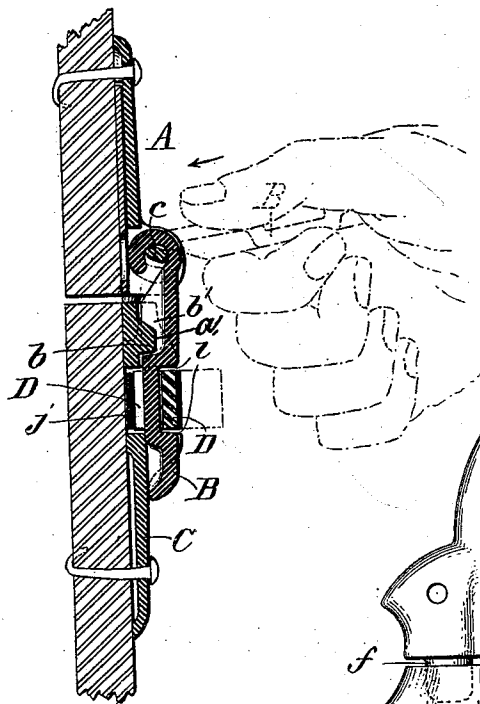


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BRUEN, of Newark, Essex county, State of New Jersey, have invented an Improved Trunk-Fastener, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved trunk fastener. Fig. 2 is a section thereof on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of one member of the fasteners showing the catch in the act of introduction. Fig. 5 is a section on lines 5—5 of Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 6 is a sectional view showing the catch maintained in its elevated position.

My invention relates to a new trunk fastener, and consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter described and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings A represents the catch-plate and B a catch pivoted therein. These parts are fastened in the usual manner to the lid of a trunk.

C is the counter-piece intended to be attached to the face of a trunk, and having a lug *b* over which the catch B is intended to fold, the lug *b* entering the recess *a* in the catch as shown in Fig. 3. So far as described, these parts are related to each other in the ordinary manner. The pintle *c* on which the catch is hung is slightly flattened, as shown, and the hooked end *d* of the catch which fits over the pintle has the space between its extremity *e* and the body of the catch, slightly contracted so as to be less than the greatest diameter of the pintle. The hooked end of the catch B can only be slipped on or off the pintle over its least diameter, as shown in Fig. 4, so that in all other positions the catch will be incapable of being removed. The catch holder is also provided with dowels *f*, *g*, which enter recesses in the counter-piece. The catch B has formed therein a depression *i* for the reception of the latch D pivoted in the counter-piece C. The pivots of the latch

D are preferably formed integral therewith and are supported in a recess in the counter-piece C as is clearly shown in Fig. 5. This latch is held in engagement with the catch B by the spring *j*, and has its free end resting between lugs *k*, *l*, to prevent lateral movement. The parts being in the position shown in Fig. 1, in order to open the trunk, it is necessary to first lift the latch D as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 2. The catch is now lifted as shown in Fig. 3, and may be used as a handle to lift the lid of the trunk. When in this elevated position the catch may be given a slight endwise movement in the direction of the arrow (Fig. 3) to slide the hooked end off the pintle as shown in Fig. 6. This will maintain the hook in its elevated position.

The fastening may be inverted and placed on the trunk and the catch allowed to swing freely, when it may be dropped by gravity, when released by the latch.

It will be observed that by my invention I am enabled to construct a trunk fastener wherein no rivets are used to unite the parts and wherein the parts can be cast and readily united to form a reliable and inexpensive fastener.

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

In a trunk fastener, the combination of a catch plate provided with a pintle, a swinging catch having a hook thereon, the space between the end and body portion thereof being smaller than the widest diameter of the pintle, a counter-piece and swinging latch therefor, said latch having pivots integral therewith which are supported by the under side of the counter-piece, the catch of the catch plate and the latch of the counterplate being adapted to co-operate one with the other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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