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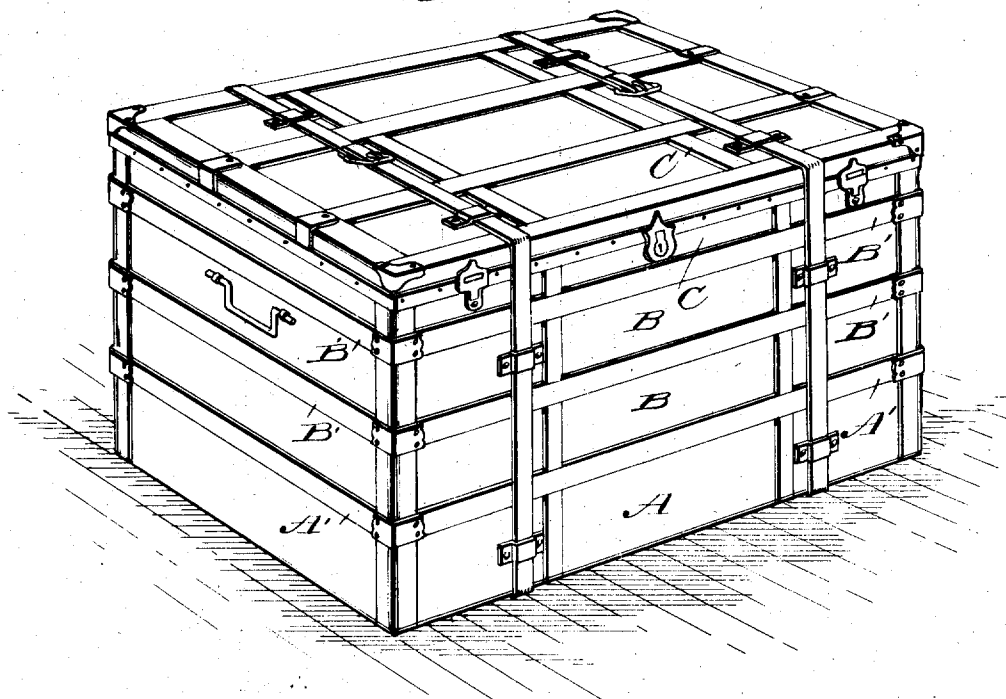


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

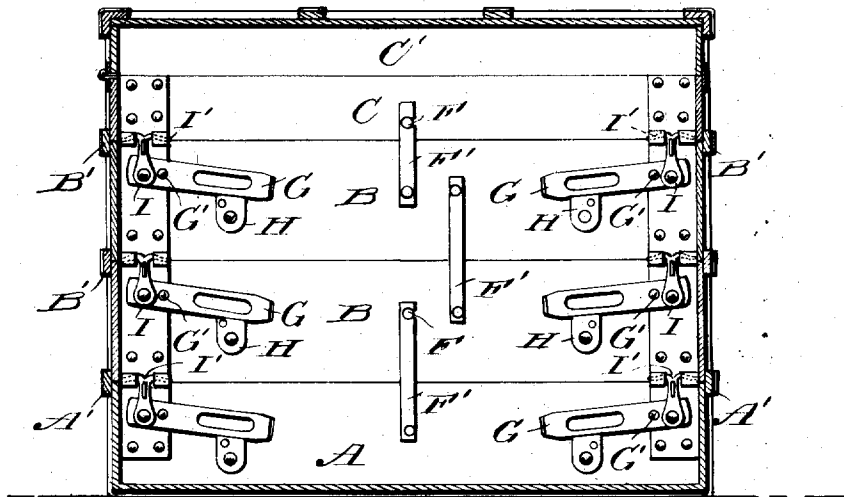


Fig. 4.

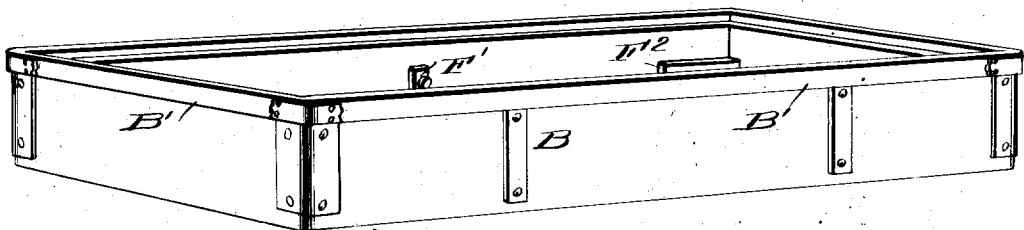
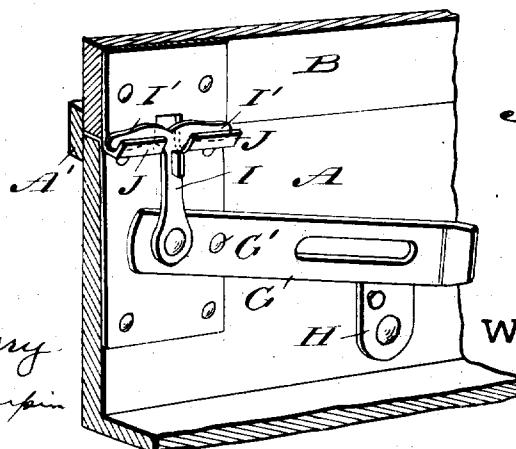


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WESLEY G. WINANS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in trunks, and consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section thereof. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the intermediate section, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view illustrating one of the fastening devices of which I employ one in each of the four corners of each section of the trunk.

In carrying out my invention I make my trunk with its body formed in sections separable from each other so the several sections may be fastened securely together by fastening devices, as presently described, and the sections may be removed or others inserted in order to make the trunk larger or smaller as the occasion may demand by simply adding or removing one or more sections of the trunk. As shown, the trunk comprises the bottom section A, the intermediate section or sections B which may be alike in construction, and the top section C, the latter having the lid C' which may be locked in the ordinary manner. Each of said sections A, B, and C has a tray D and the several trays may be alike, and may rest upon the studs F provided for engagement by the hooks F' of the intermediate fastenings, or the trays may be otherwise supported in their respective sections, as desired, tray-supporting cleats being shown in Fig. 2.

The bottom and intermediate sections are provided at their upper open ends with slats A' and B' which project above their respective sections and form socketed seats for the lower ends of the next upper sections so the sections which are in the form of open frames may be telescoped together at their meeting ends. These slats may be reinforced and strengthened, as shown, and the trunk may be finished on its outer side in any suitable manner, preferably to present the conventional appearance of a trunk, as will be described in the practical use of the invention.

In connecting the several sections, I may

use intermediate fastenings comprising the hooks F' and the studs F, as shown in Fig. 2 between the several corners of the trunk and preferably I employ in the several corners the fastenings illustrated in Fig. 5 and preferably supported, as shown in Fig. 3, on the ends of the trunk adjacent to the joints thereof with the front and sides of the trunk. These fastenings include levers G pivoted between their ends at G' and having their longer arms fastened in raised position by latches H which may be turn-buttons, as shown, or other suitable form of latches. Bolts I are pivoted at their lower ends to the shorter arms of the levers G, and are branched at their upper ends at I' to engage with hook shape seats J on the next upper section, so that when the fastenings are in the position shown in Fig. 3 they will secure the sections together but may be readily released by freeing the latches H and adjusting the bolt out of engagement with the seats of the next upper sections, as will be understood by reference to Figs. 3 and 5 of the drawings.

In the use of ordinary trunks, it is necessary to provide trunks of different sizes for different purposes. By my improvement any number of sections may be employed and the intermediate sections supplied as necessary, or the top and bottom sections may be united directly when a small trunk is desired.

I claim—

1. A trunk substantially as herein described, having its body comprising a plurality of detachable sections fitting together combined with fastenings for connecting the sections together said fastenings being arranged within the body and consisting each of a lever pivoted between its ends to one of the sections, a hook-like seat on the other section, a bolt connected with one arm of the lever and branched for engagement with the hook-like seat of the adjoining section, and a latch engaging the other arm of the lever for holding the same in position with the branches of the bolt engaging with the hook-like seat, and intermediate fastenings consisting of hooks on one section and studs for engagement therewith on the adjoining section of the trunk, substantially as set forth.

2. A trunk having its body consisting of detachable sections fitted together and fastenings within the body, and comprising each a lever pivoted to one of the sections, said lever lying along the inner side of its sup-

porting section and swinging on its pivot in a plane parallel with the face thereof, a bolt connected with said lever, a seat on the adjoining section for engagement by said bolt for locking the sections together, and a latch engaged with the lever for holding the same in locked position with its bolt engaged with the

seat of the adjoining section, substantially as set forth.

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