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Fig. 1.

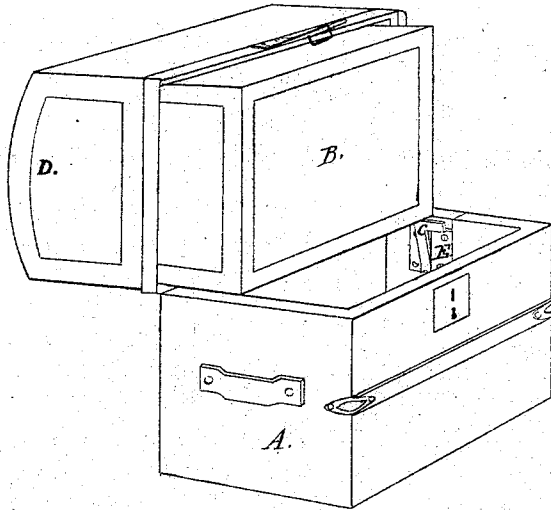
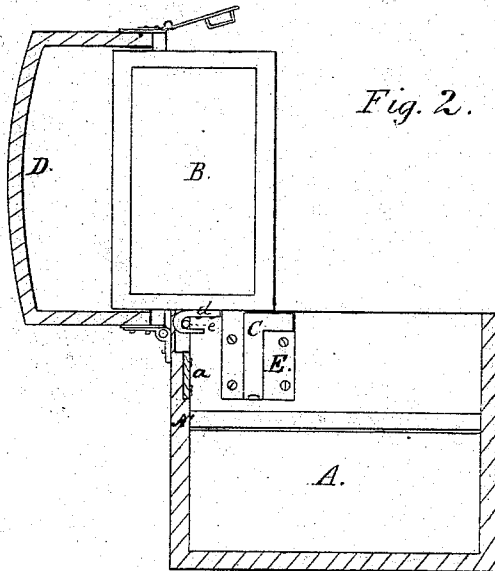


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TRAVELING-TRUNKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY D. MOORE, of Brooklyn, New York, and SAMUEL MILLS, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented, jointly, certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks; and the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a trunk open, showing the tray turned up and held by the self-acting button or holder *c*. Fig. 2 is an end sectional view of the same, showing the slip-hook hinges *d e* and the self-acting holder *c*, to support the tray in such a position that access is had to the body of the trunk A.

Our invention consists in the self-acting holder or latch, to hold the tray up when desirable to get at the main body of the trunk without removing the tray.

To enable others to make our improvements we will describe them more in detail, referring to the drawings and the letters marked thereon.

Large Saratoga trunks, (as they are called,) in general use in modern times, are usually provided with a tray, B, which can be lifted out and set one side to get to the body of the trunk A. The tray is often divided up into compartments for various purposes, requiring covers, or a cover or lid, independent of the top of the trunk.

In many trunks the tray is hinged to the upper portion or lid, into which it fits, so as

to be lifted by the lid when it is opened, or turned up into it and buttoned, so as to hold it while getting to the body of the trunk, in which case the tray cannot be taken out or removed from the trunk.

To one or both ends, on the inside of the lower portion of the trunk, is secured a plate, E, in which the self-acting stop or holder C is pivoted near the bottom, so that it falls forward by its own gravity under the edge of the tray, and holds it up in position for having access to the main body of the trunk.

The advantages of our invention are, that in packing a trunk it is desirable to have the tray removed and the whole top open, which, in our improvement, is readily done; but in journeying in small state-rooms it is often necessary to have access to the lower portion of the trunk where there is not room to set the tray aside, which can be turned up and held by the support C, thus giving all necessary facility for getting at the various compartments without lifting the tray out.

What we claim as our invention is—

The self-acting latch or holder C, secured to the end of the trunk A, for holding up the tray B when the trunk-top D is open, as herein specified.

In testimony whereof we hereunto subscribe our names.

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