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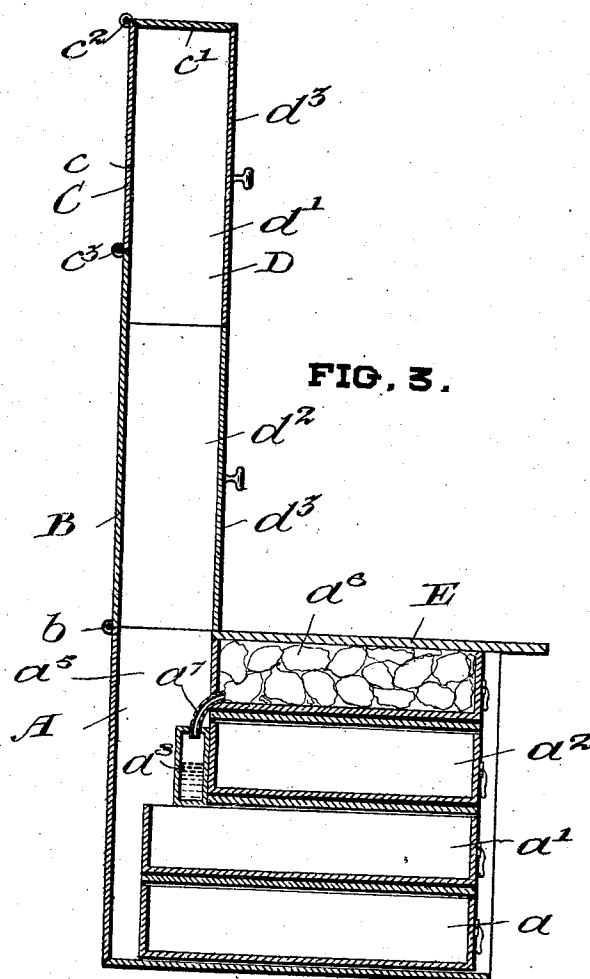
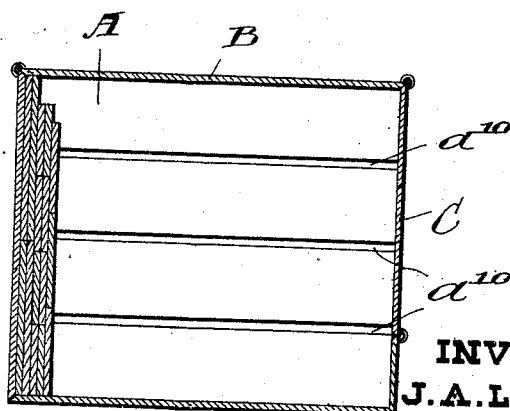


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHAN ALBERT LUNDSTROM, manufacturer, of the town of Truro, in the county of Colchester, Province of Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Transformable Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in transformable trunks; and the objects of my invention are to provide a simple and convenient trunk for those who do considerable traveling which may be readily transformed into a combined bureau, wardrobe, and writing-desk, further objects being to provide a simple form of ice-box in the trunk, which may be used by the traveler to store perishable goods in when remaining any length of time at one place, further objects still being to give the maximum storing-space possible in the trunk when traveling; and it consists, essentially, of a suitable body portion having therein a plurality of outwardly-opening drawers, a cover hinged thereto to which is hinged the removable front portion of the trunk, which is formed in two hinged portions, the end one of which is adapted to form the top of the wardrobe, which latter is formed by the cover and front of the trunk combined with two removable side portions having doors hinged thereto which extend across the front of the wardrobe, the various parts of the device being constructed and arranged in detail as hereinafter more particularly described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my trunk in its open position, having the part forming the desk or writing-surface removed. Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the same when closed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view through the same when open. Fig. 4 is a sectional view through an alternative form of my trunk when closed.

In the drawings like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

A is the main or body portion of my trunk, which is of any suitable or desirable construction, formed of any preferred material. In accordance with my invention there are located in the body portion a plurality of drawers a a' a^2 a^3 , one above the other and separated by partitions a^4 , which are secured to the sides of the body portion in any desired manner. The two upper drawers a^2 a^3 are made shorter than the remainder, leaving a space a^5 in the rear thereof, in which when

the trunk is in its open position the clothes placed in the wardrobe may extend.

In place of having the top drawer of the full width I provide an ice-box a^6 at one side thereof of any desired water-tight construction and which has leading therefrom a drainage-pipe a^7 , emptying into a small tank or suitable receptacle a^8 in the rear of the trunk. If desired, the drawer may extend wholly across the trunk and the ice-box be formed in one side of it. The formation of this ice-box I have found of great convenience when stopping temporarily at hotels and the like and where it is desired to keep perishable goods.

The top or cover B of the trunk is hinged at b to the body portion, and the removable front portion C thereof is made in two parts c c' , hinged together at c^2 and hinged to the front portion at c^3 . When in their closed position, these hinged portions will be held together by any suitable form of catches c^4 . When in its open position, the top B and the part c of the front portion extend vertically, as shown, and the part c' extends horizontally and is adapted to form the top of the wardrobe. The wardrobe is formed by two removable side portions D, secured on each side thereof and resting on the body portion of the trunk, being located in position by suitable means, such as bolts d . These side members for convenience in storing when traveling are made in two horizontally-divided sections d' d^2 , and to each of these sections doors d^3 are hinged, which are adapted to extend across the front of the wardrobe, the doors on each side meeting in the center, thus forming a completely-inclosed closet or wardrobe.

I also provide a top part E, adapted to rest on top of the body portion and serve as a desk or writing-surface. This portion preferably extends outwardly a short distance in front of the body portion when the trunk is open for convenience in writing. When the trunk is closed, the side members and doors of the wardrobe are stored in the space a^9 , provided behind the lower drawers.

In the alternative form I have shown in Fig. 4 I secure additional storing-space in the trunk when traveling by forming all the drawers collapsible and the partitions separating them removable. This may be accomplished in any well-known manner by the employment of suitable bolts and catches joining the various members of the drawers in place of nailing or screwing them together.

The partitions between the drawers preferably extend in slots a^{10} , provided in the sides of the trunk, out of which they may be easily slid and removed.

5 It will be readily understood that while I have described my trunk as forming a wardrobe, yet the cupboard or closet formed as shown might readily be used as a bookcase or a display-case for travelers' goods. The
10 length of the wardrobe and the space a^5 , located below it, enables all the clothes placed in the wardrobe to hang freely without creasing or the like, and this will be found a
15 very great convenience for those who do considerable traveling and make short stays at each place.

While I have described with great particularity of detail one specific embodiment of my invention, yet it is not to be understood
20 therefrom that my invention is limited thereto, as considerable changes within the limits of the claims might be made in the details of construction, and particularly in the construction of the wardrobe and drawers,
25 without materially departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A transformable trunk comprising a suitable body portion, a cover hinged thereto,
30 a front portion hinged to said cover, and formed in two parts hinged together, the end portion of which is adapted to form the top of a wardrobe and removable means adapted to form a closet with said cover and front
35 portions as and for the purpose specified.

2. A transformable trunk comprising a suitable body portion, a cover hinged thereto, vertically-extending removable side members, doors formed in two horizontally-divided sections each section being independently movable in relation to the other section,

said doors being hinged to the side members and forming with the cover and side members a closet as and for the purpose specified.

3. A transformable trunk comprising a suitable body portion, a cover hinged thereto, a front portion hinged to said cover and formed in two parts hinged together, the end part of which is adapted to form the top of the wardrobe, vertically-extending removable side
50 members forming the sides of the wardrobe and doors hinged thereto forming a closet as and for the purpose specified.

4. A transformable trunk comprising a body portion, a cover hinged to the back
55 edge of the trunk and intermediate of its length and adapted when the trunk is closed to extend around the top and front of the trunk and when the trunk is open to extend upwardly at the back at right angles to the
60 trunk and partially horizontally forwardly to form the supporting back and top of a closet as and for the purpose specified.

5. A transformable trunk comprising a body portion, a cover hinged to the back
65 edge of the trunk and intermediate of its length and adapted when the trunk is closed to extend around the top and front of the trunk and when the trunk is open to extend upwardly at the back at right angles to the
70 trunk and partially horizontally forwardly to form a supporting back and top of a closet and the top drawers extending backwardly such a distance as to leave a space to form a downward extension of the closet as and for
75 the purpose specified.

Signed at San Diego, California, this 25th day of January, 1906.

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