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TELESCOPIC TRUNK.

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FIG - 1 -

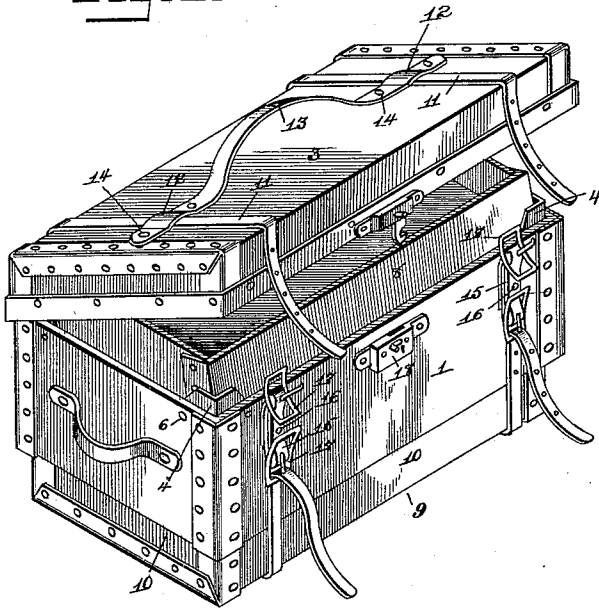


FIG - 2 -

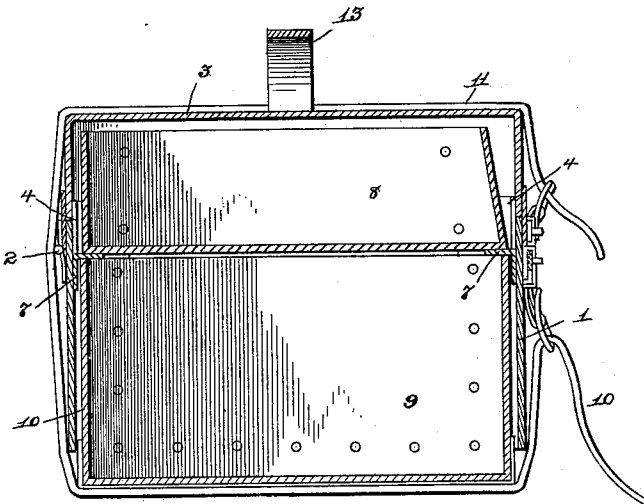
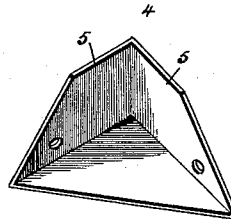


FIG - 3 -



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK J. PALICA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Telescopic Trunk, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to trunks; and the objects in view are to provide a trunk, the body of which is collapsible, thus adapting it to accommodate its capacity to the amount packed therein, and avoiding thereby the loose tumbling about of articles resulting from merely a partially-filled trunk.

A further object of the invention is to provide a suitable support for a superimposed tray, which support is adapted to act as a stop for the inner trunk-section for the purpose of preventing it from closing too far.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a trunk constructed in accordance with my invention, the lid being partially opened. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the trunk. Fig. 3 is a detail in perspective of one of the combined tray-supporting and corner brackets.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the trunk-body, and the same is of the ordinary construction, with the exception that it is open at both top and bottom, and to the rear edge of the trunk-body there is hinged, as at 2, the lid or cover 3, designed to close over the upper end of the trunk in the usual manner.

4 designates a triangular bracket, the two outer walls of which constitute the angle being provided with vertical flanges 5. A bracket of this description is secured by rivets or otherwise to the four corners of the trunk-body adjacent to the upper edge of the same, the flanges of the brackets extending, preferably, above said edges, as shown. Flush with the bottoms of the brackets 4 L-shaped brackets 7 are secured to the front and rear walls and at the inner side of the trunk.

8 designates an ordinary removable tray

of a contour and proportion adapting it to be seated upon and removably supported by the brackets 4 and 7, and when in position thereon to have its four corners embraced by the flanges 5 of the brackets 4. The tray when in position, as is customary, projects above the upper edge of the trunk-body and is inclosed by the cover or lid 3 thereof, which latter is swung back or opened to give access to the tray and to the interior of the trunk when the tray is removed, as is customary.

Fitted within the trunk-body and in the lower open end of the same is a removable bottom 9, having the four walls 10, agreeing in depth with those of the trunk-body. This bottom, it will be observed, is telescopically inclosed by the trunk-body and can be forced into the same until the upper edges of its surrounding walls arrive in contact with the combined stops and brackets 4 and 7, at which time the lower end of the bottom will be below the lower edge of the trunk-body. Straps 11 are secured to the cover or lid and at their upper ends depend over the same, being provided with the proper perforations for adjustable engagement with buckles. These straps may be supported in position by any suitable keepers, as 12, which latter, in this instance, are formed by the handle 13, riveted to the trunk lid or cover, as indicated at 14, at opposite sides of the straps 11. The straps 11 pass rearwardly over the cover, downwardly over the back of the cover and front body, thence forwardly under the removable bottom section, and are provided with a second set of perforations. Leather loops 15 are riveted, as at 16, to the front wall of the trunk-body in line with the straps, and to the lower and upper ends of the loops buckles 17 are connected, the same being designed for adjustably engaging with the opposite ends of the straps 11. The trunk may also be provided with any ordinary lock 18, by which the cover and trunk may be secured.

In practice the trunk-body as a whole may be increased or diminished in depth by sliding the body upwardly from the bottom and adjusted in any of its positions by the lower ends of the straps 11 and their buckles 17. The tray being placed in position and the cover lowered, the upper ends of the straps

are connected to their buckles 17, and thus the contents of the trunk compactly held between the bottom and tray.

A trunk of this construction is thus adapted
5 to be adjusted to suit various travelers, commercial salesmen whose stock may be constantly decreasing, commercial buyers whose stock may be constantly increasing, and is
10 adapted for trips of various lengths, in that it may be adjusted for the transportation of but a few necessary articles of apparel or for an entire line of wardrobe. The size of the trunk as a whole may be varied, the construction being capable of being carried out in
15 satchels, hand-boxes, or large trunks, as may be found desirable. Other means of connection between the body, trunk-cover, and bottom telescopic section will possibly suggest themselves in the manufacture of the trunk,
20 although for cheapness, simplicity, and ease of operation I prefer the strap connections herein described.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

25 1. The combination, with the rectangular trunk-body having open upper and lower ends, and the triangular brackets 4, having the angular flanges 5, secured in the corners of the

body, of the tray removably mounted on the brackets, the hinged cover surmounting the
30 trunk, the removable bottom located in the trunk-body and having surrounding side walls adapted to abut against the brackets, and means for securing the bottom and cover in position, substantially as specified. 35

2. The combination, with the rectangular body having upper and lower open ends, and the triangular brackets 4, having angular flanges 5, secured in the corners of the body,
40 of the hinged cover, the tray removably mounted upon the brackets, the removable bottom having surrounding side walls mounted within the open bottom of the body, the leather loops 16, riveted to the front wall of the body, the buckles 17 in the upper and
45 lower ends of the loops, and the straps 11, passed around the cover, body, and bottom and perforated for adjustable engagement with the buckles, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
50 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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