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Fig. 1.

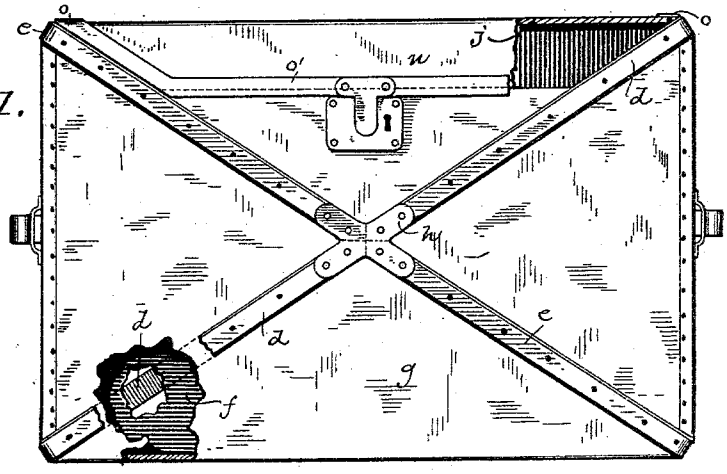


Fig. 2.

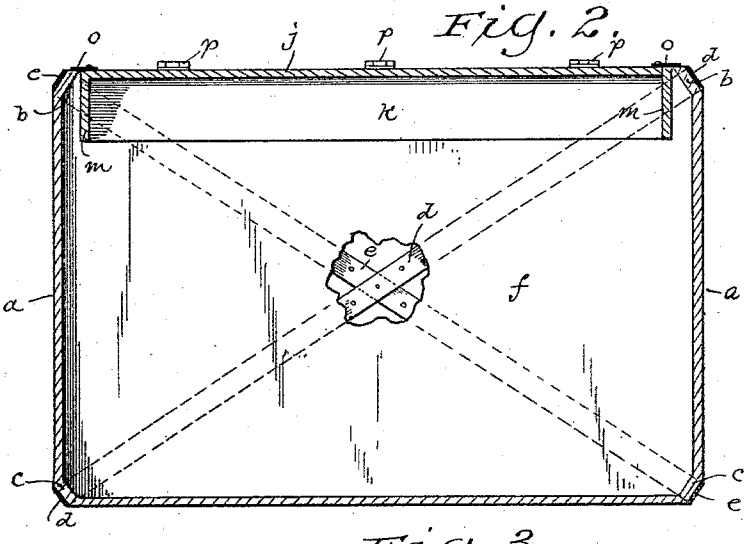


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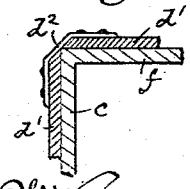
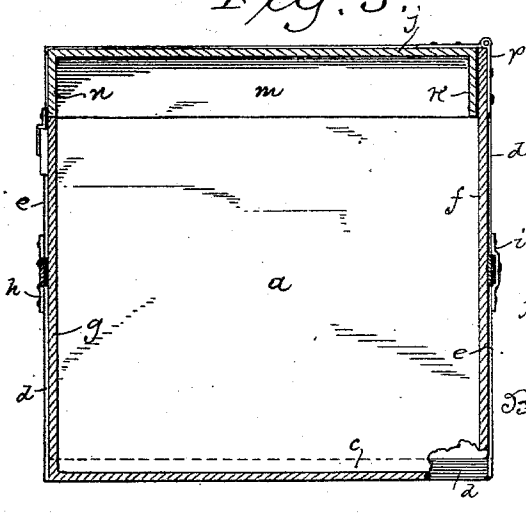


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK J. PALICA, of Racine, in the county of Racine, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to trunks; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction, as will be fully set forth hereinafter, and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved trunk, with parts broken away. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section, also partly broken away. Fig. 3 is a central vertical transverse section broken away at one corner, and Fig. 4 is a detail of a modified construction.

The trunk in the preferred construction is of generally rectangular shape when closed, but with its ends *a a* beveled or inclined inward at top and bottom, as shown at *b c*, to enable the trunk to be bound with continuous metal or other strip, arranged diagonally from corner to corner, or all around the trunk. Thus, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, two iron straps *d e* will be sufficient to entirely bind the trunk-body, crossing on the back *f* and lying straight with the described beveled top and bottom portions *b c* of the ends, with their meeting ends at the center of the front *g* of the trunk preferably mitered, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and all secured together and to the said trunk-front *g* by an ✕-shaped plate *h*. There may be, if desired, a similar plate *i* on the back of the trunk; but, as stated, (and shown in Fig. 2,) the straps are there preferably crossed and not cut. When desired, wood strips may be employed instead of band or hoop iron straps, as shown in the detail view, Fig. 4, where *c* represents a section through one of the beveled bottom portions of the trunk end, and *f* a section through the back of the trunk, and *d' d'* wood strips substituted for the corresponding strap *d* and united at their adjacent ends by a short metallic binding-strap d^2.

The top *j* of the trunk is shaped like an inverted open-bottomed box having a rear downward flange *k*, downward end flanges *m m*, and downward front flange *n*, the ends of the latter flange being beveled to correspond to the diagonal straps or strips *e d*, the front *g* of the trunk being cut away between said strap or strips at a line which meets the bottom line of said top front *n*, and above this line along the upper line of said strap or strips to the ends of the trunk-body, as best shown in Fig. 1. The said top is preferably bound or bordered by a metallic strap or straps *o*, the lower front portion *o'* of which forms a balance, as shown in said Fig. 1, while the rear flange *k* of the trunk-top fits within and against the back *f* of the trunk-body, so that the top proper *j* is flush with the top of said body-back *f*, as best shown in Fig. 3, and secured thereto by a series of hinges *p p p*, whereby when the trunk is against a wall, for instance, the top may be raised without moving out the trunk or pulling it forward, and when the top is closed it is shut within the trunk, except at the front portion, and hence the closed trunk has four solid corners at the top, and the trunk-top is not liable to become injured or loosened by knocking about or rough handling, as an ordinary trunk-top would be.

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

1. In a trunk, the combination of the body having top and bottom beveled ends with protecting straps or strips passing continuously around said trunk-body from corner to corner diagonally on the front and rear and lengthwise of the said end beveled portions, substantially as set forth.

2. In a trunk, the combination of the body, cut out at its upper front central portion, with a top having downward rear side and front flanges fitting within said body, the rear flange of the top being parallel with and fitting closely against the rear wall of the trunk-body and hinged directly thereto, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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