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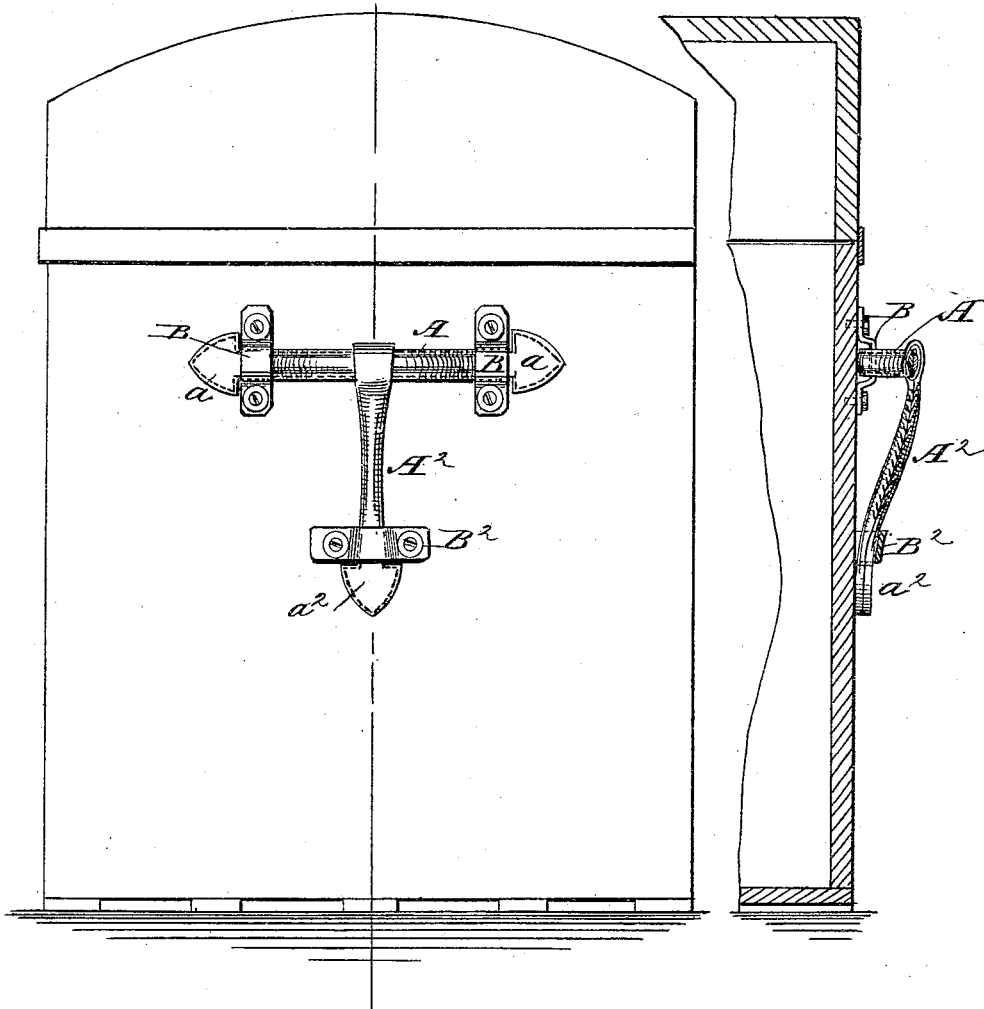
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TRUNK HANDLE.

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*Fig. 1.*

*Fig. 2.*



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## TRUNK-HANDLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WELTER, of South Pueblo, Pueblo county, Colorado, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trunk - Handles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a handle which is more particularly intended for leather trunks, but is also applicable to tool-chests and boxes of various descriptions.

The object of the invention is to prevent the handle from twisting upward out of proper shape, and also to prevent pinching the hand between the handle and the end of the trunk or box.

To this end the invention consists essentially in a handle composed of a horizontal strap provided with a vertical brace, forming a T-shaped or three - armed handle, whereby the horizontal strap is prevented from rising above a horizontal position, as hereinafter more particularly described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved handle attached to the end of a trunk, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

A represents a leather strap, having its ends provided with cross - heads  $a$  and working in keepers B, attached to the trunk, so as to slide horizontally therein in the well - known manner.

A<sup>2</sup> is a strap having its upper end attached to the horizontal strap A midway of its length,

and its lower end provided with a cross-head,  $a^2$ , working vertically in a horizontal keeper, B<sup>2</sup>.

By this construction a triple action is allowed to the handle—that is to say, the three arms or branches work in three different directions in their respective keepers.

When the handle is not in use the three arms or branches slide in their keepers and lie flat against the end of the trunk.

When the handle is grasped by the hand with two fingers on each side of the vertical strap the horizontal portion is prevented from rising above a horizontal position, and also prevented from pinching the hand.

The vertical strap may be made in one piece with the horizontal one, or attached thereto in any suitable manner.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a trunk - handle composed of a T-shaped or three-armed strap, A A<sup>2</sup>, having its ends provided with cross - heads  $a$   $a^2$  substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

2. The combination, with a horizontal strap, A, having cross-heads  $a$  at its ends and working in vertical keepers B, of a vertical strap, A<sup>2</sup>, attached to or made in one piece therewith, and provided with a cross-head,  $a^2$ , and working in a horizontal keeper, B<sup>2</sup>, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

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