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Fig 1

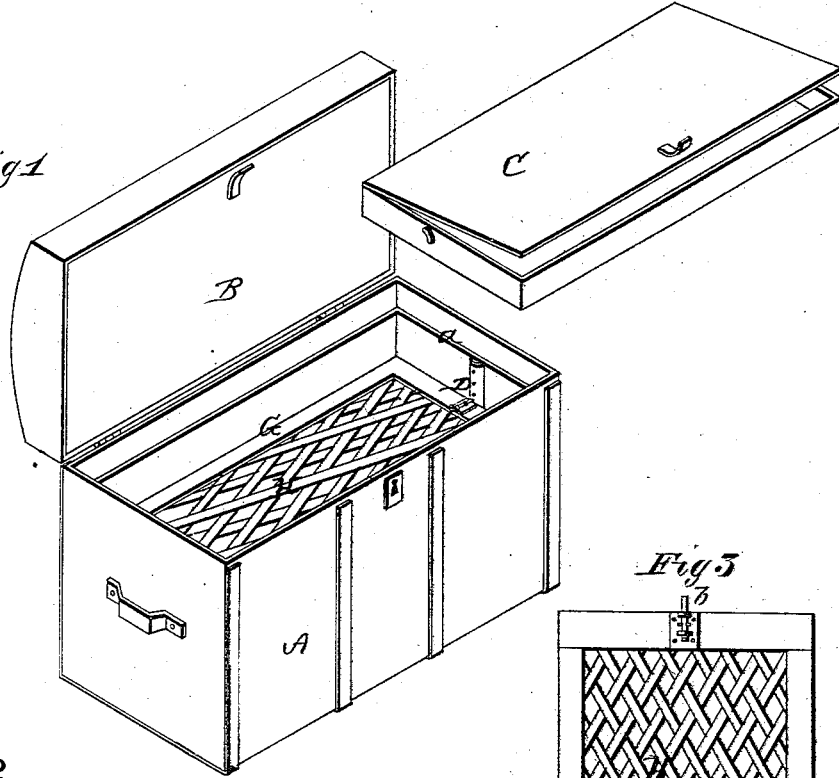


Fig 2

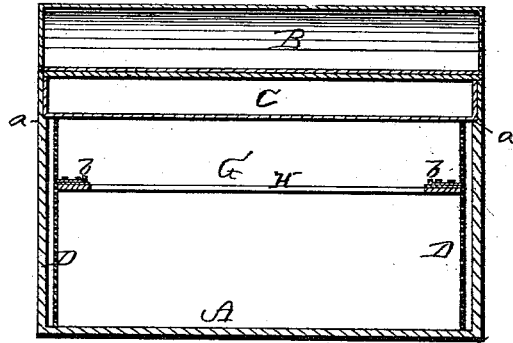
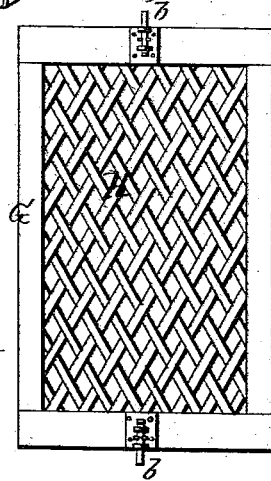


Fig 4



Fig 5



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IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. KREPPS, of New York, in the county of New York and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a device used under the tray of a trunk for holding any quantity of clothing perfectly close, to prevent the moving about of the same; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an opened trunk (with the ordinary tray removed) embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same, closed. Fig. 3 is a plan view of my detachable and adjustable tray. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the stationary catching device in the trunk.

A represents the body of any ordinary trunk, with lid B, and the usual tray C resting upon cleats *a a* at or near the top of the trunk-body A. In the center of each end of the trunk is secured a vertical convex strip, D, of sheet metal or other suitable material, and provided with a series of perforations, as shown particularly in Fig. 4. These strips are preferably attached to the trunk before it is upholstered, when it is upholstered over said strips and holes made in the lining to correspond with the perforations in the strips. Below the ordinary tray C one or more trays G are used, which are provided at each end with a bolt or other fastening device, *b*, to

catch in the perforations in the strips D D and be held at any desired distance from the bottom of the trunk. Each tray as used by me is formed of a rectangular frame, having a central webbing, H, so that the clothing can be pinned or connected directly to the same for the purpose of more perfectly securing the article in place to prevent the wrinkling or crowding of the same by the jostling of the trunk.

I prefer to have the fastening devices at the ends, as the ends of trunks are always straight, while the front and rear in many trunks are bulged outward.

The trays are intended to be made of different sizes, to correspond with the different sizes of trunks, as usually made, viz: from twenty-eight to forty-two inches; but, if desired, the trays may be made so as to be extended and contracted, and thus made to fit trunks of different sizes.

My invention can be made and attached to any trunk in use, and the vertical strips D, being convex and upholstered over, will not either mar the appearance of the trunk-body or cause the clothing to be torn by catching on the same.

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

The combination of skeleton frame G, provided with central webbing H and bolts *b b*, with the convex perforated strips D D attached to the interior of the trunk-body, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of August, 1875.

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