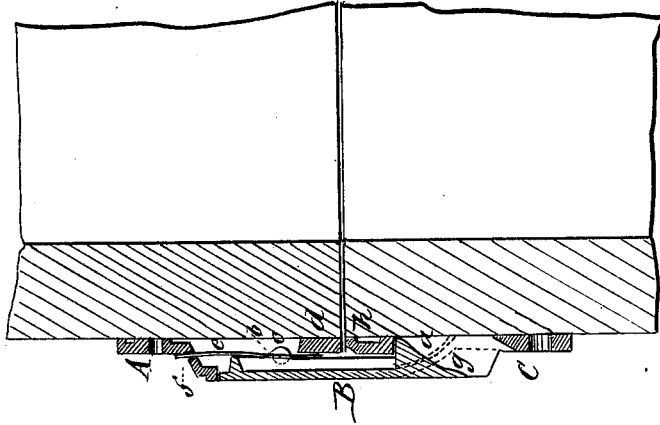


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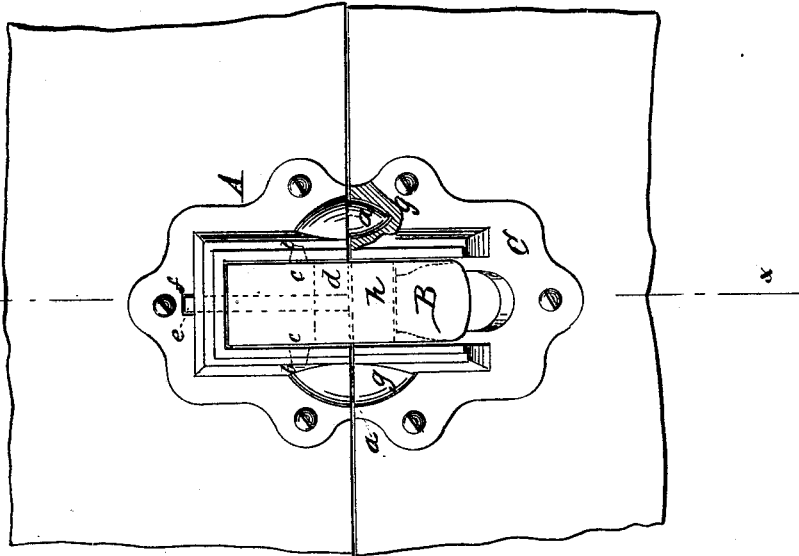
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNK-CATCHES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIAKIM RICE, of Cazenovia, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Trunk-Catch, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a section on line *x x* in Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention consists of a trunk-catch made of three castings, provided with a spring, and capable of being put together without special fitting. It is so constructed that two dowels cast on the portion attached to the cover enter sockets formed in the part attached to the body of the trunk. The whole is arranged so that the parts may engage automatically, and may be readily disengaged.

A is a casting that is attached to the cover of the trunk, having formed on it the dowels *a a*, that project below the edge of the cover. It is also chambered out at the back side, and provided with concave recesses *b* for the pivot *c* of the catch B. The catch B is slipped through the aperture in the casting from the back side, and its inward motion is limited by the bar *d*. A spring, *e*, passes through a hole in the casting at *f*, and rests in a notch

in the cross-bar *d*, and presses against the upper end of the catch B. C is the part that is attached to the body of the trunk, and is provided with the sockets *g* for receiving the dowels *a a*, and with a cross-bar, *h*, with which the catch B engages. On closing the trunk the catch B slips over the bar *h*, and is made to engage with it by the spring *e* at the same time the dowels *a a* engage with the sockets *g g*. Sufficient space is left between the end of the catch B and the part C for disengaging the catch with the finger. The ribs on each side of the catch extend downward as a guard, to prevent an accidental release of the catch.

By modifying the form of the catch it may be applied to other purposes.

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

A trunk-catch comprised of the part A, having dowels *a a* and recesses for receiving the catch and spring, the catch B, spring *e*, and part C, having sockets *g* and the cross-bar *h*, substantially as herein shown and described.

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