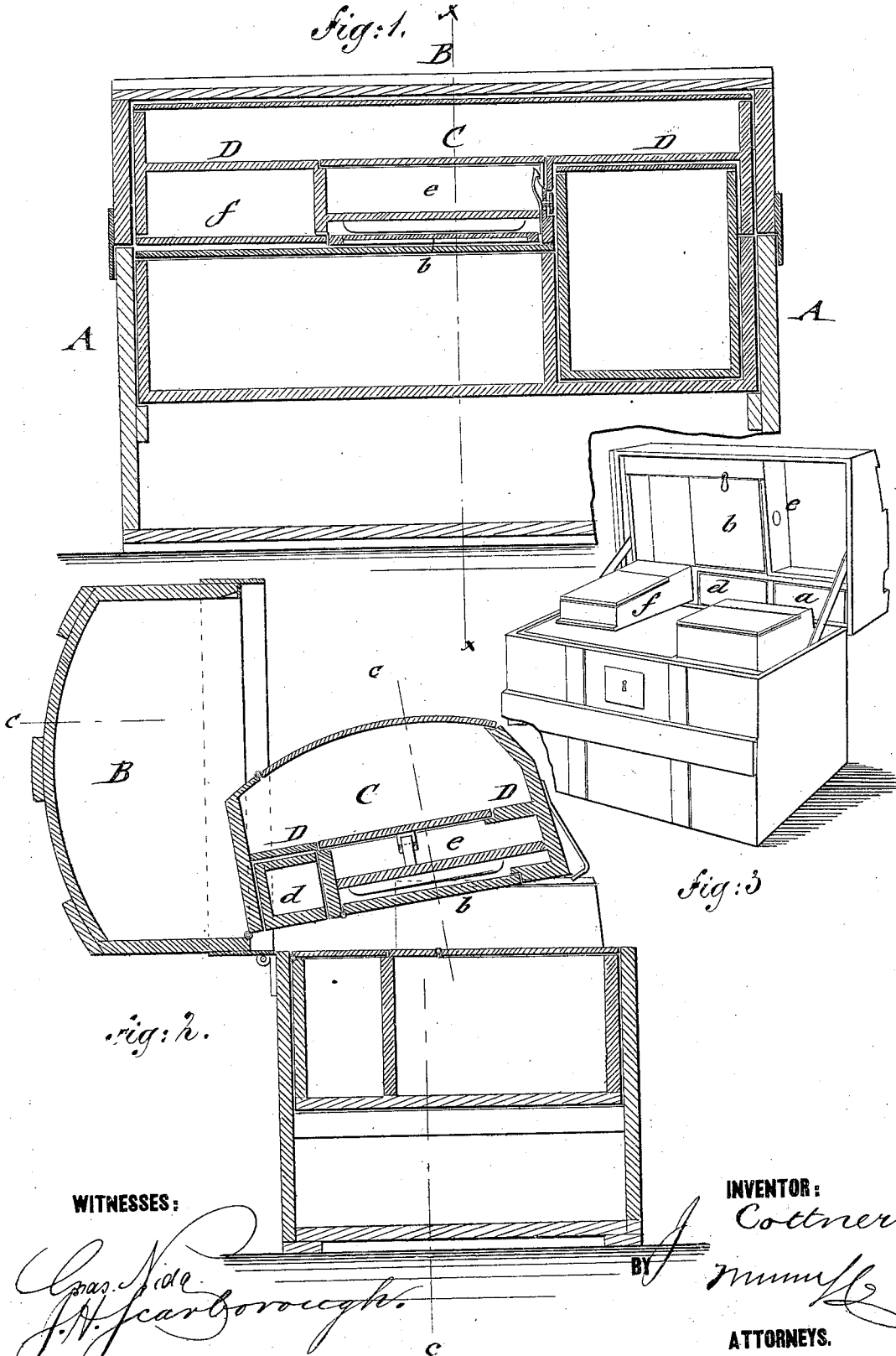


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN COTTNER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Trunk, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1 and 2 represent vertical longitudinal and transverse sections of my improved trunk, respectively on line *cc*, Fig. 2, and *xx*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the trunk with lid thrown open to show the interior arrangement.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing, A represents the body of a trunk; B, the lid, and C the hinged receptacle of the lid, which is released from the lid, to be thrown forward, by withdrawing the spring-catches that lock the same to the lid.

The receptacle C is divided by a horizontal separating-partition, D, into an upper or lower space, or, when the lid is thrown open, into a front and rear compartment, of which the rear compartment is used in the customary manner for the storage of various articles, while the front compartment is utilized for miscellaneous purposes.

The space in one corner of the front compartment serves, as heretofore, to go over the upper part of the hat-box, which space may be made available for other purposes when no hat-box is used in the trunk. Below the space for the hat-box is a drawer, *a*, for smaller objects. Adjoining the hat-box space is arranged a looking-glass, *b*, applied by hinges, and protected by a suitable cushion. Below

the looking-glass is a drawer, *d*, for combs and similar articles. The space back of the looking-glass, between the same and the partition D, forms a secret receptacle, *e*, for valuables of all kinds, that is unlocked by lock and key, secret catch, or otherwise, and opened by raising a lid from the rear compartment of the receptacle, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The opposite corner of the front compartment is taken up by a hinged desk, *f*, that may be let down on the body of the trunk, as shown in Fig. 3, being provided with receptacles for inkstand, pen-holders, pencils, writing-paper, envelopes, &c., so that the trunk may at any moment be used for writing purposes in a very convenient manner. By throwing up the desk *f*, the same is locked by a suitable catch or fastening device.

It will thus be seen that in my double tray a lady can get at her desk or glass without the inconvenience of lifting off the top, and has a secret receptacle for her jewelry.

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

A trunk-lid, B, having hinged receptacle C, divided by a horizontal partition, D, the drawer *a*, adjoining hat-box space, the looking-glass *b*, hinged and projected by cushion, the drawer *d* below the glass, a jewel-receptacle back of the glass, and a hinged desk, *f*, all arranged as shown and described.

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