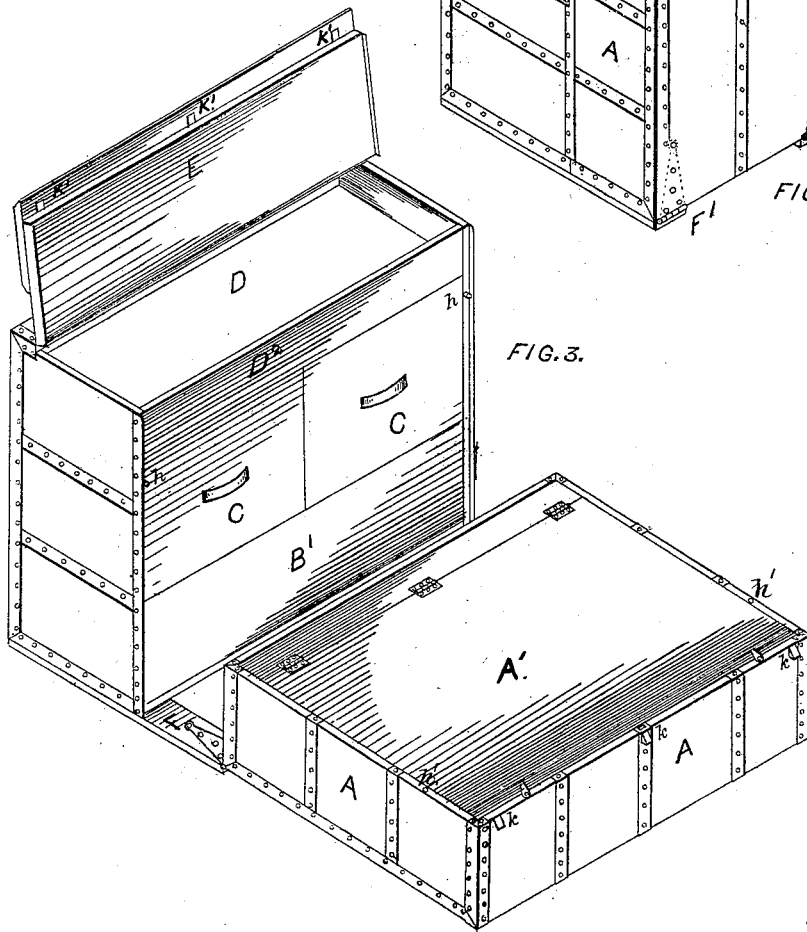
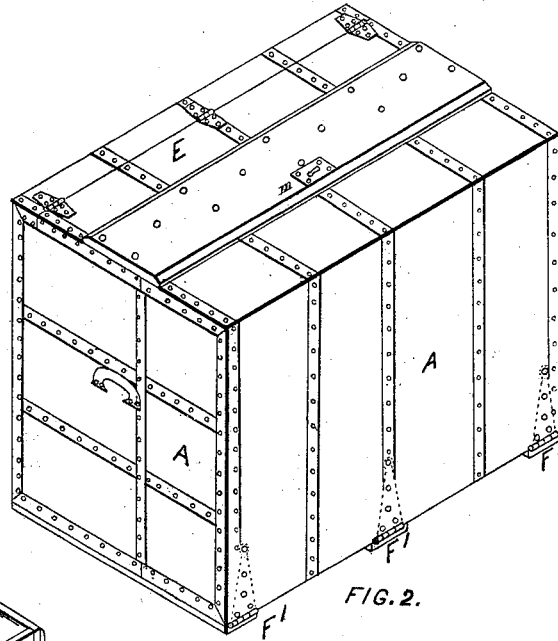
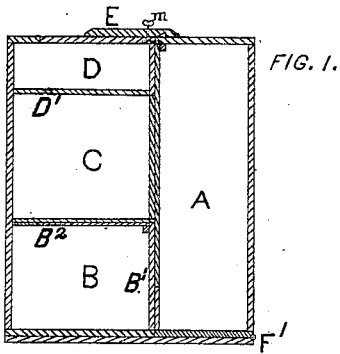


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. GILL, of Rolla, in the county of Phelps and State of Missouri, 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, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of said trunk as closed. Fig. 2 is an isometrical outside view of the same when closed. Fig. 3 is an isometrical view of the trunk opened.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The trunk is designed with special reference to containing various articles of apparel, toilet, useful, and ornamental articles connected with a lady's or gentleman's wardrobe and required in traveling to be contained in easily-accessible positions, so that any article can be easily reached without having to unpack but little of the trunk.

My trunk is made to attain the foregoing object, and at the same time it is made very much stronger than heretofore, and its upper apartment can be used for a work-box, thus increasing its usefulness.

In the drawing, A represents the front of the trunk, hinged by its front lower corner to the ends of two or more cleats, F, which run along the width of the bottom of the trunk. Access may be gained to apartment A by letting it down horizontally and raising light lid A'. This apartment is convenient, and presents the room of one whole side of the trunk, in which may be placed large engravings, dresses, &c., which may be desired to pack without musing.

The bottom of the rear part of the trunk is strengthened by the fixed partition B', and forms a roomy apartment, B, into which large or heavy articles and those the least often needed may be packed.

Apartment B is provided with two light lids, onto which drawers C C may glide, respectively. Access may be gained to either end of

apartment B by removing one of the drawers C and raising one of the light lids, or by removing both drawers C C and raising both lids on which said drawers C C had glided, thus presenting an open apartment for packing dresses, &c.

Drawers C C are very convenient apartments, to which access may be readily gained by drawing one or both out and allowing one end to rest on the rear of apartment A. In these drawers C C small articles may be placed, which are desired to be convenient, such as collars, cuffs, hats, &c.

When apartment A is raised up to its vertical position, the main body of the trunk is thus closed. The dowels *h h*, passing into holes *h' h'*, serve to relieve the hinges F' and the cleats F' from the vertical pressure, and when the lid E is let down dowels *k k* glide into notches or recesses *k' k'*, and hold the apartment A firmly to the rear or main part of the trunk. Thus all parts of the trunk are firmly held together without any tension on the lock. The very light lid E then becomes simply a lid to the small apartment D, and is much more easily opened or closed than the ordinary heavy lid. The bottom D' and side piece D² of this apartment D, being fixed, are strong stays to the upper part of the trunk, and thus every part of the trunk is made much stronger than the ordinary trunk.

Travelers have universally felt the inconvenience of chambermaids pushing their trunks against the wall, so that when they are to be opened they must be tugged away therefrom, in order to raise the ordinary thick lid, requiring the wear and tear of muscle and temper, while lid E may be easily raised up and laid back in any position the trunk may be in. The lid thus opened exposes the most convenient apartment of the whole trunk, in which toilet and other articles of very frequent use may be placed, or a lady may make this apartment serve her purpose as a work-box.

It has been seen that the traveler need not despair of getting at an article in this trunk because it is in the bottom, as it has been shown that each part is readily accessible without disturbing all above it.

The simple lock M holds the lids E down,

and prevents any one from opening the trunk by disengaging the dowels from their recesses until the trunk is unlocked.

Straps and strengthening-cleats may be added to suit the views of the maker.

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

1. In a trunk, a front vertical section hinged to cleats running across the bottom of the trunk, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The front vertical section of a trunk hinged to cleats running across the bottom of the trunk, in combination with the main body of the trunk, having small apartment D, with

its light lid E, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a trunk, a front vertical section hinged to cleats running across the bottom of the trunk, in combination with the main body of the trunk, having apartment B and drawers C, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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