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Trunk Protector.

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Fig. 3.

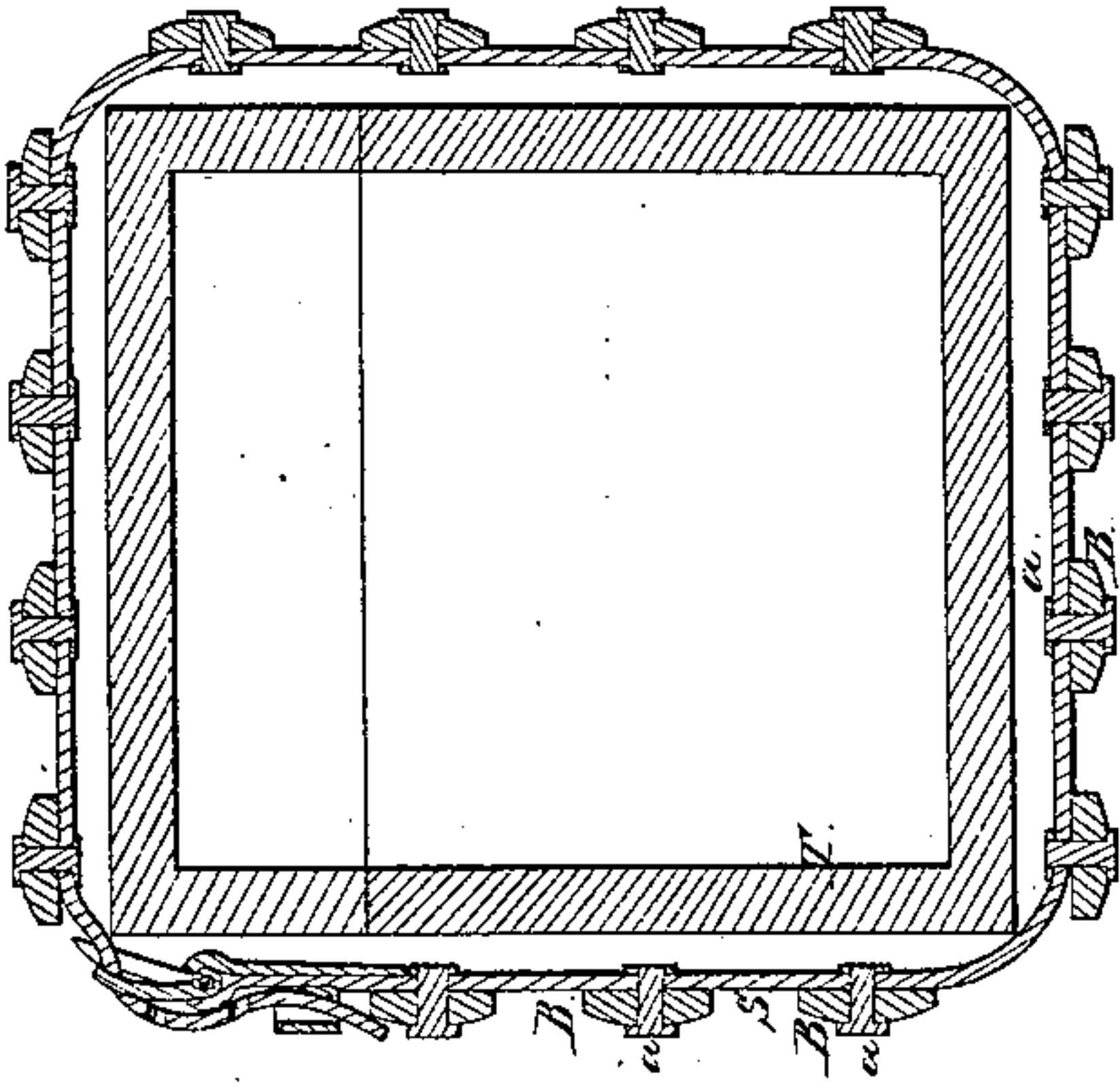


Fig. 2.

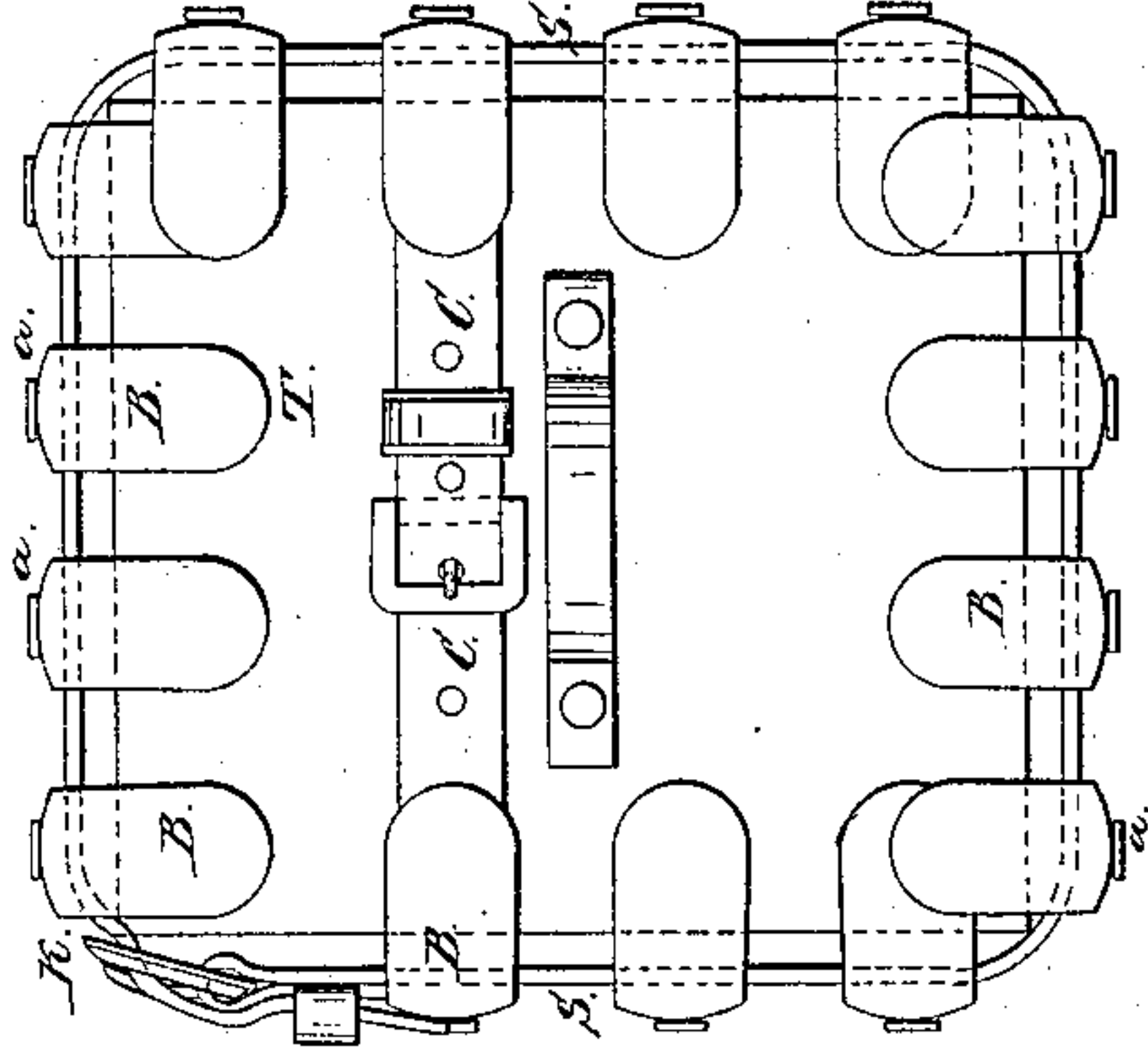
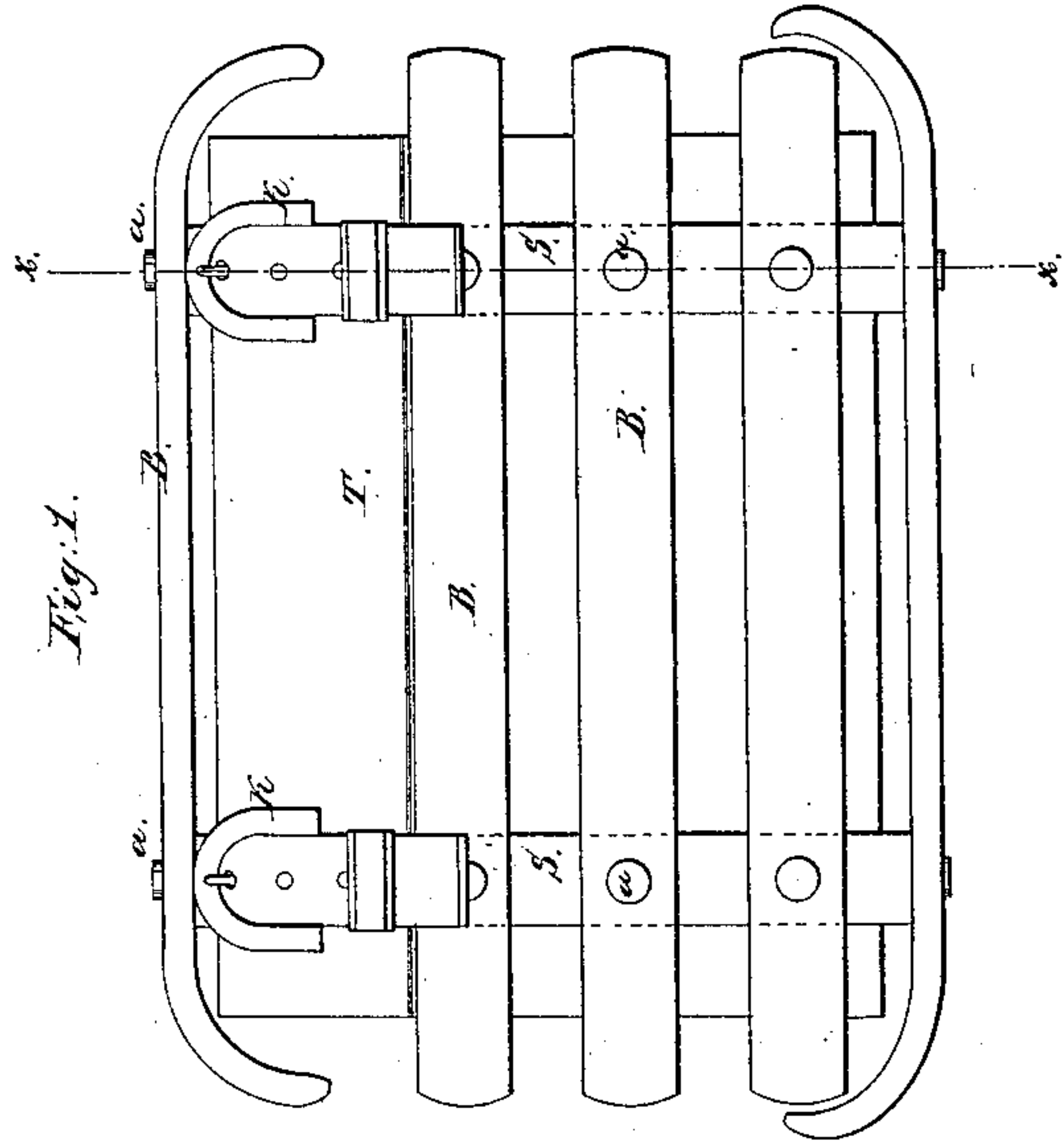


Fig. 1.



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TRUNK-PROTECTOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT M. WADE, of Wadesville, in the county of Clark and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Trunk-Protector; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification, in the several figures of which similar characters of reference denote the same part.

Figure 1 is a side view of a trunk having my protector attached. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig 3 is a transverse section on line $x x$.

The object of my invention is to prevent injury to trunks by the rough usage they meet with from baggage-porters and others.

The nature of the invention consists in providing a skeleton casing of sufficient strength and elasticity to resist the blows to which the trunk may be subjected, which casing is to be attached in the manner of an ordinary canvas cover. The details of construction and operation will be understood from the following description.

In the drawings, B B are a series of strips of tough wood bent at their extremities so as to pass around the edge of the trunk. These

strips are riveted to two leather straps S S, as seen at a , a suitable space being left between the strips. This casing is secured to the trunk T by means of the buckles K on straps S, and is prevented from slipping longitudinally by the additional straps C, passing around the end of the trunk, as shown in Fig. 2. If the trunk be large, there may be several of these end straps. The trunk is thus incased in the skeleton covering, which receives all blows and effectually prevents injury to the trunk. This casing differs from the wooden strips secured to the top and sides of trunks, since these strips form part of the trunk. Moreover, they do not protect the edges.

Having described my invention and the operation thereof, I claim—

The skeleton trunk-casing made up of wooden strips, with bent extremities connected with straps and attached to the trunk, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name before two subscribing witnesses.

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