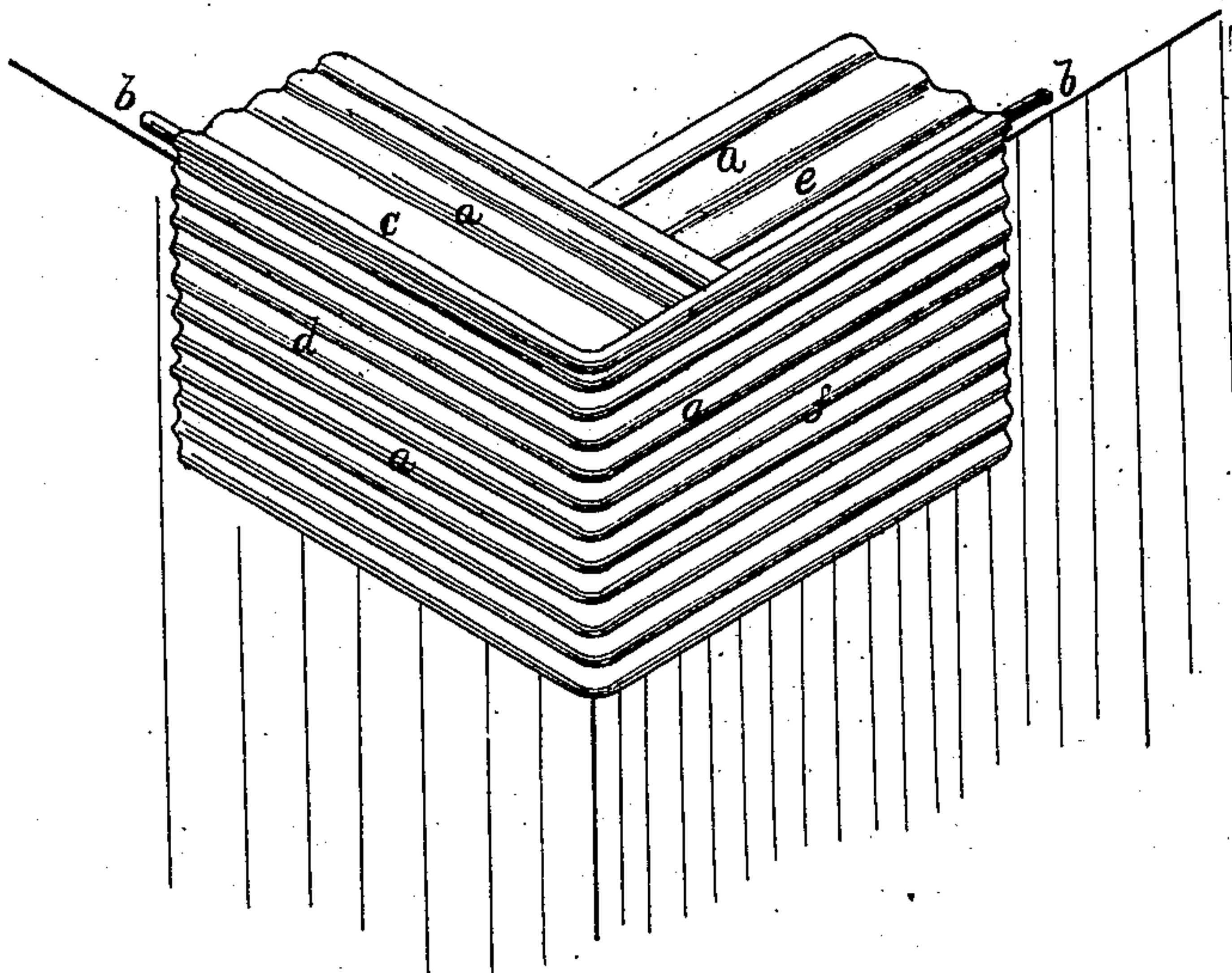


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IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNK-MOLDINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, E. A. G. ROULSTONE, of Roxbury, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Trunk-Molding; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention, sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practice it.

The invention relates to the manner of protecting or re-enforcing the corners of leather and wooden traveling trunks by metal caps or moldings, or to the construction of such moldings as articles of manufacture; and the invention consists in a metal molding made into form to cover or project over the three surfaces, meeting at each corner or angle of the trunk, when this molding, so struck up or formed into shape, is made of corrugated metal, re-enforced in the horizontal angle by a metal wire.

Such moldings or corner pieces-applied to the four upper corners of a trunk enable the corners to stand without damage the very rough usage to which they are subjected by express and baggage men.

Any blow received upon the molding is imparted not directly to the trunk but to the projecting corrugation or corrugations of the metal upon which the blow may happen to fall, thereby preserving the body of the trunk from injury.

Such a molding is represented in the drawing, it being formed of a corrugated plate, *a*, bent into shape to lie against the three surfaces of a trunk, meeting at either solid angle, its upper edge having a wire, *b*, to stiffen the molding along this edge, and to keep the sides in shape, the top plate *c*, bent over from the side plate *d*, being lapped under or over and soldered, brazed, or riveted to the plate *e*, bent over from the plate *f*.

The article thus made into shape, ready for application to trunk-corners without any subsequent shaping or bending, and so as to protect the three surfaces meeting at either angle of the trunk, and presenting, by means of the corrugated surface, obstacles at all points to the direct impact of any body against the surface of the trunk, is of great utility, presenting to manufacturers of traveling trunks a cheap and reliable means of improving and strengthening their productions.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture the corner molding or guard *a* for trunks, made of corrugated metal formed into shape for application, and strengthened by a wire, *b*, substantially as described.

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