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Trunk.

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Fig. 2.

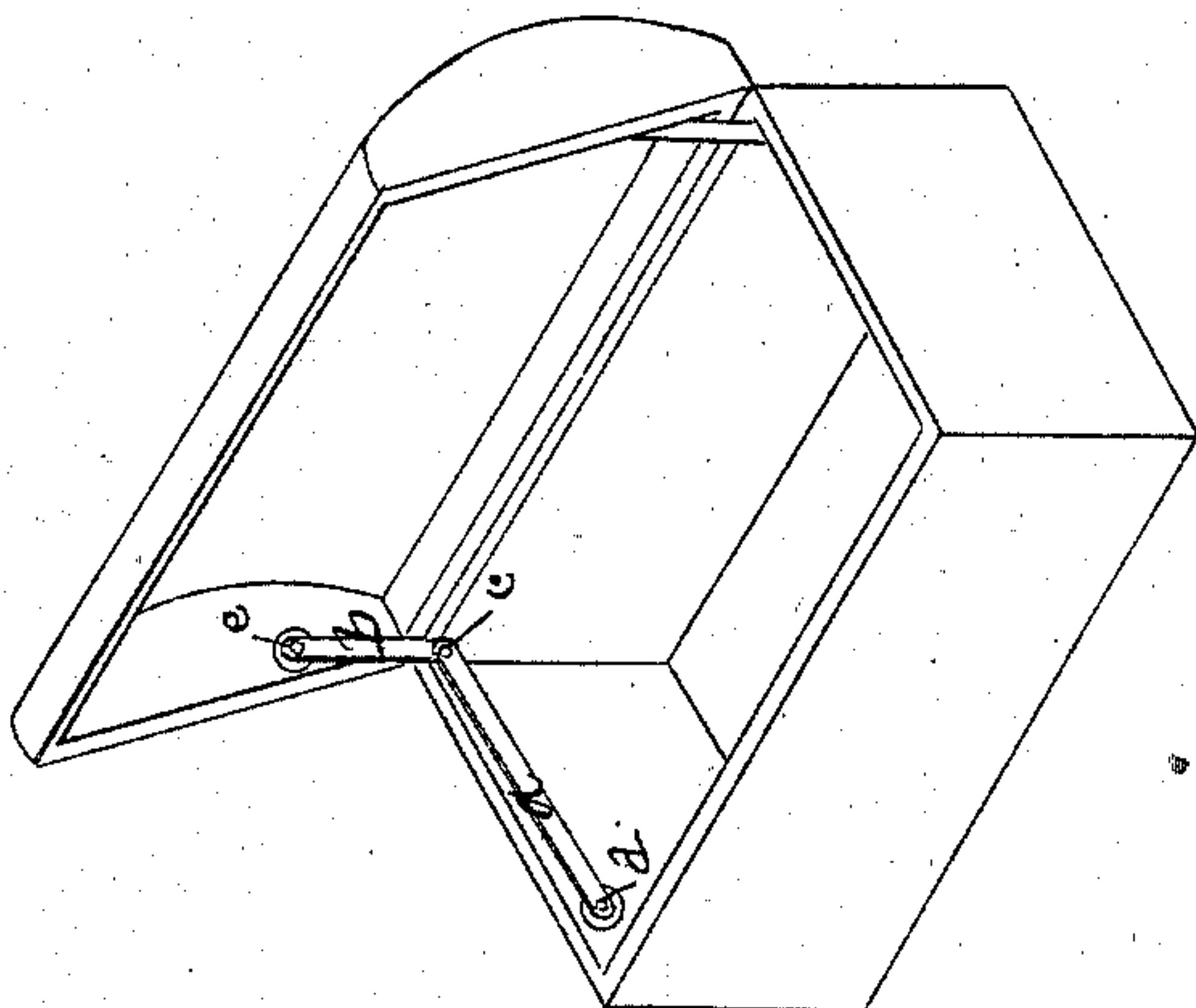
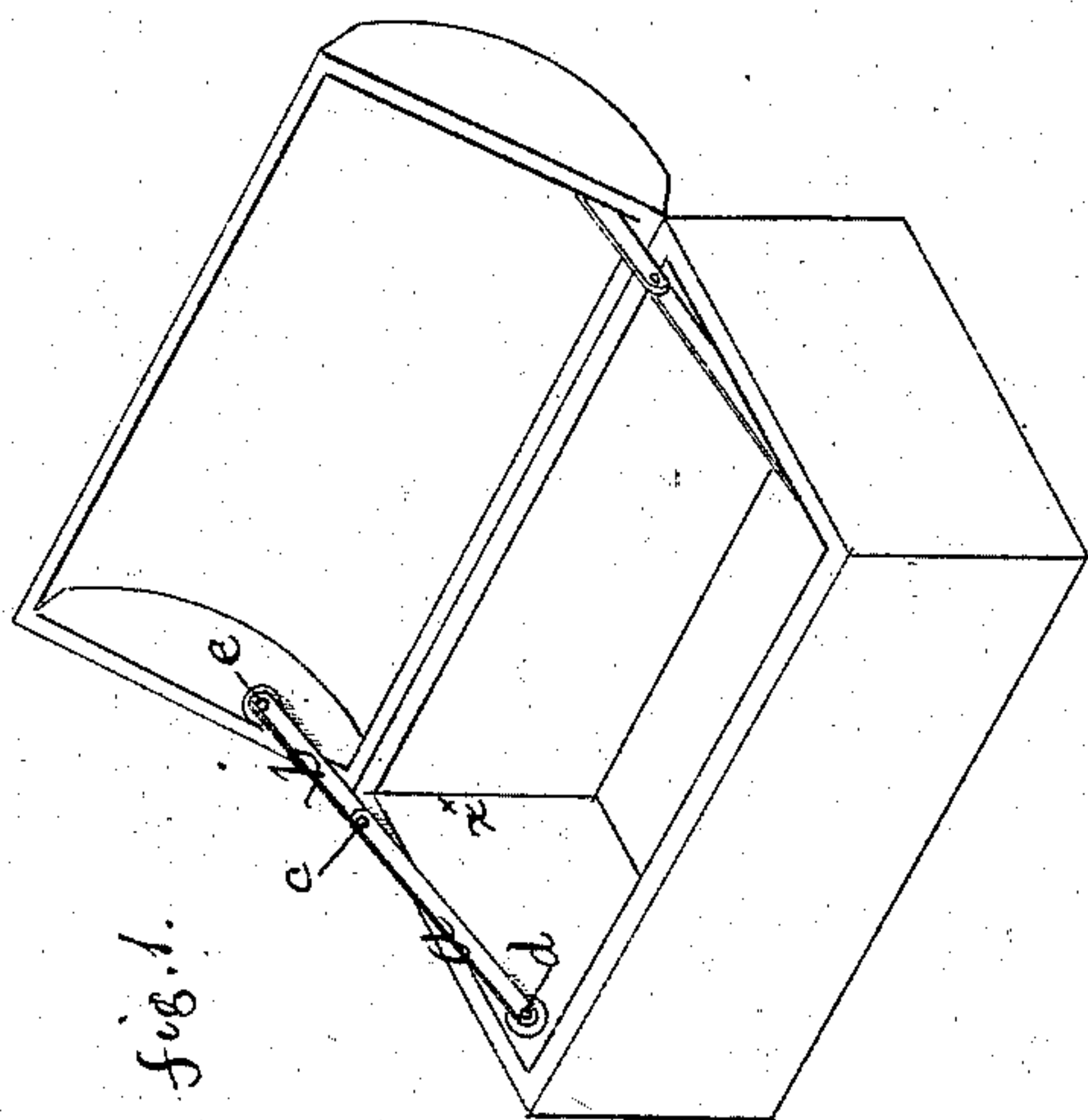


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED CHECK FOR TRUNKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, PHINEAS J. STEER, of Washington, in the county of Washington, and in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful "Check for Supporting the Lids of Trunks, Boxes, Sewing-Machine Covers, and similar cases;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention consists of an improved mode of constructing the check used to prevent the lids of trunks from falling too far back when opened.

Figure 1 is a perspective showing a trunk fully open with my improved "check" in operation.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the trunk partly open, and the "check" in the act of unfolding.

My improved check consists simply of two thin strips *a* and *b* of metal or wood, jointed together at *c*; strip *a* being pivoted at *d* to the inner surface of each end of the trunk, and strip *b* being similarly pivoted at *e'* to the inner surface of each end of the lid of the trunk, as fully shown in the drawings. When the trunk is shut the strips fold partially past each other, the joint *c* descending towards the point *x*. When the trunk is opened the strips *a* and *b* assume a straight line, as in fig. 1, and "check" or sustain the lid, as shown and desired. When preferred, the strips *a* and *b* may be let into the ends of the trunks, instead of being fast to the inner surface as shown.

My improved check is applicable not only to trunks, but also to pianos, tool-chests, and boxes of all kinds provided with lids, sewing-machine cases, and the like.

What I claim as new, and desired to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The "check" *a b*, when constructed and applied as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above-described invention, I have hereunto signed my name this fifth day of June, 1867.

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