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Travellers Trunk

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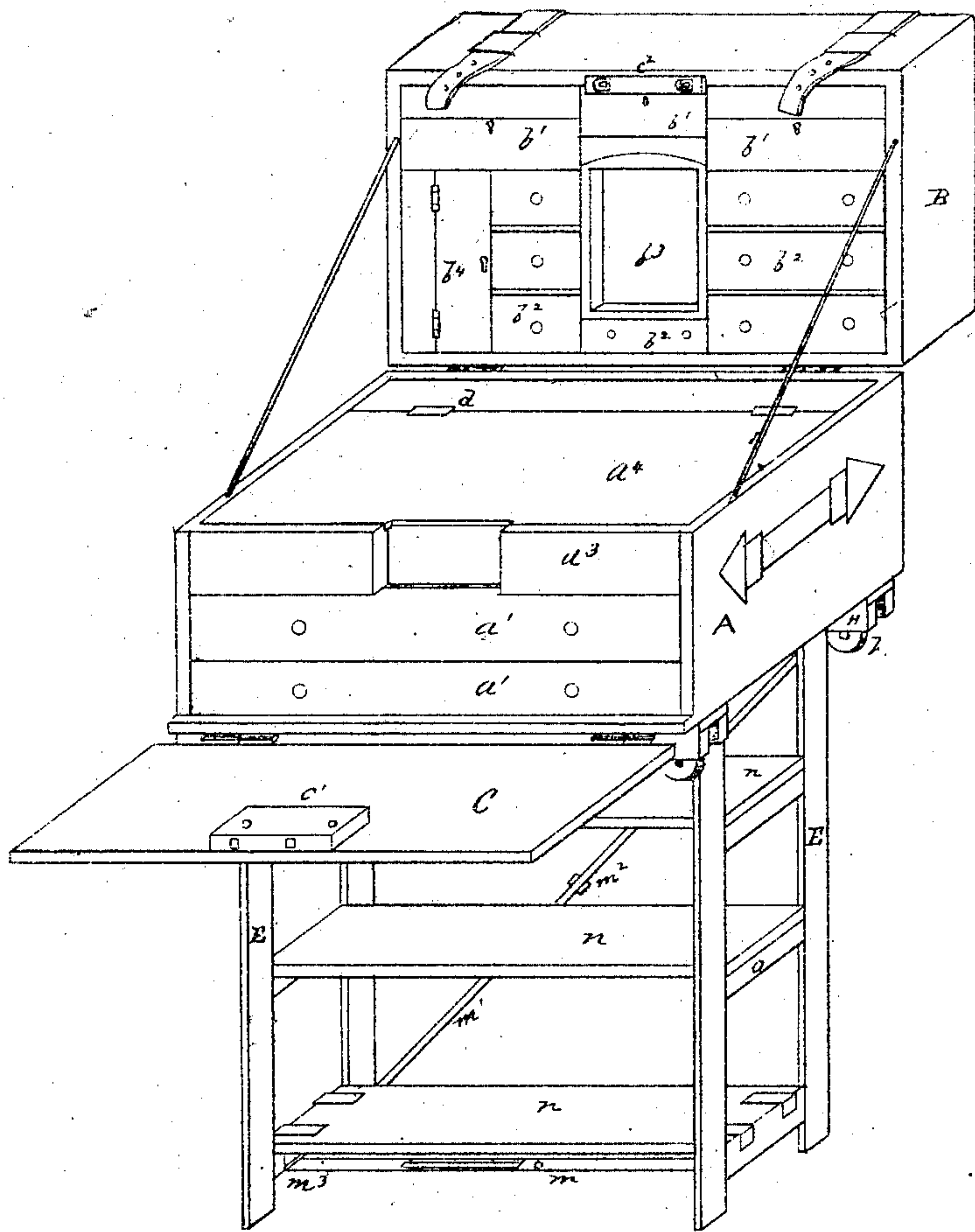


Fig: 2

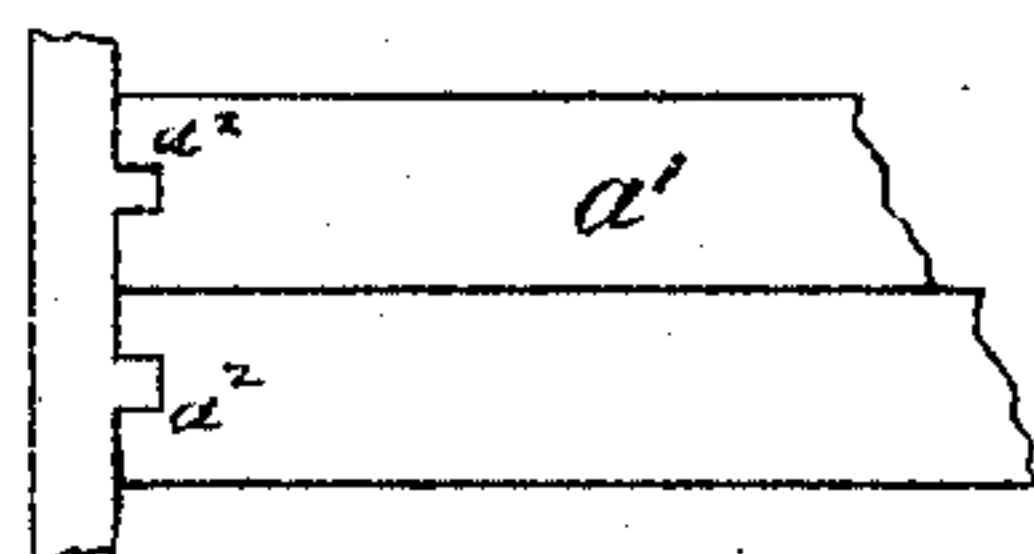
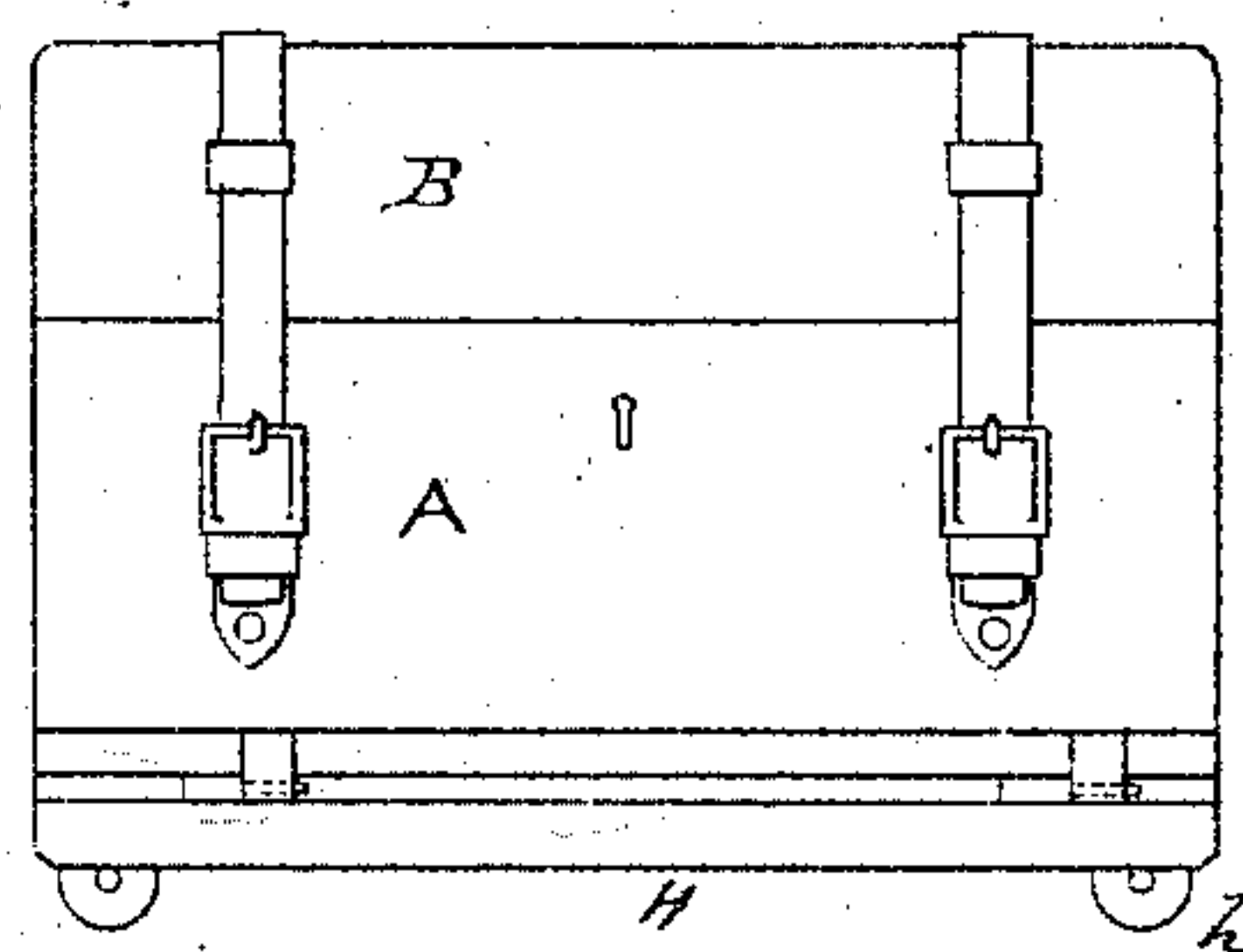


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IMPROVEMENT IN TRAVELLER'S TRUNK.

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, JOHN N. WUNDERLICH, of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Trunk; and I do hereby declare the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in so constructing the parts of a travelling-trunk that it shall combine the qualifications of a toilet-mirror, bureau, writing-desk, and book-rack.

enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk fully opened.

Figure 2 is a front view of the same closed up.

Figure 3 is a view of a particular part.

A is the lower body of the trunk; B, the lid, hinged, and shutting on a horizontal line as trunks are usually made. Two or more drawers, a^1 , slide horizontally into the body of the trunk A on strips a^2 , (see fig. 3.) a^3 is the tray or shelf, having a hinged cover, a^4 , which makes a table, as in a bureau-top, or it answers as a desk for a person to stand and write at. An iron frame or band, just the depth of the tray, may be screwed to the trunk around the tray, as a strengthening-band to hold the trunk together. B is the lid, having arranged within it the boxes b^1 with falling doors, also the drawers b^2 , the mirror b^3 , and book-case for account-books b^4 . The mirror can be taken out and used independent of the trunk, and behind it is a space which can be used for packing. Instead of the cover a^4 being hinged at d , it might be hinged to the lid B, in which case it would shut up the drawers b^2 and fall down for a writing-table, in the manner of office-desks. C is the front side, hinged to the body of the trunk A, and falling down to a horizontal position suitable for writing at in a sitting posture. c^1 is the lock, c^2 the catch by which the lid is held to the body of the trunk. Underneath the bottom of the trunk are legs, E, hinged to the trunk, and folding up one upon the other, close to the bottom; within the protecting side strips H, which are fastened along the bottom of the trunk on each side, and carry rollers h at each end. These legs E are of such a length as to raise the table a^4 , desk C, and mirror each respectively and collectively to the proper height for use, as previously described. A horizontal lengthening-bar, m , is hinged at one end, m^3 , to the legs, and hooked at the other, and answers as a cross-tie. Horizontal shelves, n , rest upon the end-pieces o , and when secure in their places make a book-rack. A diagonal lengthening-bar, m^1 , is an additional stay to give rigidity to the book-rack when fixed in position. This bar, the same as m , is capable of sliding in and out, and is set fast by a bolt, m^2 . The shelves n and diagonal stay m^1 are packed away in the drawer a^1 when travelling. The bar m is folded up with the legs.

By this arrangement a travelling-trunk may be made to combine many articles of furniture, its contents can be easily removed from any part as soon as the trunk is opened, and it can be packed and the legs E folded up ready for transportation in a few minutes, presenting the appearance shown in fig. 2.

I do not claim broadly the use of drawers b^2 in the lid, nor drawers a^1 in the body A, nor a trunk with falling front side, nor the use of folding legs beneath a trunk, as such have been used in trunks which open and are constructed on a different plan to mine.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. I claim the book-rack, made by the combination of the horizontal shelves n and folding legs E, when arranged beneath a travelling-trunk, in the manner shown and described.
2. I claim the trunk A B, opening as shown, when so combined with the folding legs E that the cover a^4 forms a bureau-table, and the falling front C a writing-desk, substantially as shown and described.
3. I claim the combination of the undermentioned parts, when so arranged in a travelling-trunk as to form a toilet-mirror, b^3 , table, a^4 , writing-desk, C, and book-rack, n , in the manner shown and described.

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