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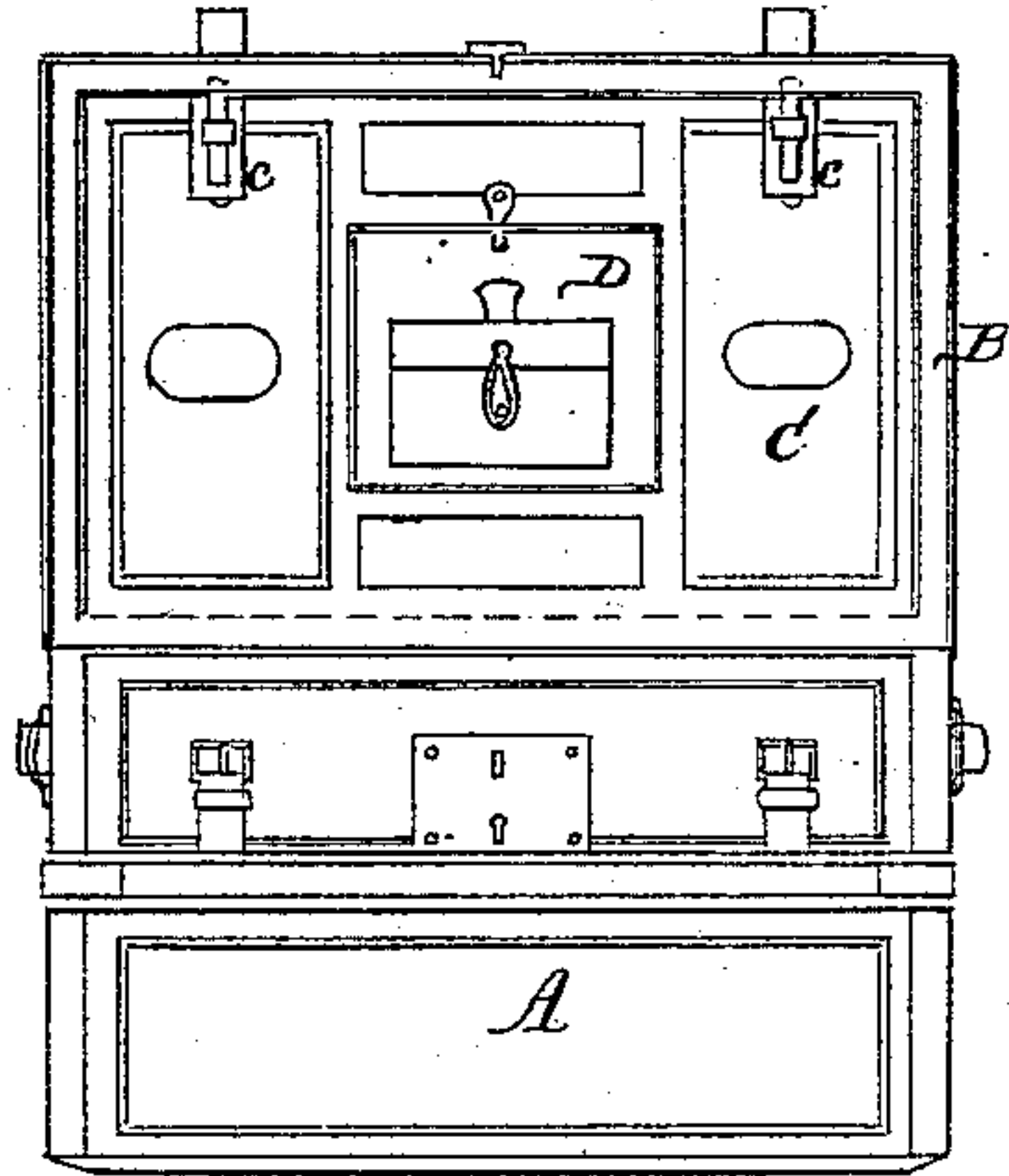


Figure 1

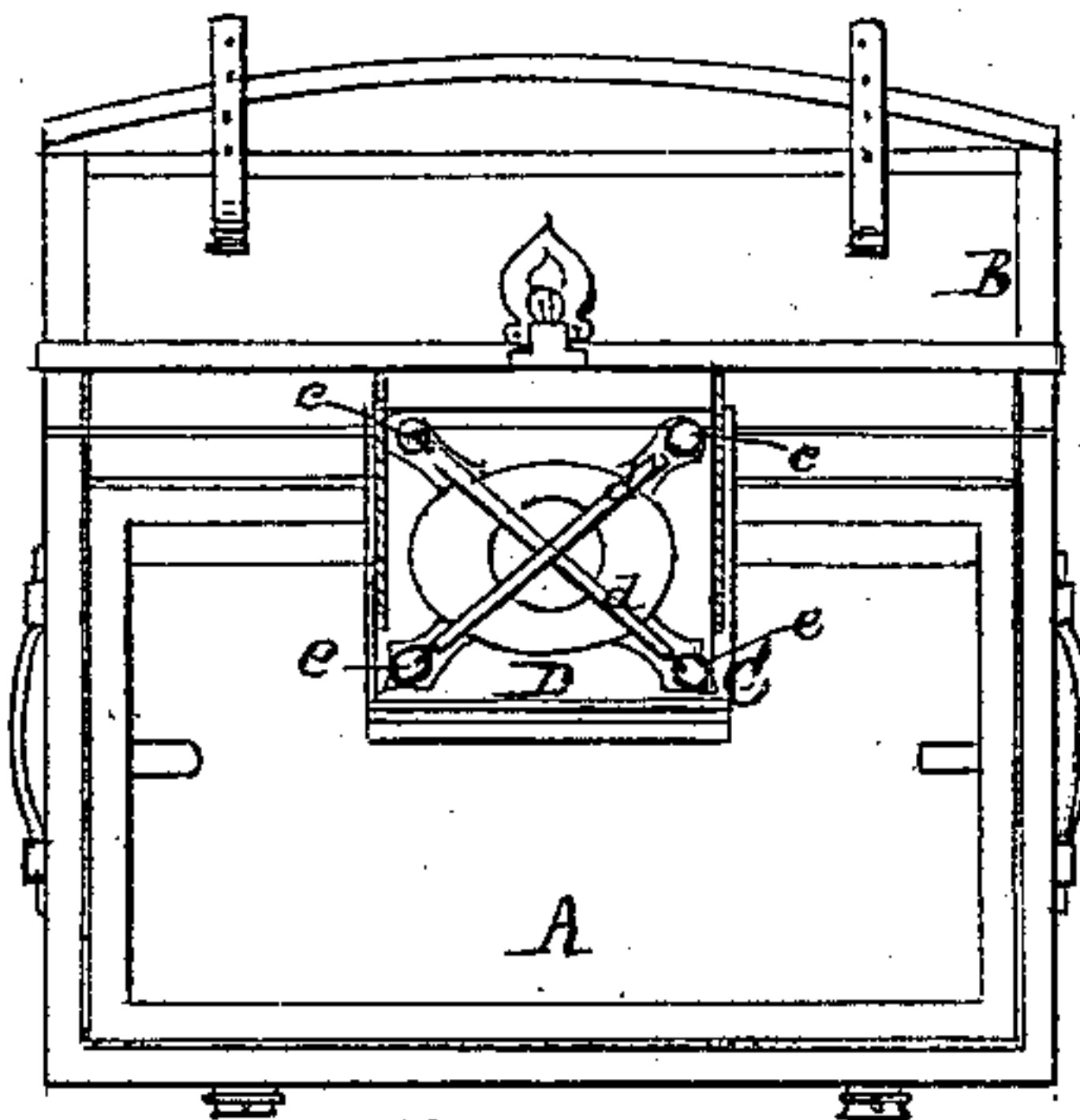


Figure 2

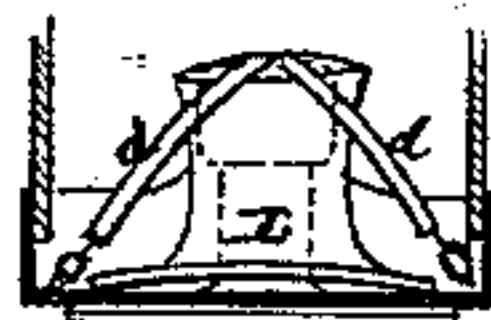


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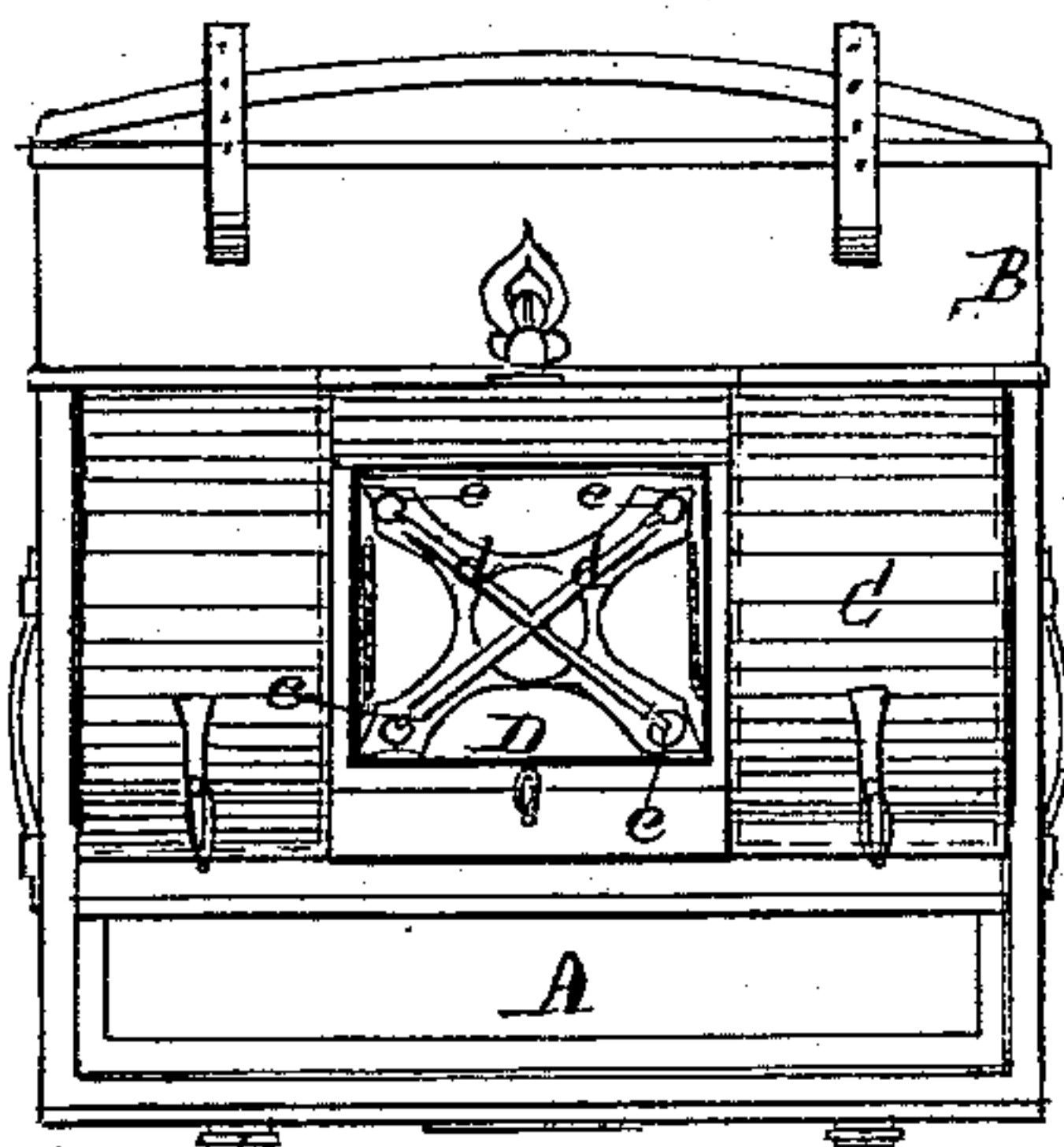


Figure 4

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IMPROVEMENT IN 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, GEORGE CROUCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use, certain Improvements in the Construction of Trunks; and I do declare that the following is a full, clear, and correct description of my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my trunk opened, showing the tray in top of same.

Figure 2 is a view of my trunk opened, the hat-box in the same being opened from the front side.

Figure 3 is a view of the hat-box removed from the frame.

Figure 4 is a view of the trunk opened, the hat-box being opened from the rear side.

In the drawings, like parts of the invention are indicated by the same letters of reference.

The nature of the present invention consists in combining, with a trunk, an apartment for reception of the hat or bonnet of the traveller, which apartment is constructed and located as more fully hereinafter set forth.

To enable those skilled in the arts to make and use my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same.

A shows the body of the trunk, and B is the lid of the same.

C shows a tray, secured within the interior of the top, B, by means of the tray-bolts *c c*.

This tray, C, is arched, to conform with the top or lid, B, within which it is secured.

In the centre of this tray is the apartment for the reception of the hat or bonnet of the traveller.

The front portion or door, D, of the apartment, forms, when closed, a portion of the tray C, and, when opened and let down, (see fig. 2 of the drawings,) forms, as it were, a shelf projecting in front of the tray C.

Upon the interior of this door D, about centrally, is secured a circular stand, E, provided with a cap-piece, made larger than the stand D supporting it.

Upon this cap-piece the hat or bonnet may be placed, being secured thereto by means of the rubber or elastic bands *d*, having their ends attached to rings *e*, secured in the base of the shelf or door, said bands passing over the hat or bonnet when placed upon the cap-piece of the stand.

In fig. 4 the tray C is shown as let down from its position within the top, B, in which case access is had to the apartment by opening a door upon the rear end of the same.

The principal feature of the invention is, that a trunk is provided with a hat or bonnet-apartment without loss of room or danger of interfering with the body of the trunk, which is thus left free for the packing of clothing and other articles, and that for convenience this apartment is made accessible from both the front and rear sides of the tray C.

A further advantage is, that the hat-support of this apartment is removable at will, allowing its use to be dispensed with, and the space it occupied to be devoted to other purposes.

The support for the cap-piece being hollow, may be used as a receptacle for collars, and the cap-piece itself as a pin-cushion, if desired.

The increased cost of a trunk fitted with an apartment of the character indicated is but nominal, while its utility will be apparent to all travellers.

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

1. The combination, with a trunk, A, of a hat or bonnet-apartment, constructed as described, and located in the tray C centrally, as shown, for the purposes set forth.

2. Giving access to the same, either from the bottom or top of the tray C, as shown.

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