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Trunk Hasp.

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Fig. 1.

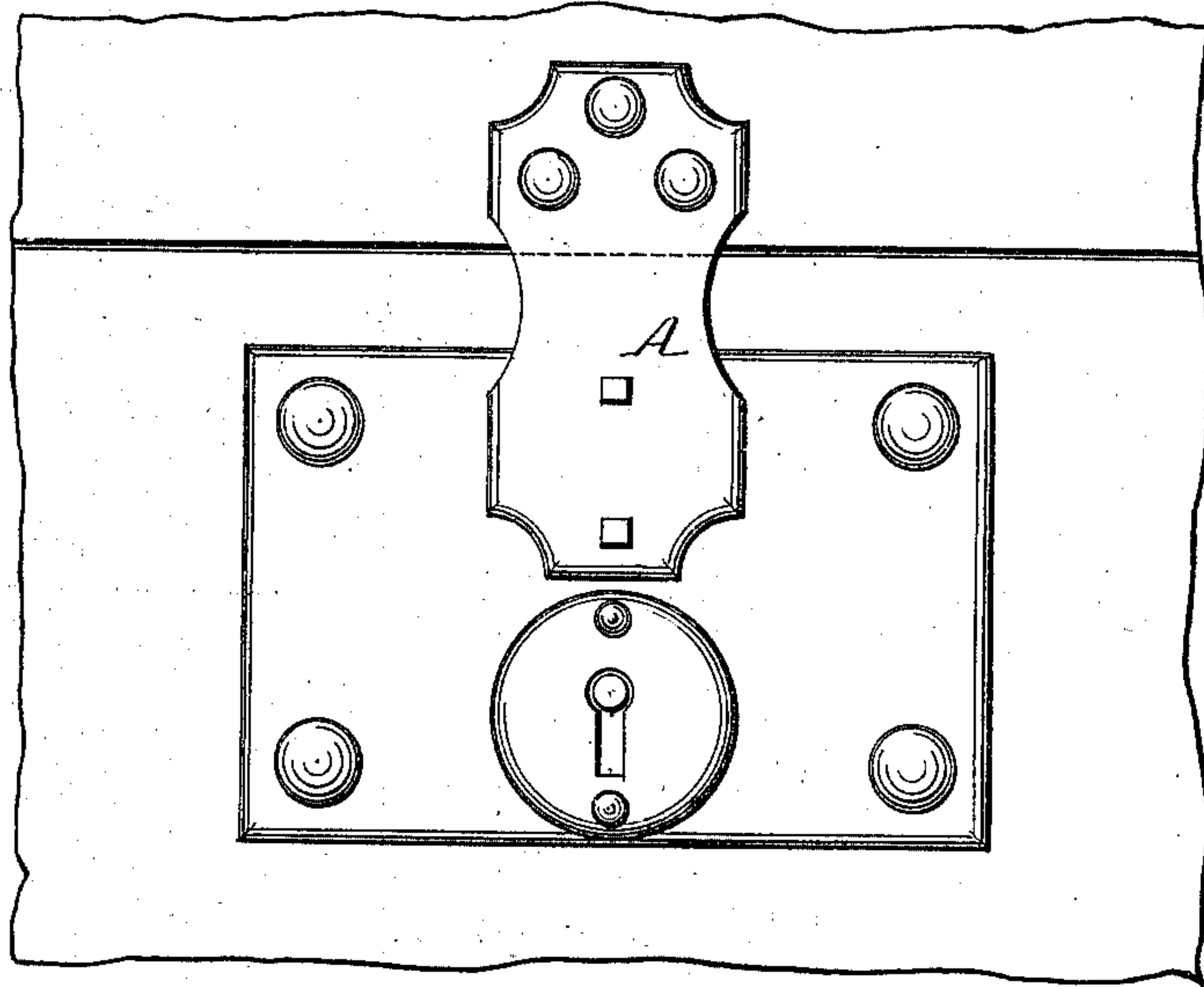


Fig. 2.

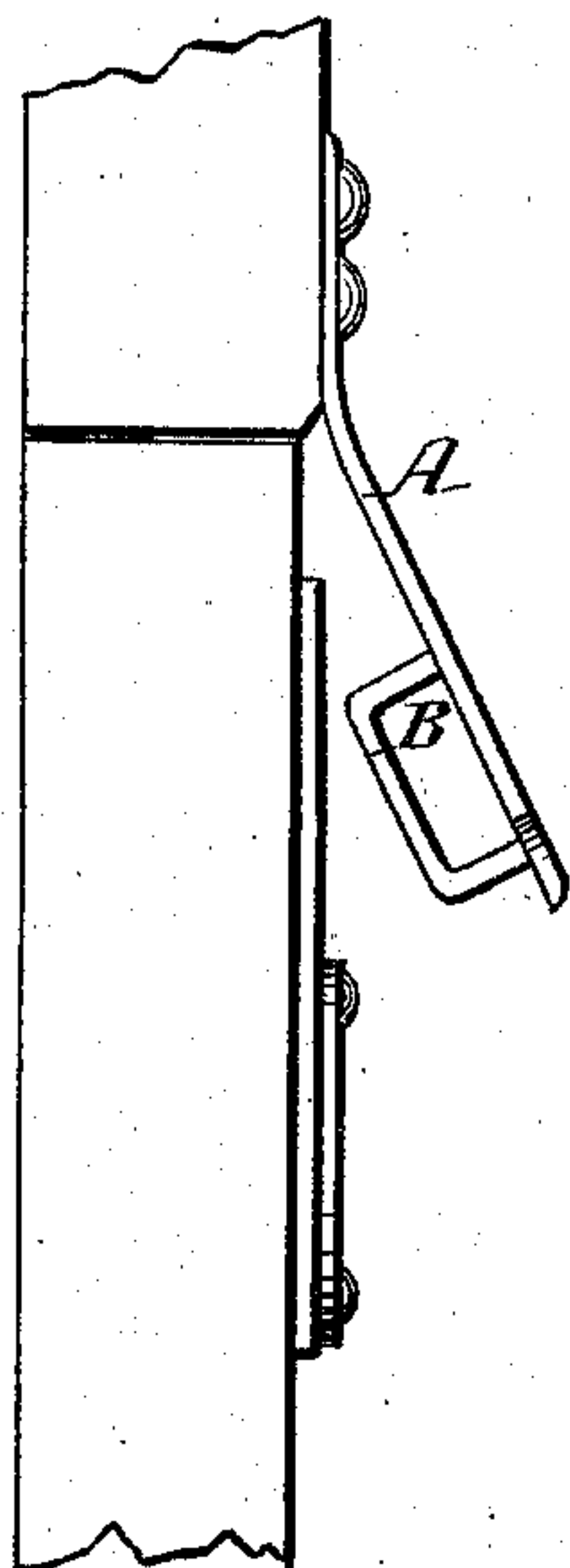
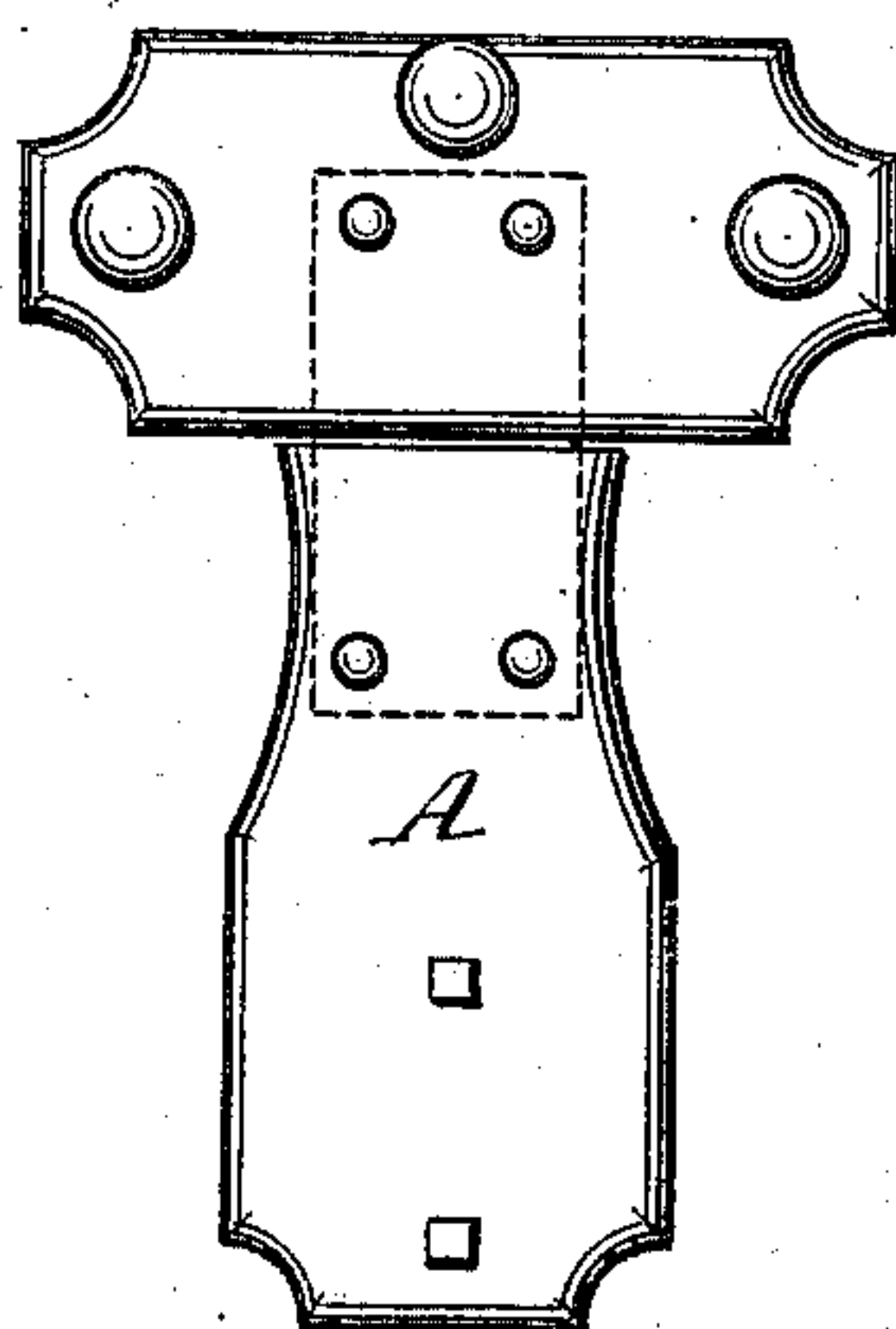


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED TRUNK-HASP.

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, LOUIS HILLEBRAND, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trunk-Hasps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains, to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the device illustrating my invention.

Figure 2 is a side view thereof.

Figure 3 is a modification thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists in a trunk-hasp which is constructed wholly or in part of spring-metal, to obtain sufficient motion to allow the staple to enter and clear the lock without the employment of hinges, as in ordinary cases.

In the drawings—

A represents the hasp, having openings made in its upper end, through which nails or screws are passed for securing the hasp to the lid of the trunk or elsewhere. To this hasp is riveted, or otherwise fastened an eye, or staple B, which enters the opening in the lock, and receives the bolt thereof.

The hasp A is cut out of a strip of spring-metal, slightly bent, so that when secured to the lid of the trunk, and free from the lock, it will stand out as seen in fig. 2.

The operation of locking the trunk requires no special mention. The hasp is forced against the lock, the staple B enters the opening, and the latter is caught by the bolt, and thus held until released.

To unlock the trunk, the key is turned, and so soon as the bolt clears the staple, the hasp flies out, and frees itself from the lock.

It has been usual hitherto to construct hasps of two parts, connected together by a pintle, so as to constitute a hinge, in order that the lower part may be swung from the lock.

By my invention, said pintle, or hinge is dispensed with, whereby strength, simplicity, and cheapness are combined.

I may construct my hasps of two parts, and connect them by a piece of spring-metal, as seen in fig. 3, but the operation is similar to that previously described.

The means of fastening the hasp to the lid or other intended object may be varied.

Having thus described my invention,

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

A hasp constructed of spring-metal, substantially as described.

To the above I have signed my name, this 3d day of August, 1869.

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