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Fig. 1.

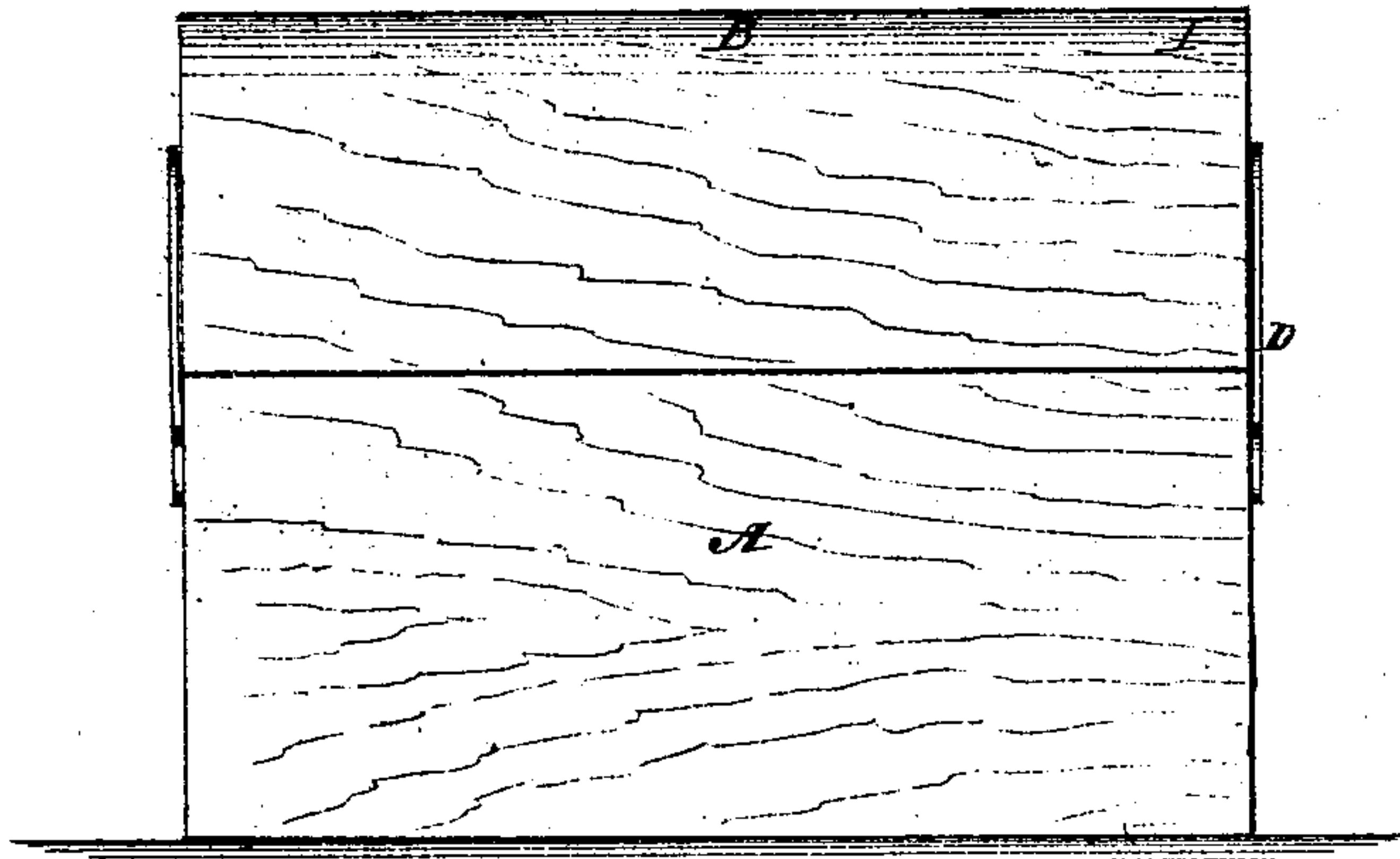
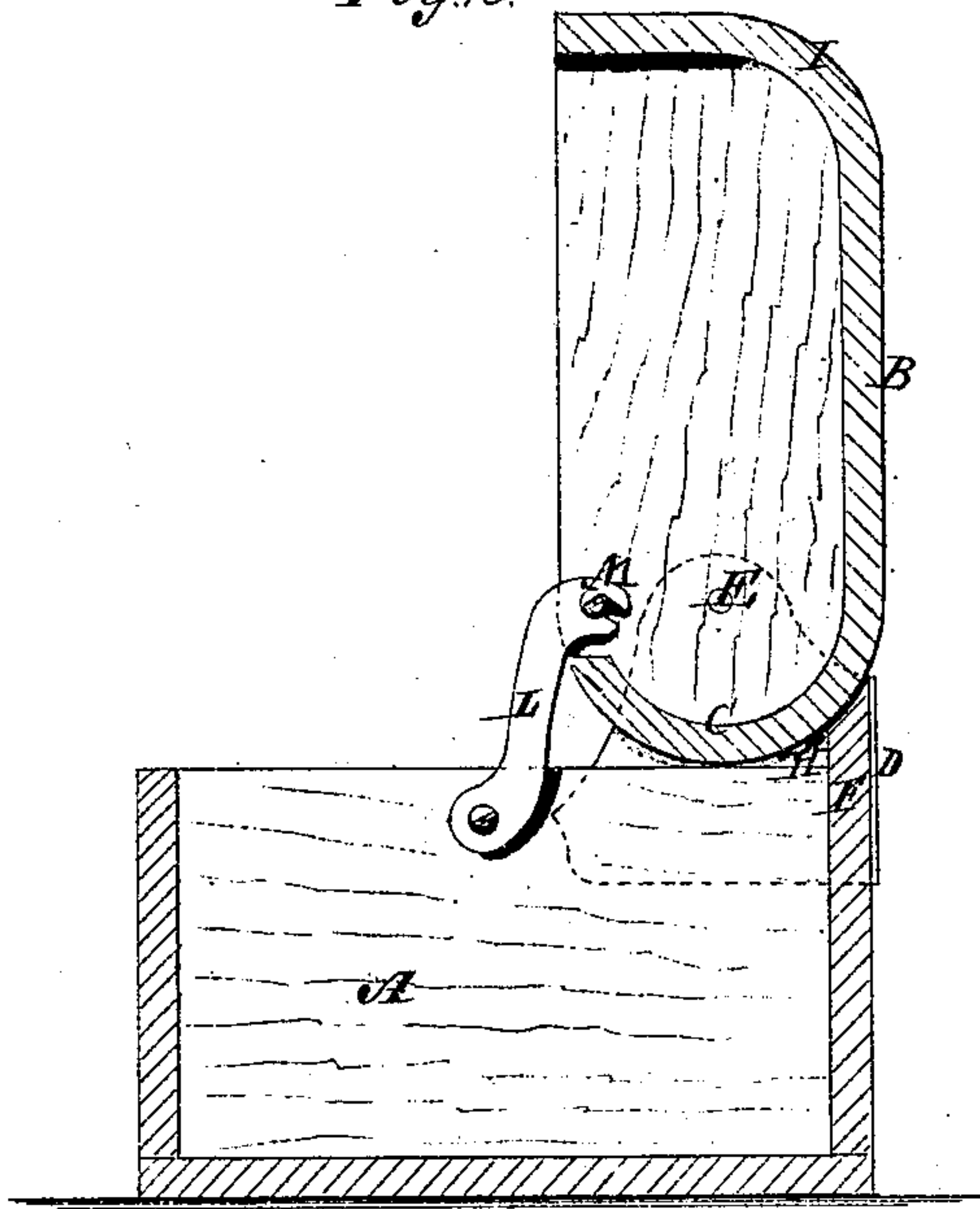


Fig. 2.



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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, WILLIAM S. MAYO, of Poughkeepsie, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trunks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in the construction and arrangement of trunks adapted for supporting the cover when raised in a vertical or nearly vertical position on the top, of the back part of the bottom; and

It consists in supporting the cover on trunnions in ears or bearings attached to the bottom, and constructing the rear parts of the top on curved lines struck from the axis of the trunnions, which are arranged relatively to the back, so that the tops will swing readily thereon in raising or closing to the required position.

It also consists in providing a vertical projection to the back of the bottom, rising up to and fitting the curvature of the back of the top, to make a finished appearance and close the space above the line of the main part of the top caused by the curvature thereof; and

It further consists in the combination with the two parts arranged as above of one or more hooks for holding the tops in the elevated position.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a trunk constructed according to my invention, and

Figure 2 is a transverse section of the same, with the top in the elevated position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the bottom, which may be of any common or approved construction.

B is the top, the rear C of which is constructed in semicircular form. It is pivoted in the axis E of the said semicircle to the ears D attached to the ends of the bottom part, and rising above the said bottom to the center of the vertical line of the top, when closed.

The back F of the bottom is raised above the ends and sides to fit snugly against the curved back of the top. It will be seen that, by this con-

struction and arrangement of parts, the top or longest side of the part B will, when the latter is open, be in the same vertical plane with the back of the body A.

The ears are made broad and rise at the rear as high as the top of the back F, to strengthen it and inclose the spaces H and make a finished appearance.

The front upper corner I of the top is curved to make a symmetrical appearance of the same, but this is not essential.

L is a hook pivoted to the end of the bottom at the inside, and having a notched end rising up to engage with a stud, M, in the end of the top to hold it in the vertical position. Each end may have one of these hooks.

The recess or cavity which would exist along the back of the trunk above the top of the bottom, by reason of the curvature of the back of the top, is so filled out by the extension of the back F that, whether open or closed, a symmetrical appearance is presented at the back.

This improvement is applicable to wash-stands and other like articles of furniture having tops opening up in like manner.

Having thus described my invention,

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

1. The top of a trunk, wash-stand, or other like article, provided with a semicircular back O, and pivoted to the ears D attached to the bottom, and arranged substantially as specified.

2. The hooks L pivoted to the ends of the body A of the trunk, and slotted at their opposite ends to fit over the studs M of the top B, whereby to support the latter in a vertical position on its pivots, all as shown and described.

3. The arrangement, with the bottom A and top B, of the vertical extension of the back F, all substantially as specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 30th day of December, 1869.

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