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Fig. 1.

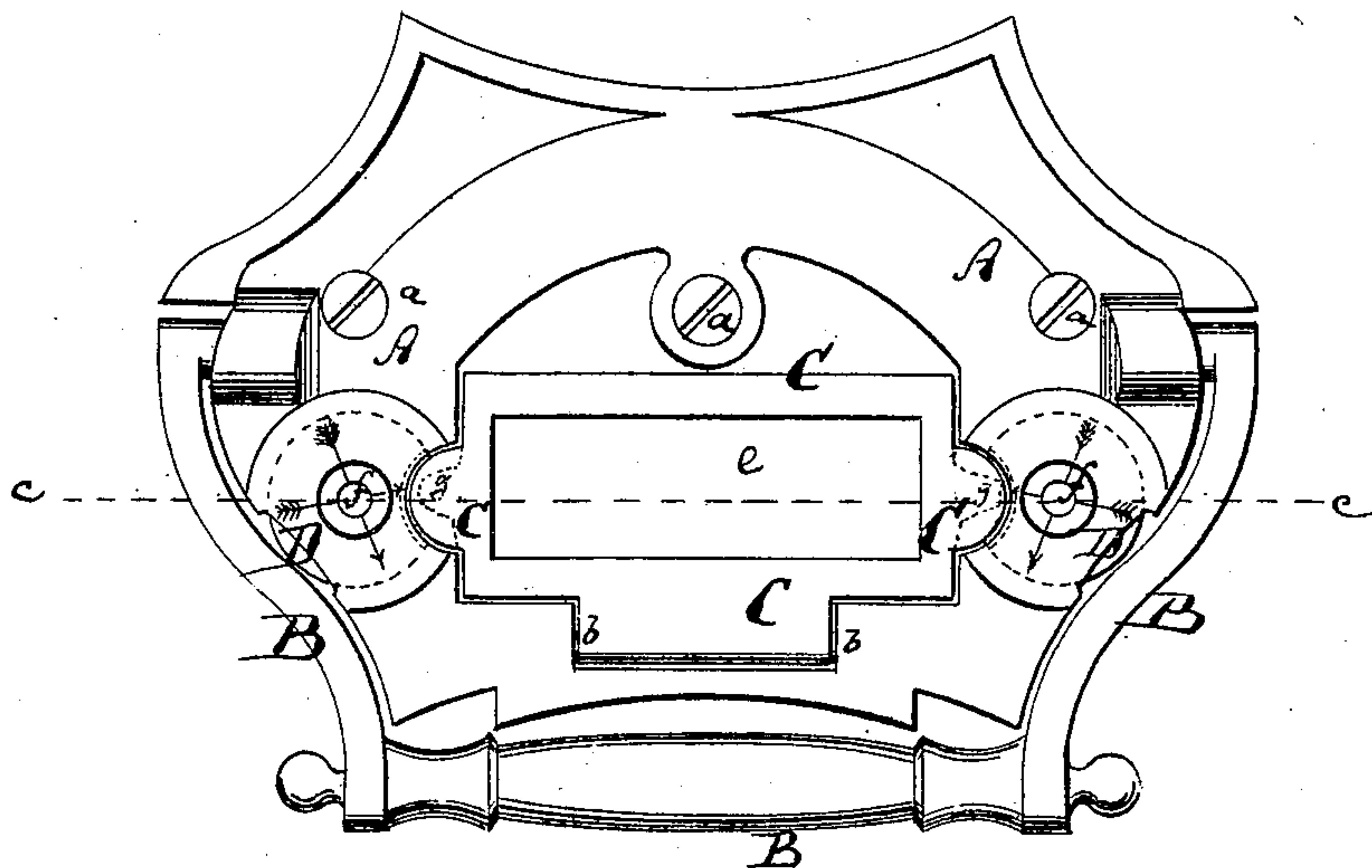
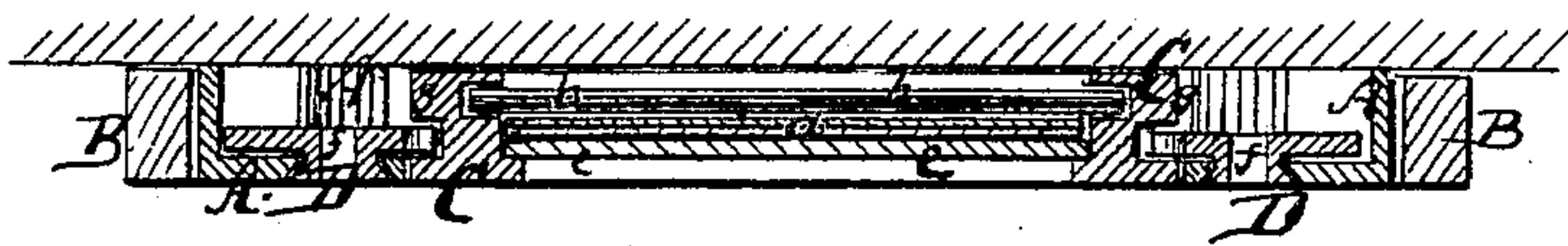


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ADDRESS-PLATES FOR TRUNKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. KIRK, of Marlborough, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Address-Plate for Trunks, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved address-plate for trunks. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same on the line *c c*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new construction of address-plate for trunks, boxes, &c., in which the paper, slate, or other substance upon which the address is written is held beneath a small pane of glass by a hinged frame, said frame being locked by notched disks, to be unlocked and swung open whenever the address is to be changed. The plate in which the hinged frame and the notched disks are arranged is rigidly fastened to the trunk or box, and may further serve as a support for a handle.

A in the drawing represents the trunk-plate fastened by screws or rivets *a a* to the face of the trunk or box, and provided with a drop-handle, B, or other handle of suitable kind, whereby the trunk or box can be carried. C is a rectangular or other shaped metal frame, hinged by pins *b b* in the plate A, and of such size and shape as to fit an opening which is made for its reception through the plate A. The address to be displayed is written on a piece of paper or slate or other article, *d*, which is placed within the opening of the plate A. A piece, *e*, of glass, large enough to fit a recess under the frame C, is then put upon the paper, and finally the frame C is folded down over it. Two disks, D D, hung on pins *f*, in con-

cealed recesses of the plate A, are then turned to bring their projecting or non-notched parts over prongs or teeth *g* that project from the ends of the frame C. The latter is thus locked over the glass and holds the address firmly in place, though allowing its free display. The disks project but little beyond the recesses in which they are concealed, sufficient only to allow their turning. When they are turned until certain notches in their peripheries arrive above the teeth *g*, (as in Fig. 2,) and as can be known by the position of marks on the pins *f* and plate A, the frame C can be opened, the address-card removed, and another put in place. A spring, *h*, may be applied beneath the paper or slate to hold it and the glass firmly against the frame C. The name of the proprietor of the trunk or box may be permanently engraved in or marked upon the plate A, the paper or slate only serving to receive the address of the individual.

The invention is, however, also applicable as a door-plate, to have the number firmly engraved upon the plate; but the name of the inmate, or any suitable information displayed through the locked frame C, and also to other similar purposes. One disk, D, in place of two, may be employed.

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

The hinged frame C, arranged within the plate A, and locked by the disk or disks D, substantially as herein shown and described.

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