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Trunk Catches.

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Fig. 1

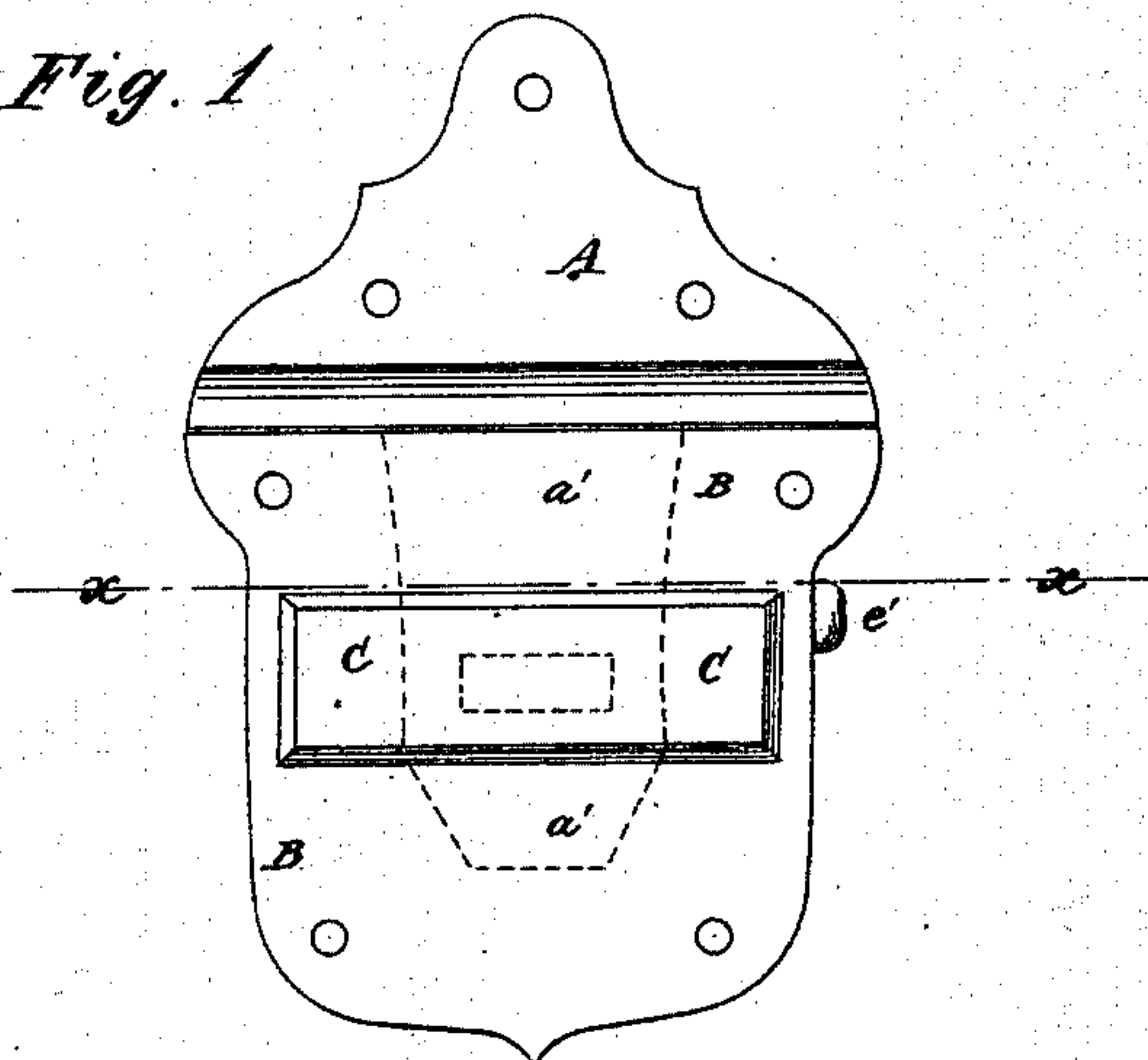


Fig. 2

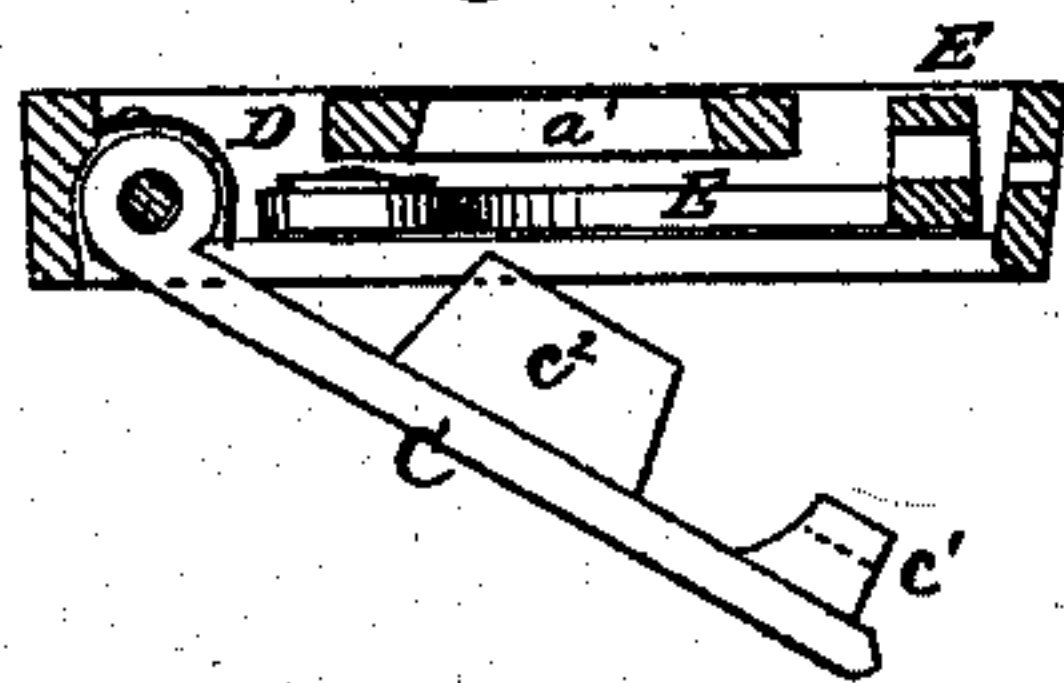


Fig. 3

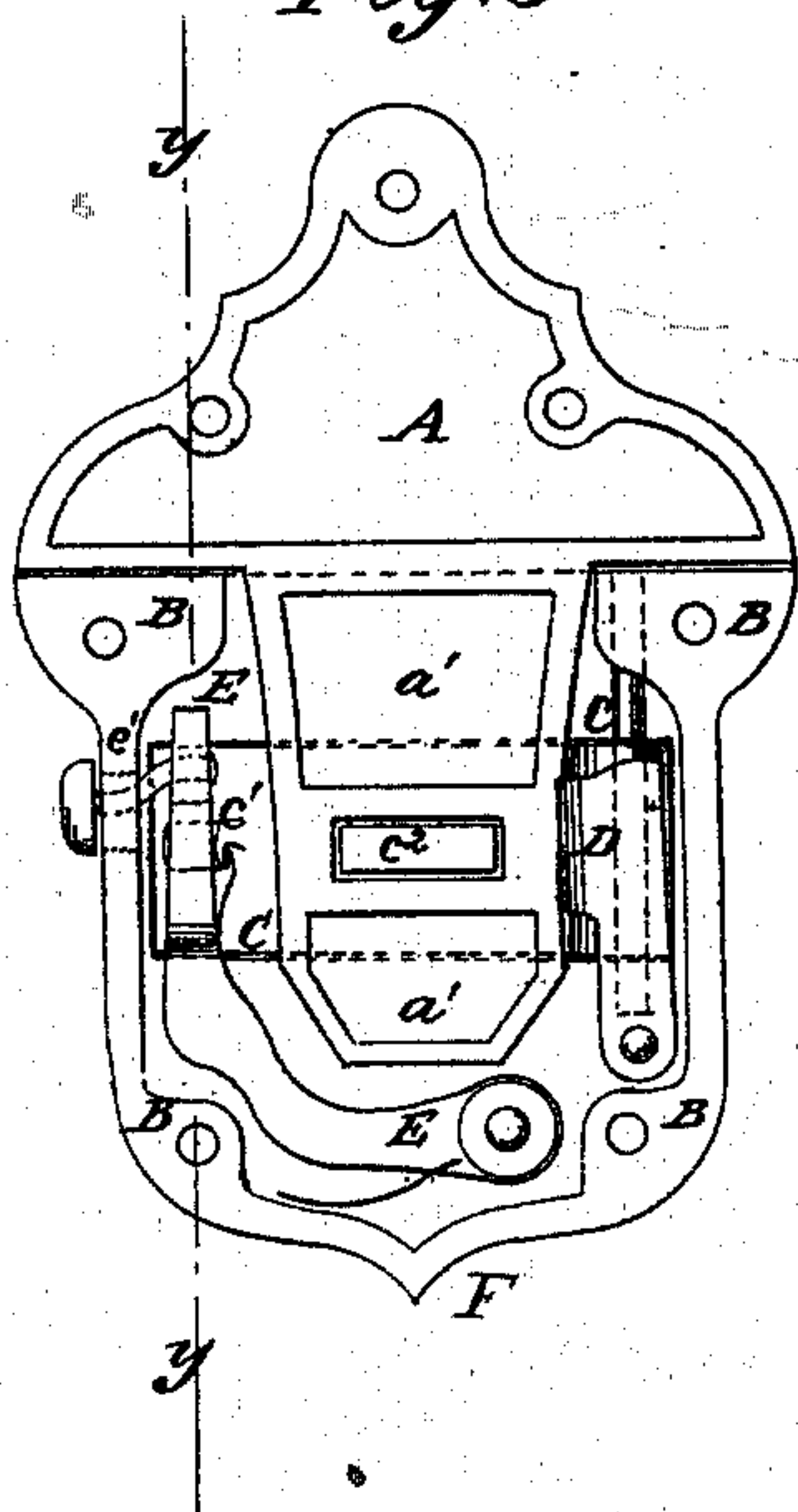
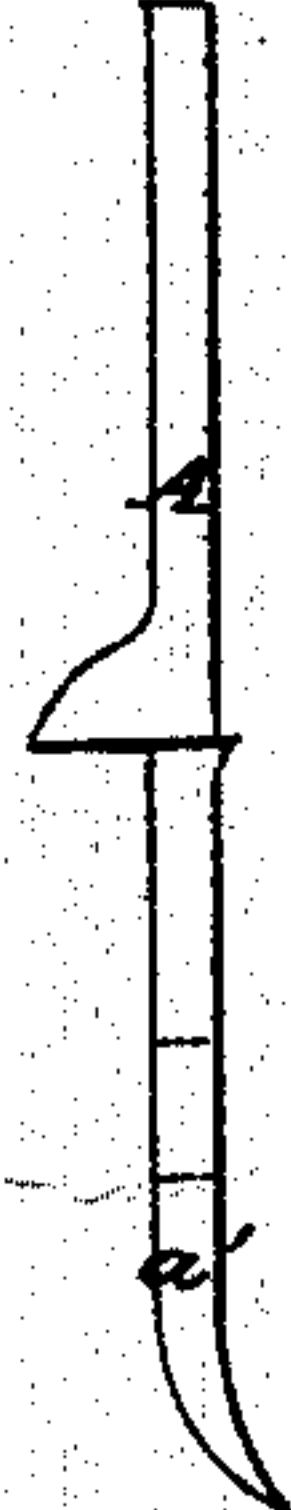


Fig. 4



Fig. 5



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IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNK-CATCHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. FABER, of Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trunk-Catch, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved catch. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same taken through the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an inside view of the same. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section of the same taken through the line *yy*, Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is an edge view of the upper side of the catch.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved catch to take the place of straps usually employed for holding the cover or lid down to the body of the trunk to relieve the lock from having to sustain the strain. The invention consists of an improved trunk-catch formed by the combination with each other of the top plate provided with a tongue having a slot formed in it, the bottom plate having a wide transverse slot formed in it, the hinged locking-bar, the spring, the latch and its spring, as hereinafter fully described.

A is the upper part of the catch, which is designed to be attached to the forward part of the lid or cover of the trunk in such a position that the tongue *a'* of said part may project below the edge of said lid or cover. The tongue *a'* has a transverse slot formed in it to receive the lug of the hinged bar of the lower part B of said catch, and its lower end is beveled off and curved inward to enable it to enter the notch in the upper edge of the said lower part as the lid or cover of the trunk is swung shut. The lower part or plate B has a

wide transverse slot formed in it, into which is fitted a bar, C, which is hinged at one end to said part B, and is provided with a spring, D, at said hinged end to throw it open when unfastened. Upon the inner side of the other or free end of the hinged bar C is formed a catch-hook, *c*¹, to enter a notch in the latch E and fasten the said bar C when closed down. The latch is bent to pass around the lower end of the tongue *a'*, and its lower end is pivoted to the plate B. The latch E is held up by a spring, F, attached to the plate B, and which presses against the lower edge of the lower part of said latch E. *e'* is a stem which passes through a slot in the side flange of plate B, is attached to or formed upon the upper end of the latch E, and has a knob or other thumb piece formed upon or attached to its outer end for convenience in operating the latch E to release the bar C. Upon the inner side of the middle part of the hinged bar C is formed a lug, *c*², to pass through the tongue *a'* of the plate A, and thus fasten said parts together.

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

An improved trunk-catch formed by the combination with each other of the top plate A provided with a tongue, *a'*, having a slot formed in it, the bottom plate B having a wide transverse slot formed in it, the hinged bar C *c*¹ *c*², the spring D, the latch E, and spring F, substantially as herein shown and described.

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