

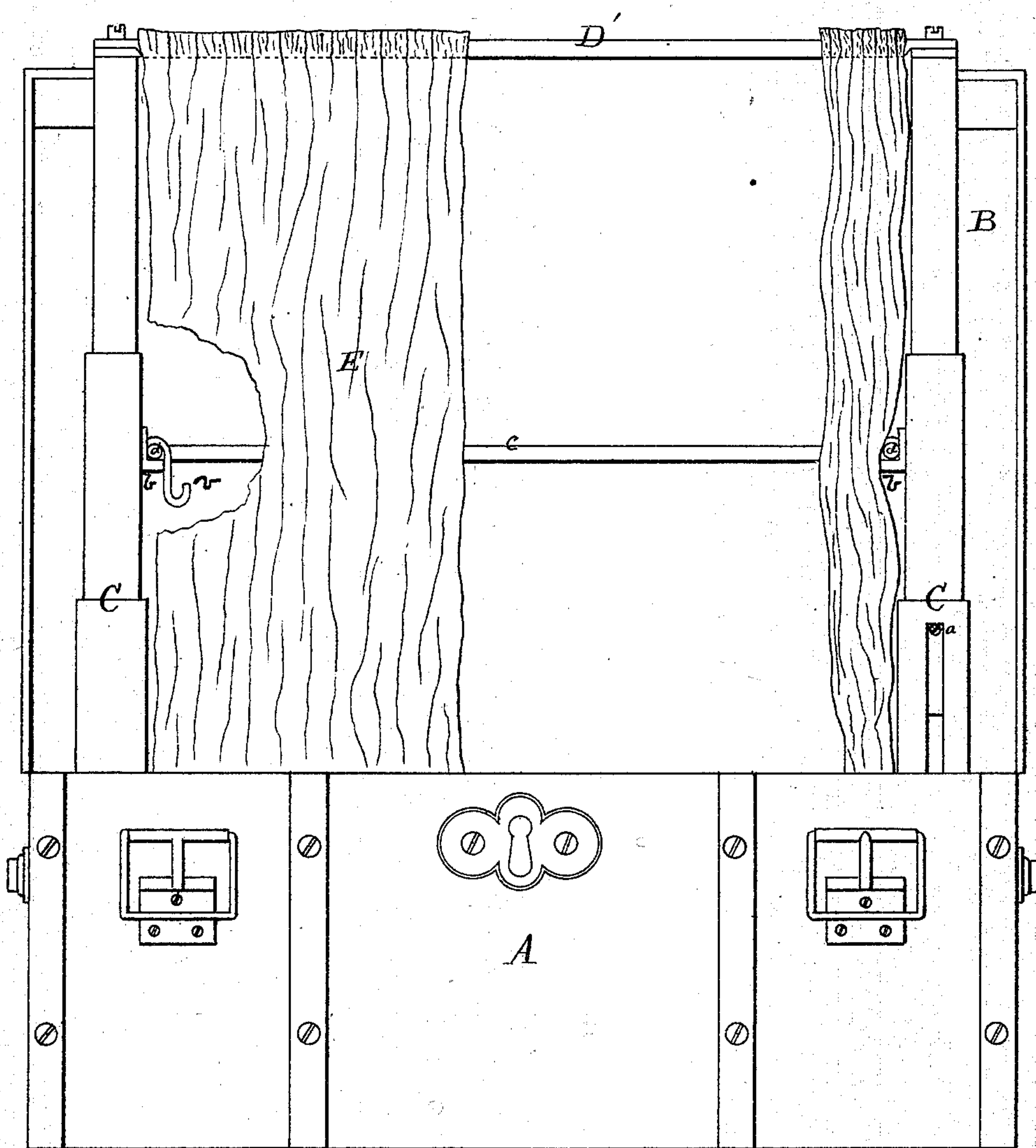
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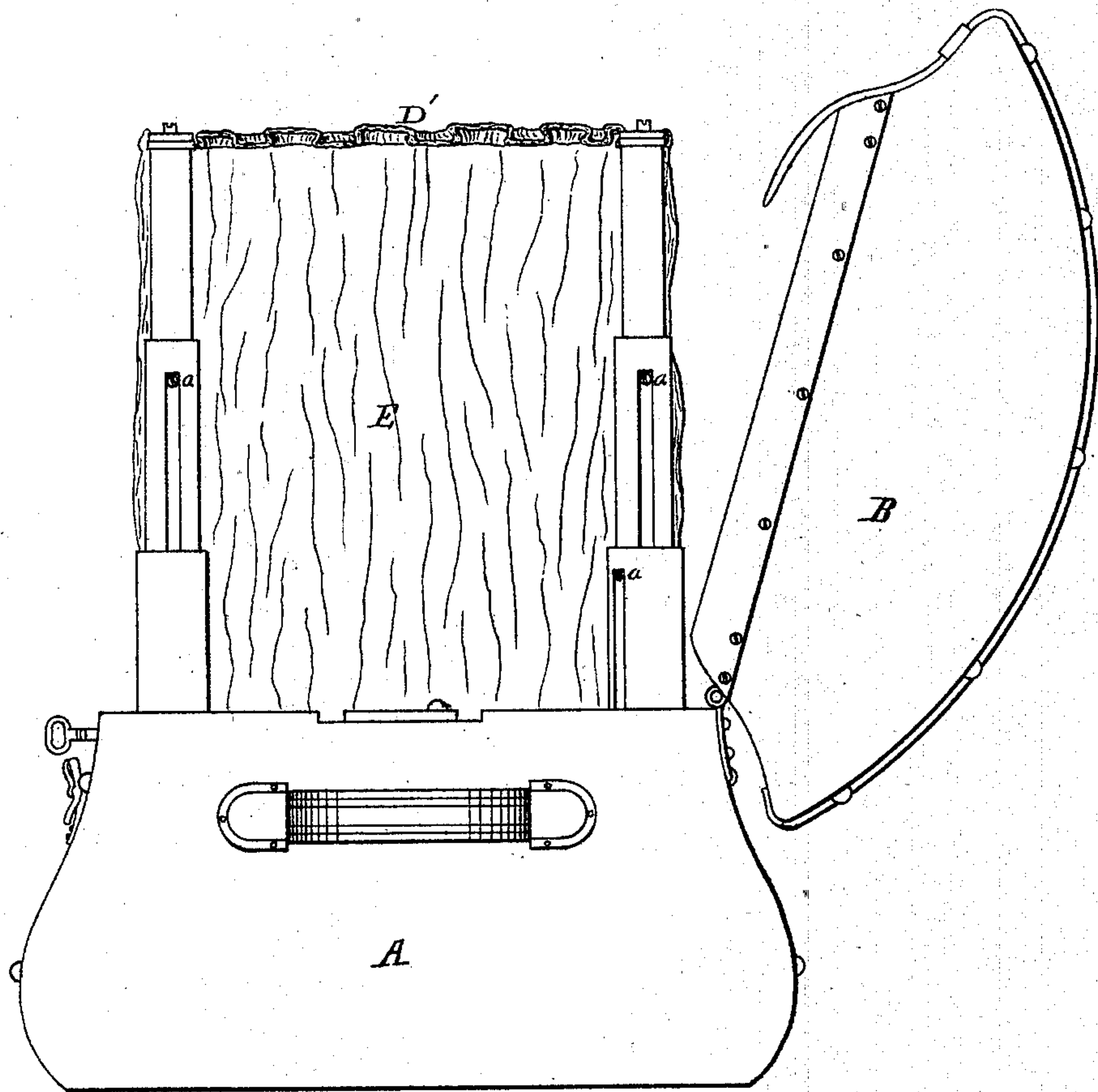
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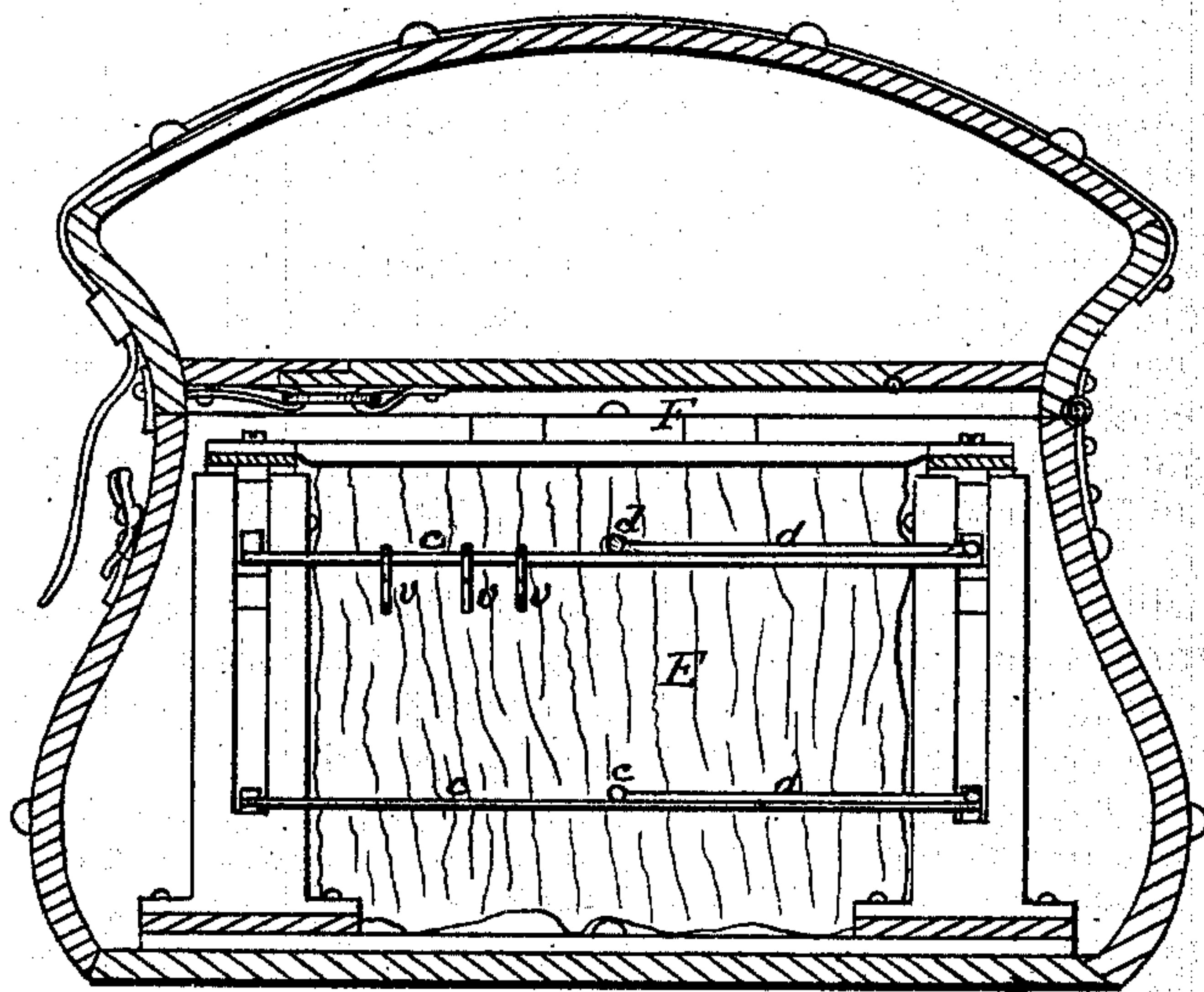
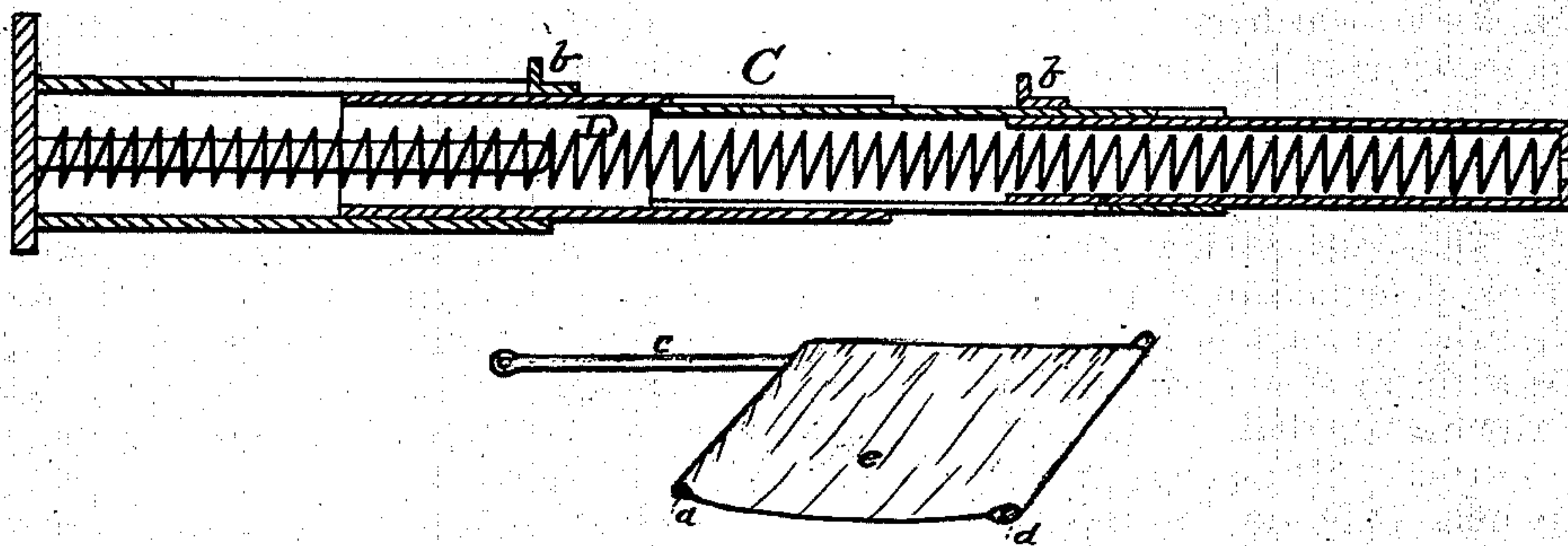


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED TRUNKS AND WARDROBES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. PAYNE, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Combined Trunk and Wardrobe; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a front view of trunk open and wardrobe extended in position. Fig. 2 is a side view of same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section, showing trunk and wardrobe closed. Fig. 4 is a detailed sectional view of the extensible post.

This invention has relation to means for unpacking and repacking trunks with expedition while traveling, or in other situations where such advantages are desirable; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of devices, constituting a combined trunk and wardrobe.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the trunk-body and B its hinged lid, made in the ordinary manner. At each end of the trunk are secured two extensible posts, C. These are preferably made in tubular sections, designed to slide one within the other, like the sections of a telescope, and are provided with suitable springs D, which serve to keep them extended. Pins *a* are provided for the purpose of locking the sections together when extended. The sections are slotted on the inside for the passage of the lugs *b*, which support the arms *c* and shelf-rods *d*. The feet of the posts C are located on the floor of the trunk at each end thereof, and preferably at its four corners. The feet may be secured to the trunk-floor by means of screws. The upper ends of the posts are connected by a rectangular frame, D', which supports the curtains E, properly gathered and looped for drawing. The shelf-rods *d* are secured on the lugs *b*, which are located

near the bottom of each section of the corner-posts. Cloth is designed to be secured to these shelf-rods, forming thin and flexible shelves *e*, on which clothing and other articles may be laid in order, and quickly packed by lowering the wardrobe into the trunk. These cloth shelves will take up but little room between the layers of clothes, and are designed to serve a very convenient purpose, both in packing, as above mentioned, and in unpacking, as when the wardrobe is raised out of the trunk each shelf will bring up its proper load in the same order in which it was packed. Latches F serve to keep the wardrobe frame down within the trunk when the lid is opened.

When the wardrobe is raised, and it is designed to retain it in such position, board shelves may be placed under the cloth shelves or upon the same. The shelving in the wardrobe is not designed usually to extend from the rear portion of the trunk more than one-half the distance toward the front, and when the wardrobe is lowered into the trunk the shelves are arranged to lie on or near the bottom thereof. The cloth shelves may, if desired, be held up by straps, which may be disconnected, allowing them to fall against the back of the trunk or wardrobe. The space in front of the shelves in the wardrobe is designed to be used for hanging clothes and other articles for airing or other purpose. With this object in view, suitable hooks *r* should be provided on the bars of the wardrobe-frame.

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

1. The combination with a trunk of the extensible posts and wardrobe-frame, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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