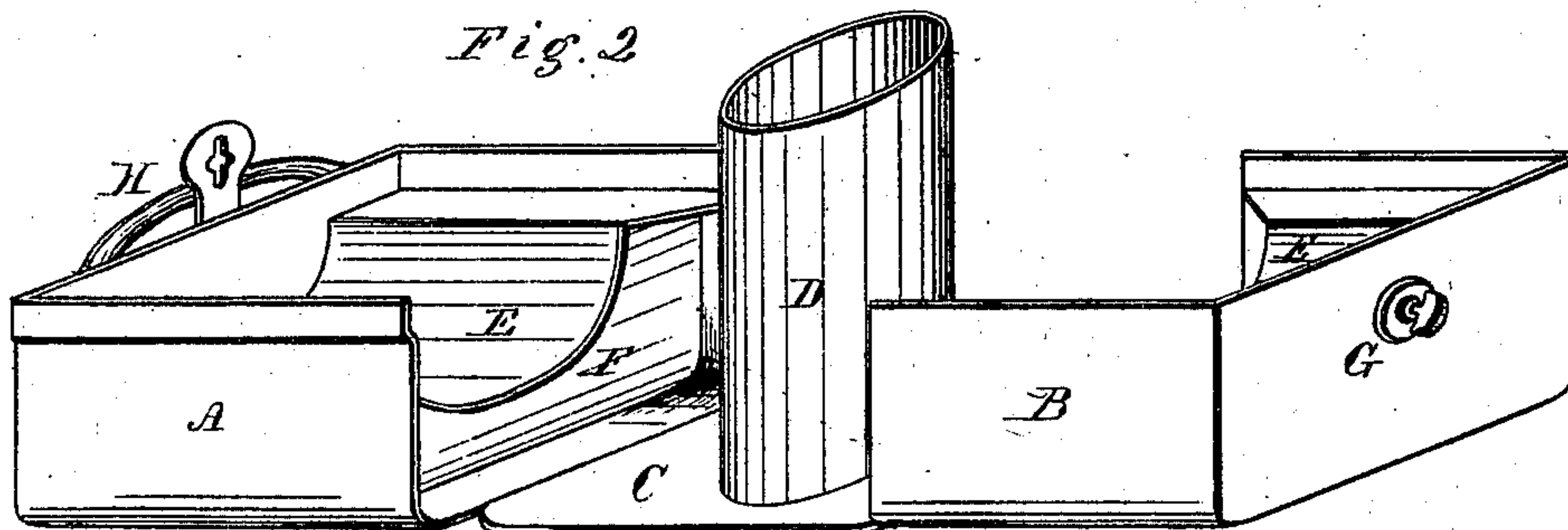
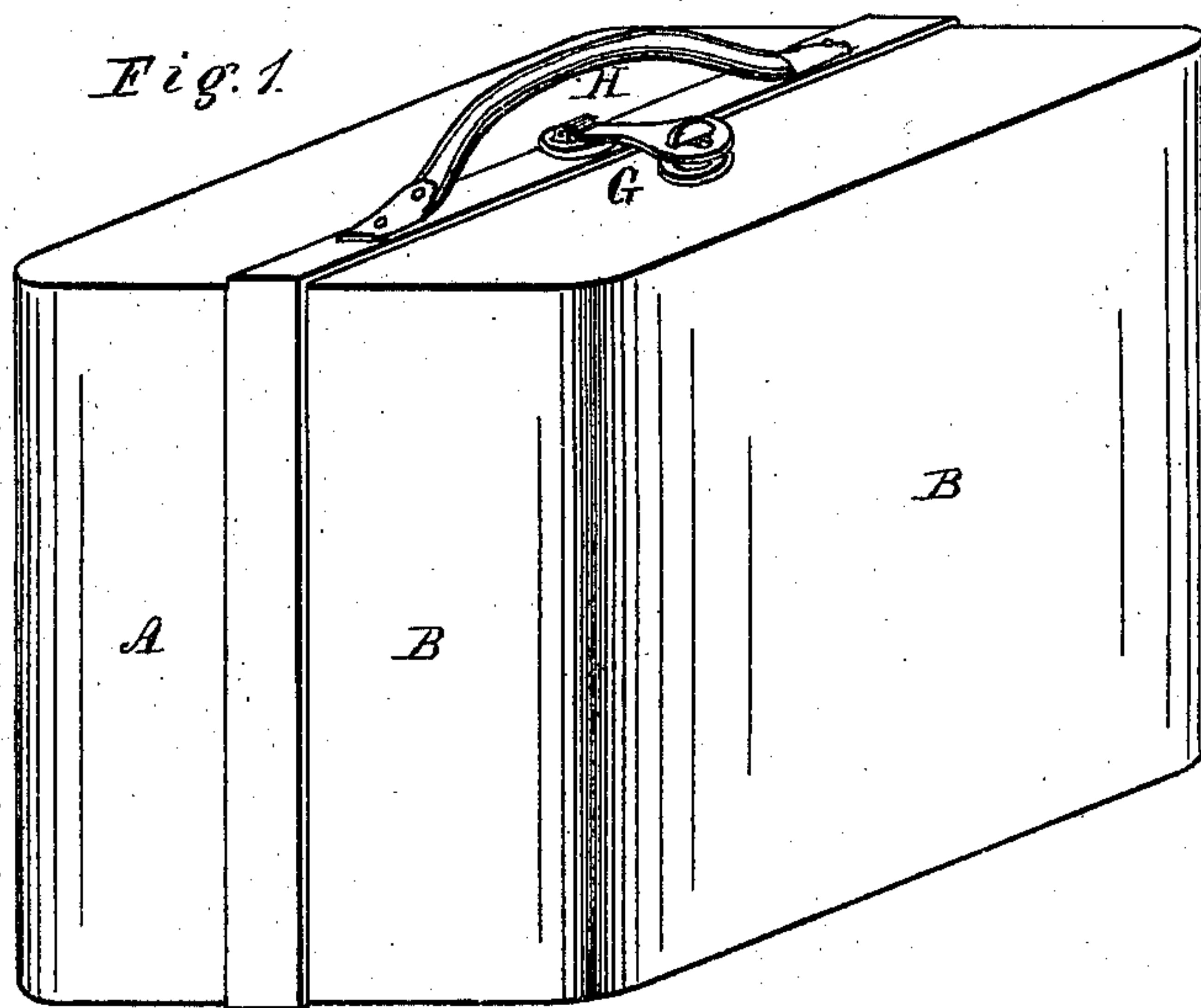


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IMPROVEMENT IN HAT-BOXES AND VALISES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. VAN HORN, of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Hat-Box and Valise; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, whereby a person skilled in the art can make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Like letters in the figures indicate the same parts.

My invention relates to a combined hat-box and valise, to be used in traveling, for the purpose of carrying an ordinary silk hat and such articles of apparel as are usually transported in a hand-bag or valise. It consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a representation of my improved hat-box and valise closed for transportation. Fig. 2 is a representation of the same opened.

A and B are the two sides, which open in the middle and turn outward upon their lower outer edges, which are attached to the bottom C.

In the middle of the bottom C there is a round box, D, firmly attached to it, which is for the purpose of filling the interior of a hat placed over it. This box can be filled with collars, cuffs, or any of the small articles of apparel usually carried.

The sides A and B are provided with boxes, having curved covers E, opening outward. These covers, when closed, form a round or somewhat oval space, and between them and the central box D is left a space of sufficient thickness to inclose a hat when the valise is shut.

Below these boxes in the sides is left an open space, F, into which the rim of the hat enters and prevents it from shaking about and becoming injured. The inside of the hat is also intended to fit upon D, so as not to allow the outside to be rubbed by the covers E.

The boxes in A and B are sufficiently capacious to hold the articles necessary for a short journey, so that no other article of baggage besides my improved box is required.

The box is provided with a handle, H, and a clasp or lock, G, to retain the sides together when closed.

What I claim as my invention is—

A box, opening in the middle, the sides of which are hinged to the bottom, and provided with curved covered receptacles, as described, which, when the box is closed, inclose a space, within which is the cylindrical box D, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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