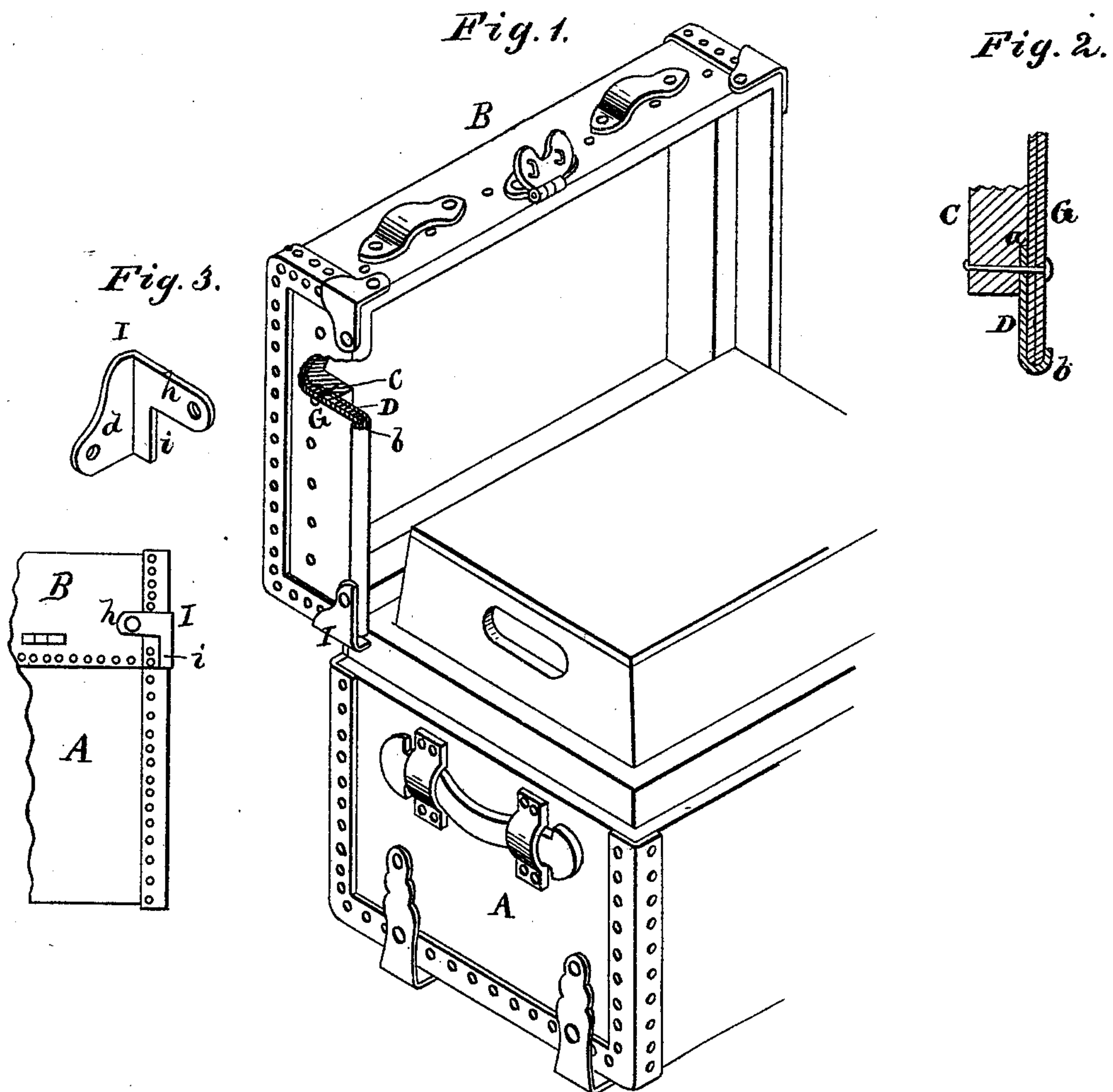


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNKS.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, THEODORE R. DUNHAM, of Newark, in the county of Essex and in the State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates, particularly, to the lids or covers of trunks, bags, and valises, and in the construction of the valance and valance-clamp, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk and cover embodying my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are detailed views of the same.

A represents a trunk-body with lid or cover B hinged thereto in the usual manner. In the construction of the lid I make the valance thereon in the following manner: C is the lid-frame, formed on the outer side a suitable distance from, and parallel with, the lower edge, with a shoulder, *a*, of the same depth as the thickness of a metal band, D, which is placed on the outside of the frame, and extends a suitable distance below the same. The lower edge of the metal band D is turned up outward, as shown particularly in Fig. 2, forming, as it were, a small trough or gutter, *b*, the entire length of the band. G represents the stock covering the trunk-lid, and is placed

with its edge down into the trough *b* on the metal band D, after which said trough or turned-up flange is pressed together, holding and clamping the stock in place without being stitched or riveted to the metal bands at the edge, as formerly done. At the back corner of the trunk-lid I use a clamp, I, constructed, as shown in Fig. 3, of a single plate of sheet metal, bent at right angles, and forming one leaf, *d*, to lie against the side of the lid, and be riveted to the valance. On the back of the lid the clamp forms an arm, *h*, at the top, which is riveted to the lid itself, and from said arm, at the angle, extends a flange, *i*, to protect the corner of the back part of the valance.

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

1. The combination, with the lid-frame C of a trunk, of the stock G, projecting below the same to form the valance, and the metallic band D, also extending below the frame, and formed with the turned-up flange *b*, to receive and hold the stock, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. The valance-clamp I, constructed, as described, of one piece of metal, with the leaf *d* on one side, and the arm *h* and flange *i* on the other side, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of August, 1876.

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