

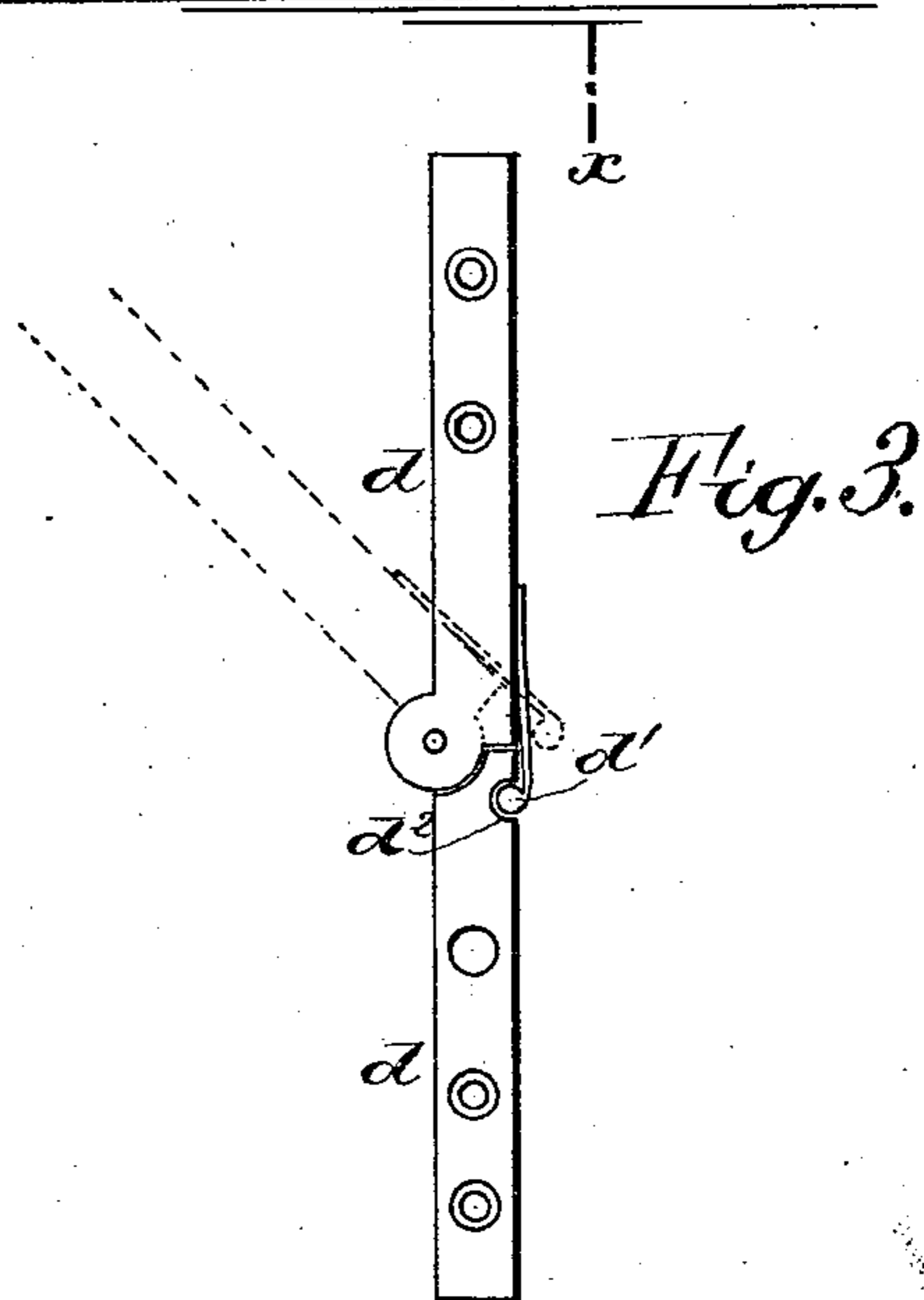
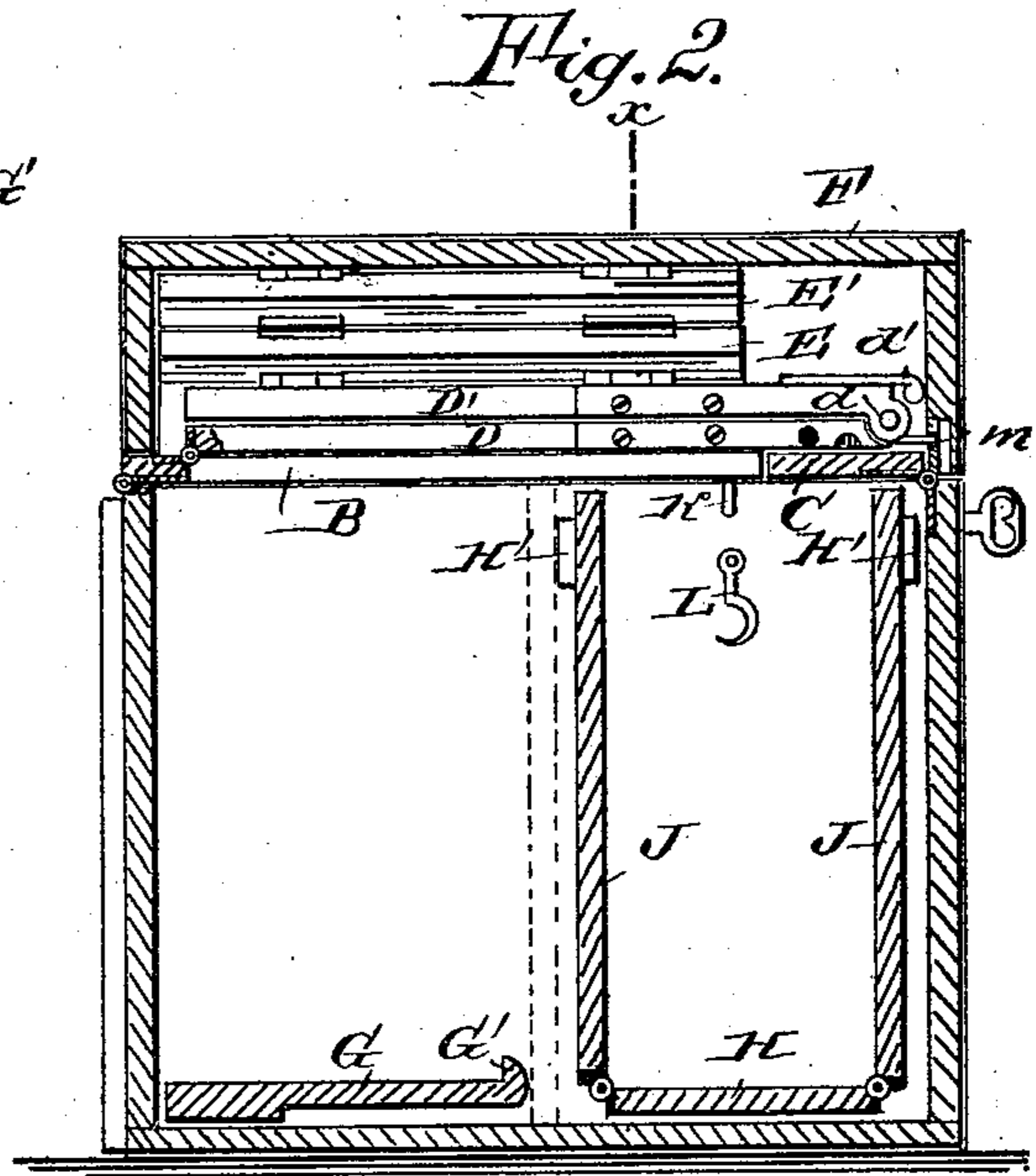
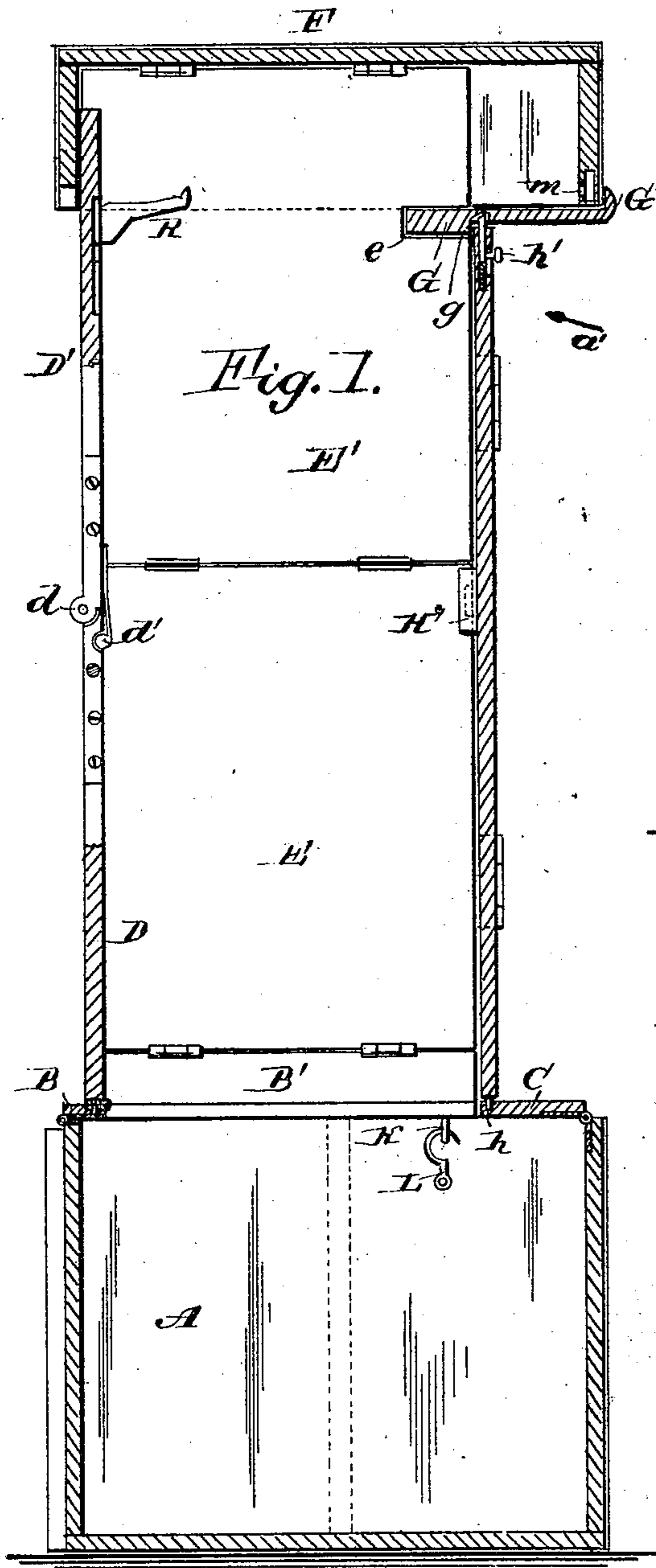
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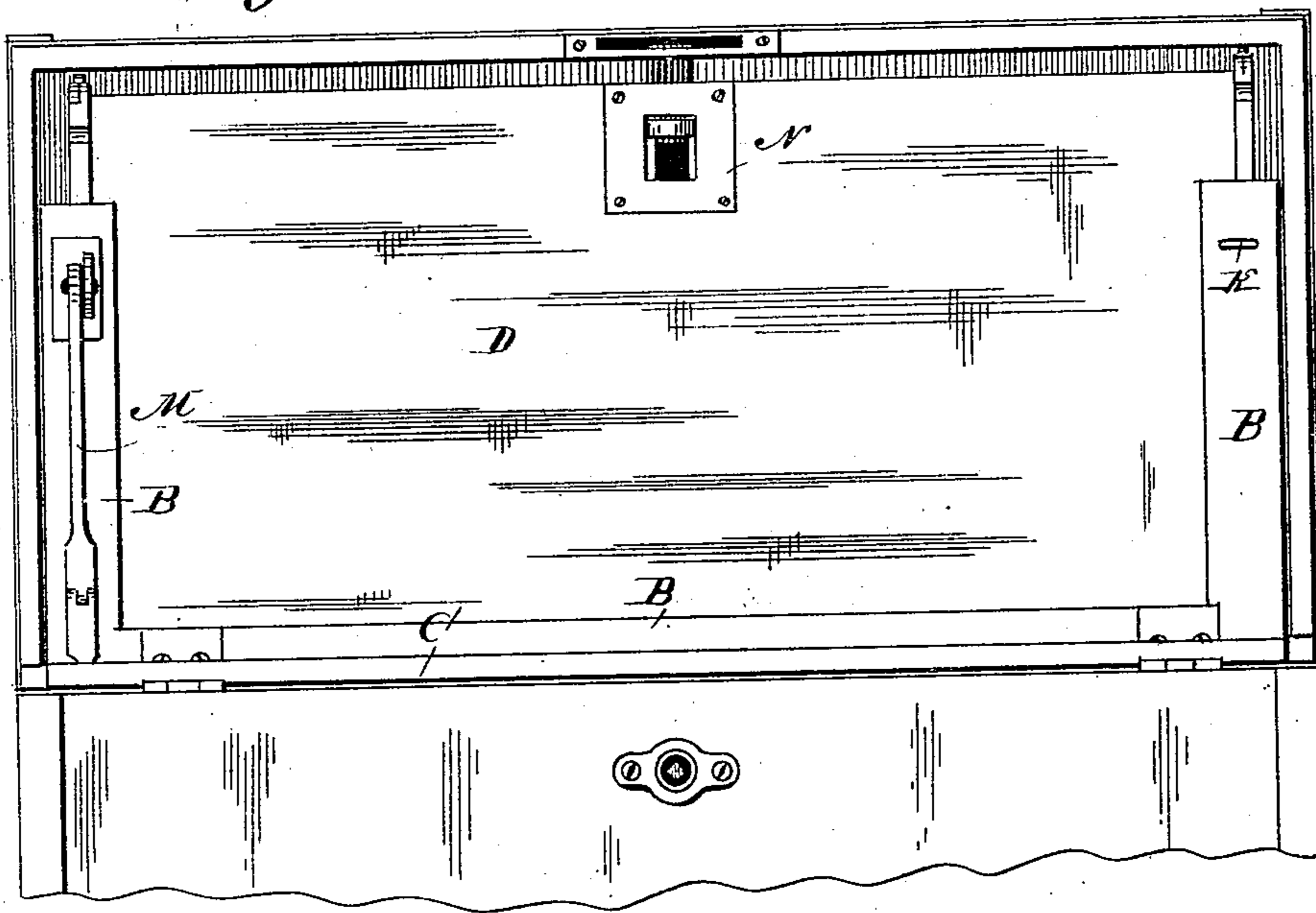
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALPHONS DRYFOOS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a
5 Combined Trunk and Wardrobe, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved trunk, the cover of which
10 can be converted into a wardrobe.

The invention consists in a trunk in the cover of which a folding wardrobe is formed, which can be erected by raising the cover, the
15 doors of which wardrobe, when not use, form partitions within the trunk-body.

The invention also consists in various parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described and claimed hereinafter.

20 Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional elevation of my
25 improved combined trunk and wardrobe, showing the wardrobe erected. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same, showing the wardrobe folded within the cover of the trunk. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal elevation of the hinge
30 of the back of the wardrobe. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of my improved combined trunk and wardrobe on the line *xx*, Fig. 2, showing the wardrobe folded. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal view of the inside of the trunk-
35 cover, showing the same raised.

To the upper edge of the rear side of a trunk or chest, A, a U-shaped frame, B, is hinged, the shanks of which are parallel with the ends
40 of the trunk, but do not extend the entire distance from the rear toward the front side of the trunk.

To the upper edge of the front side of the trunk a plate, C, is hinged, which can be folded down to rest on the upper edges of the front of
45 the trunk, the longitudinal upper edge of the plate C then being adjoining to the ends of the shanks of the U-shaped frame B, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

To the upper surface of the rear piece of the
50 frame B a board, D, is hinged in such a manner that it can swing up to stand vertically on

the rear piece of the frame, or can be swung down to rest flat across the top of the trunk. To the free longitudinal edge of the said board D a like board, D', is hinged by means of a
55 hinge, *d*, which is provided with a locking-spring, *d'*, attached to one hinge-section, and provided at its free end with a head adapted to pass into a notch in the other hinge-section. This hinge is so arranged that when the boards
60 D D' are swung upward, so that the board D' rests on the board D, as shown in Fig. 1, the spring *d'* snaps into the notch in the other hinge-section, and thus locks the boards D D' in the vertical position. When the boards D
65 D' are folded, the ends of the board D rest upon the side pieces or shanks of the U-shaped frame B, and the board D' rests upon the board D. The side pieces or shanks of the frame B are provided at their outer edges with
70 upwardly-projecting flanges B', the height of which is equal to the combined thickness of the boards D D', to the upper edges of which flanges boards E are hinged in such a manner that they can be folded down inward on the
75 boards D D'.

To the upper or free ends of the boards E boards E' are hinged, and the upper ends of the boards E' are hinged to the bottom surface of the top board of the trunk-cover F,
80 which fits closely on the trunk. The boards E' are provided in their inner surfaces with short grooves *e*, projecting inward from the outer edge, which grooves are so located that their top edges are flush with the bottom edge
85 of the trunk-cover. Into the said grooves *e* the ends of a board, G, can be passed, which is provided at its outer edge with an upwardly-projecting flange, which fits against the front of the cover F at the bottom edge. That part
90 of the board G projecting beyond the front edge of the boards E' is made thinner than the parts within the grooves *e*, so as to form a shoulder, *g*. The vertical center piece, H, of the front of the wardrobe is provided at its
95 lower ends with dowel-pins *h*, which pass into recesses in the outer or upper surface of the board C, near its upper or free edge, and at its upper end the board H is provided with a spring-bolt, *h'*, which snaps into a recess in
100 the under surface of the board G.

To the longitudinal edges of the board H

doors J are hinged, which are provided with locks in the usual manner. Mortises or recesses for receiving the bolts of the locks H' are formed in the inner sides of the boards E.

5 The shanks or side pieces of the frame B are provided at the bottom with eyes or staples K, into which hooks L can be passed, which are pivoted to the inner sides of the ends of the trunk, which hooks and eyes hold the
10 frame B down on the trunk or chest when desired.

To the under side of one shank of the side piece of the frame B a hinged folding-brace, M, is hinged, which is also hinged to the inner
15 surface of one of the ends of the trunk. A lock, N, with a sliding bolt, is held in the upper part of the board D in such a manner that its bolt can be passed into a mortise in the bottom edge of the board D', or into a mortise or slot, m, in the rear surface of the bot-
20 tom part of the front of the cover F.

The doors J and the center piece, H, to which they are hinged, are folded to form a U-shaped or trough-shaped box, which is placed in the
25 bottom of the trunk and forms partitions in the same. As the height of the door is not equal to the length of the trunk, a short transverse partition, O, must be provided, between which and the end of the trunk the folded
30 doors J and center board, H, are placed. The board G is generally placed on the bottom of the compartment next to the compartment formed of the folded doors J and the center board, H.

35 During the transportation of the trunk the board D is folded down to rest on the ends or shanks of the frame B, and the board D' is folded down on the board D, so that the upper surface of the board D' will be about flush with
40 the upper edges of the flanges B'. On the ends of the side pieces of the frame B the boards E are folded down over the board D', and the boards E' are folded down over the boards E, and they all will be contained within the cover
45 F. The bolt of the lock N is pushed outward, so as to pass into the slot or mortise m in the rear surface of the front of the cover F, thereby holding the folded boards within the cover, which can be opened at pleasure.

50 If the wardrobe is to be erected, the bolt of the lock N is withdrawn, and the cover F is raised, whereby the boards E E' will be raised until the edges of the boards E' rest on the boards E. Then the back boards, D D', are
55 swung upward, and are locked in position automatically by means of the spring d' of the hinge d. Preferably a screw is passed through the board E', near the rear edge of the same, into the edges of the board D', for the purpose
60 of holding the parts more firmly together. Then the board G is passed into the grooves e in the boards E' until the flange G' rests against the front of the cover. In order to prevent the raised structure from toppling over, the
65 hooks L are passed through the eyes or staples K. The board C is then swung down, the lower end of the board H is placed on the board

C, and the upper edge is pressed in the direction of the arrow a', Fig. 1, until the upper edge of the said board H rests against the
70 shoulder g of the board G. The spring-bolt h' then snaps into the recess of the board G, whereby the board H will be held in place, and the doors J, hinged to the board H, serve as the doors of the wardrobe. The front of the
75 cover F is provided in its bottom edge with a recess for receiving the bolt of the trunk-lock, which is held in the front of the trunk in the usual manner.

The size of the wardrobe naturally depends
80 on the size of the trunk, for the larger the trunk is the larger will be the wardrobe which can be formed out of its cover. Folding hooks R are hinged to the back board D', which is provided with suitable recesses into which the
85 hooks R are hinged to the back board D', which is provided with suitable recesses into which the hooks R can be folded, so that they will not project beyond the surface of the board D. The wardrobe does not occupy any space
90 in the trunk, but only uses the space in the cover. It can be attached to any trunk or box, and it is especially adapted for trunks used when traveling in the country in summer, as most of the country hotels and boarding-houses
95 are not provided with wardrobes, and it is not convenient to have the clothes packed in a trunk for any length of time, and the clothes are injured thereby.

My improved trunk will be found especially
100 convenient for ladies, as they can erect the wardrobe in a short time, can lock the same, and they can hang dresses, &c. in such a manner that they will not be injured, as they are when kept folded.
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If desired, the doors J and the board H can be placed in the cover.

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

1. The combination, with a trunk and its
110 cover, of a frame hinged to the top of the back of the trunk, which frame fits within the upper part of the trunk, and boards hinged to the said frame and to the cover, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the pur-
115 pose set forth.

2. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of a frame hinged to the top of the back of the trunk, which frame fits within the up-
120 per part of the trunk, boards hinged to the said frame and to the cover, and a removable center board, to which doors are hinged, which center board is adapted to be held between the cover and the trunk when the cover is raised, substantially as herein shown and described,
125 and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of a frame hinged to the top of the back of the trunk, which frame fits within the up-
130 per part of the trunk, boards hinged to the said frame and to the cover, which boards form the sides of the wardrobe when the cover is raised, boards hinged to the frame and adapted to form the back of the wardrobe when the

cover is raised, and of a board provided with hinged doors adapted to be held between the trunk and the cover when the cover is raised, substantially as herein shown and described,
5 and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of the frame B, hinged to the trunk, the board C and the hinged boards for forming the sides and back of a wardrobe when the cover
10 is raised, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

5. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of the hinged frame B, the board C, the hinged boards D D' E E', the board G, and
15 the board H, provided with the hinged doors J J, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

6. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of the hinged frame B, the boards D D'
20 and E E', the latter provided with recesses or shoulders e, the board G, adapted to slide in the recesses or shoulders e, and provided with a flange, G', the board H, and the doors J J, substantially as herein shown and described,
25 and for the purpose set forth.

7. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of the hinged frame B, the folding boards D D' E E', hinged to the same, the staples K, and the hooks L, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose
30 set forth.

8. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of the hinged frame B, the folding boards D D' E E', hinged to the frame B, and of the folding brace M, hinged to the side piece
35 of the frame B and to the end of the trunk, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

9. The combination, with a trunk and its cover, of the hinged boards D D', the board
40 H, the hinged doors J, and the lock N, held to the upper edge of the board D, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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