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TRUNK.

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FIG. I.

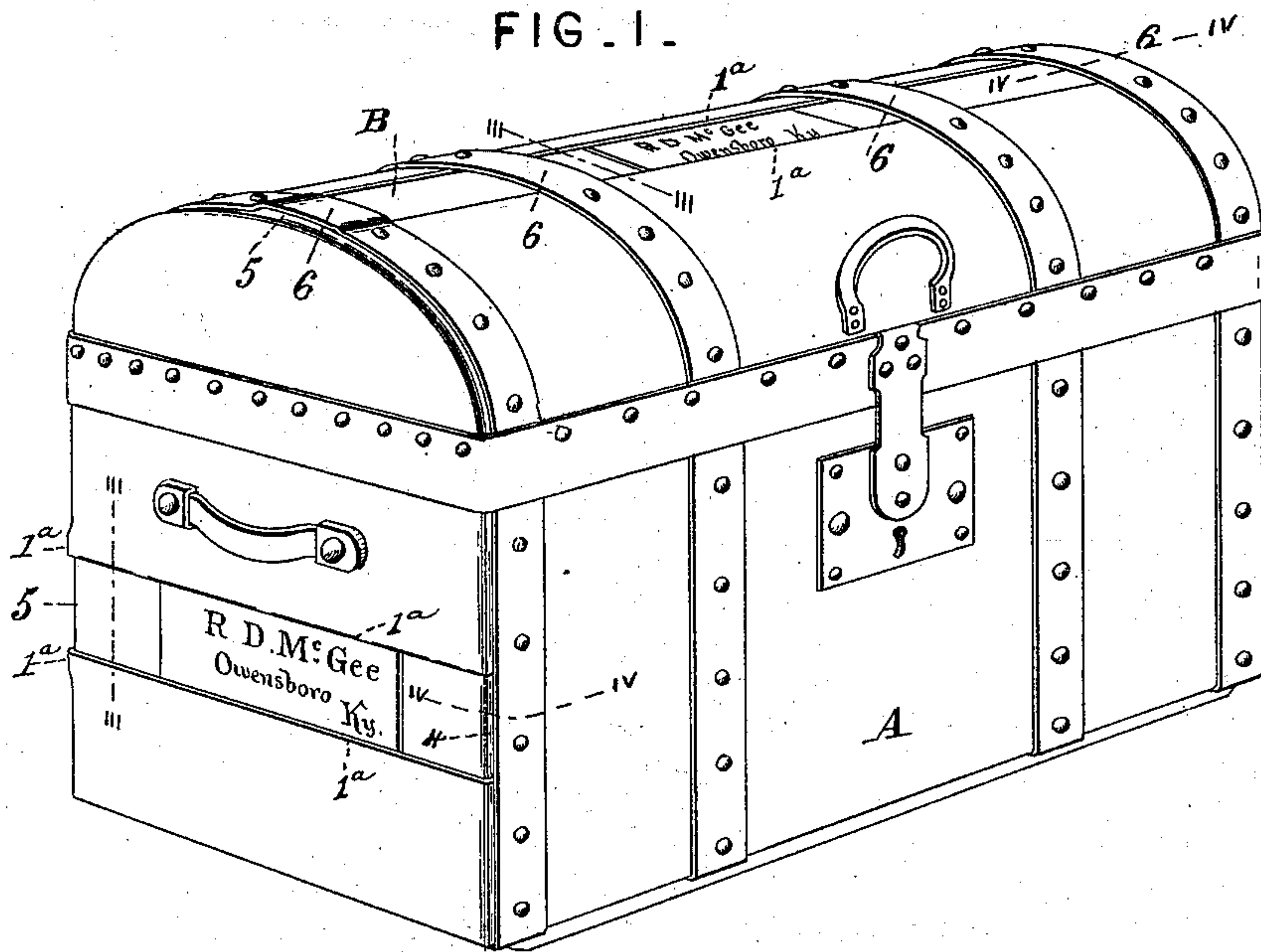


FIG. II.

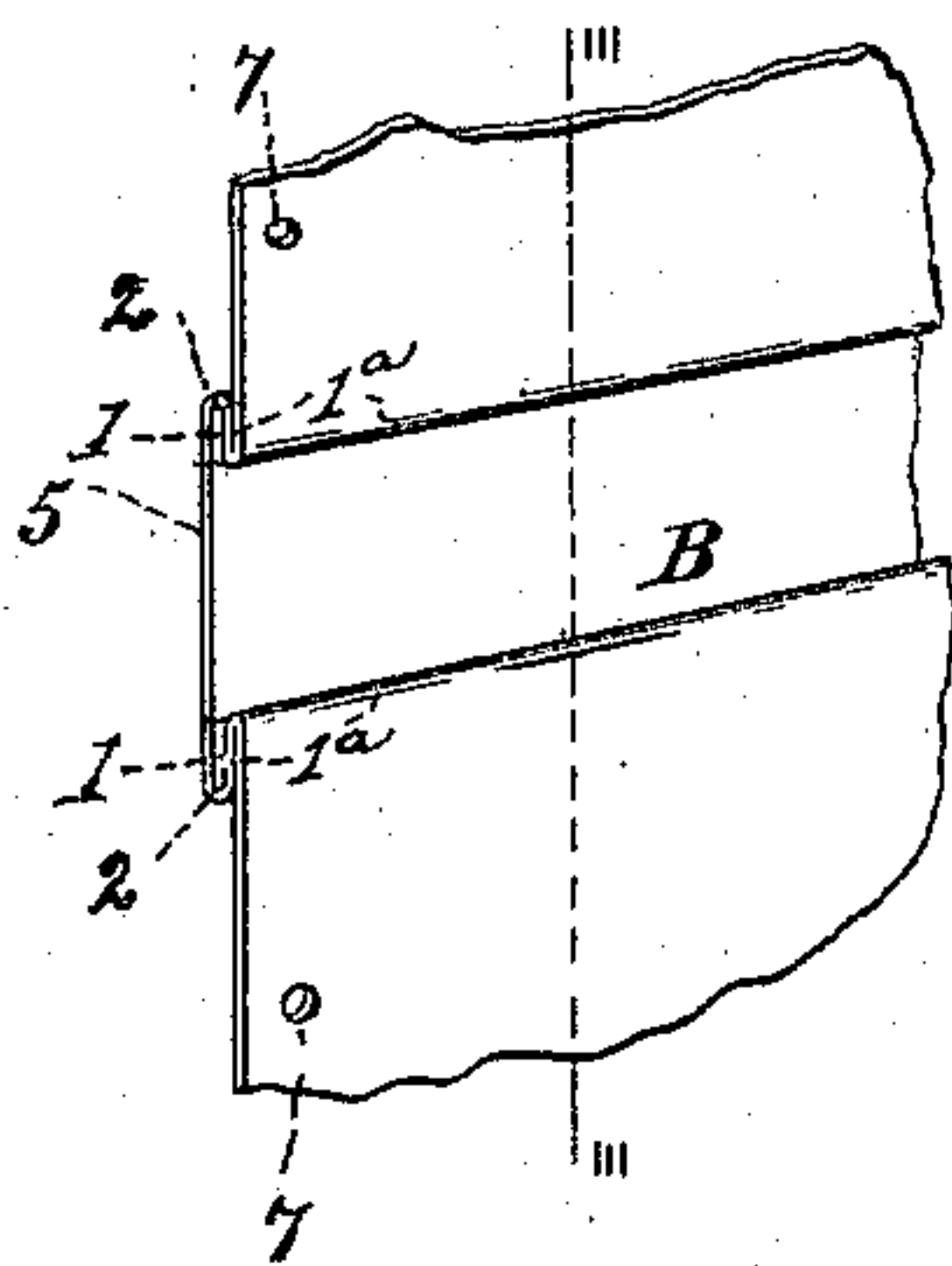


FIG. III.

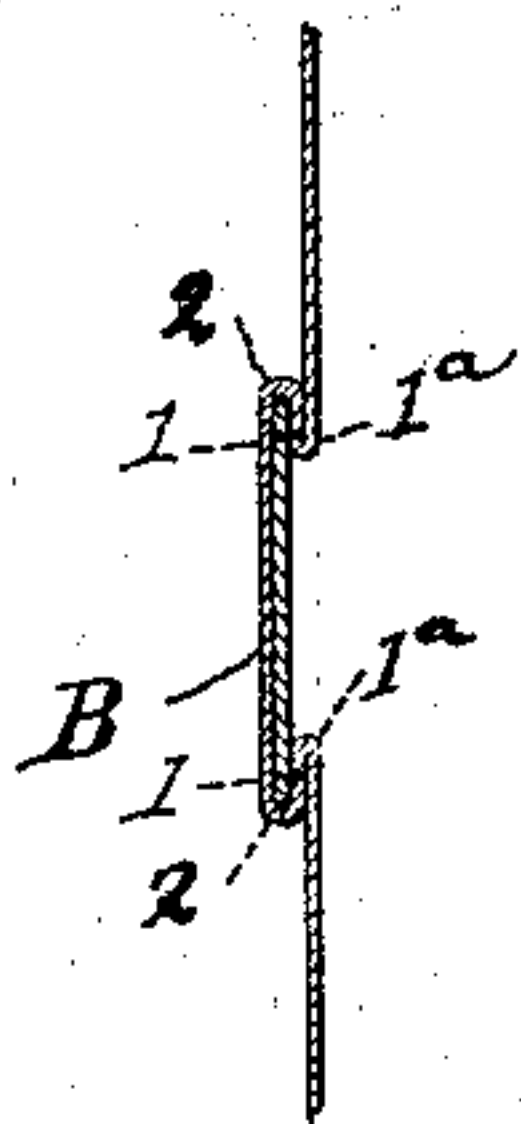
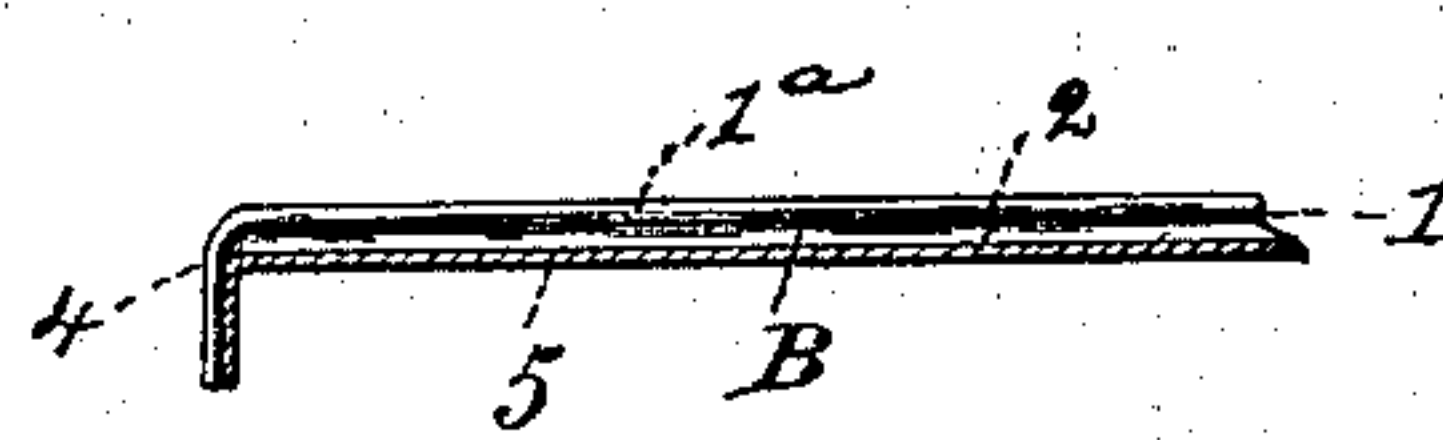


FIG. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT D. MCGEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Owensborough, in the county of Davies and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and Improved Trunk, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means whereby a trunk may be marked upon the outside, and has for its object to provide a suitable pocket for the reception of a card or other material upon which is placed the name, direction, contents, or other marks of distinction. This pocket is formed by bending or folding sheet metal, which may be the covering of the trunk, in such a manner as to leave slots or grooves for embracing the card upon which the mark of destination is put.

My invention is also applicable to other objects than trunks, such as packing-cases, freight-cars, &c., and when the invention is used for these purposes the pocket is constructed, in substantially the same manner, from a piece of sheet metal, though it need not necessarily cover the entire object.

In order that my invention may be better understood, I will proceed to describe the same in connection with a trunk, which is the preferred use, with reference to the accompanying drawings, and then particularly point out the novel features in the claims.

In said drawings, Figure I is a perspective view of a trunk having my invention applied thereto. Fig. II is a detached view of the pocket, which may be applied to any object. Fig. III is a transverse section on the line III III, Figs. I and II. Fig. IV is a section on the line IV IV, Fig. I.

A represents a trunk or other receptacle, which in the present instance is covered with sheet metal, and has formed in this covering pockets B, constructed by folding the metal across the entire surface of the top, sides, or ends, making four folds 1 1 and 1^a 1^a, the former forming grooves 2 2, in connection with the body, and also constituting inner laps which embrace the edges of the card, and the latter constituting outer laps extending in the opposite direction to the inner laps. These pockets have the open end 5, into which the card may be introduced, while the other end 4 is preferably closed by bending the metal down, as shown in Figs. I and IV; or it may be closed

by means of the metallic strap 6, as illustrated in Fig. I.

In Fig. II the construction is substantially the same as that represented upon the trunk, though it is detached and intended for application to any article. It may be attached by means of tacks inserted through perforations 7.

In Fig. I the band 6 re-enforces and strengthens the edges of the pocket, and if preferred the card to be marked upon may be of sufficient length to have its ends come beneath these straps and thus be protected.

The manner of using my invention is obvious, and it will also appear that it has advantages of being neat, durable, and effective, as well as producing an ornamental appearance upon a trunk.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. The combination, with a trunk, of a sheet-metal covering bent, substantially as described, to form inner laps 1, outer laps 1^a, and grooves 2 entirely across the surface of the trunk, said grooves being closed at one end and open at the other end, and having re-enforce straps 6, all substantially as herein described.

2. The combination, with a trunk, of a sheet-metal covering bent to form the inner laps 1, outer laps 1^a, and grooves 2, running across the surface of the trunk, whereby the card may be inserted, said grooves being closed at one end by the straps 6, substantially in the manner described.

3. The combination, with a trunk, of a sheet-metal covering bent to form inner laps 1 and outer laps 1^a for the retention of the card, substantially in the manner and for the purposes explained.

4. A pocket for the reception of a card, constructed of a single piece of sheet metal bent to form the inner laps 1, outer laps 1^a, and the grooves 2, in connection with said laps, and adapted to be attached to the article to be labeled, substantially in the manner shown and described.

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