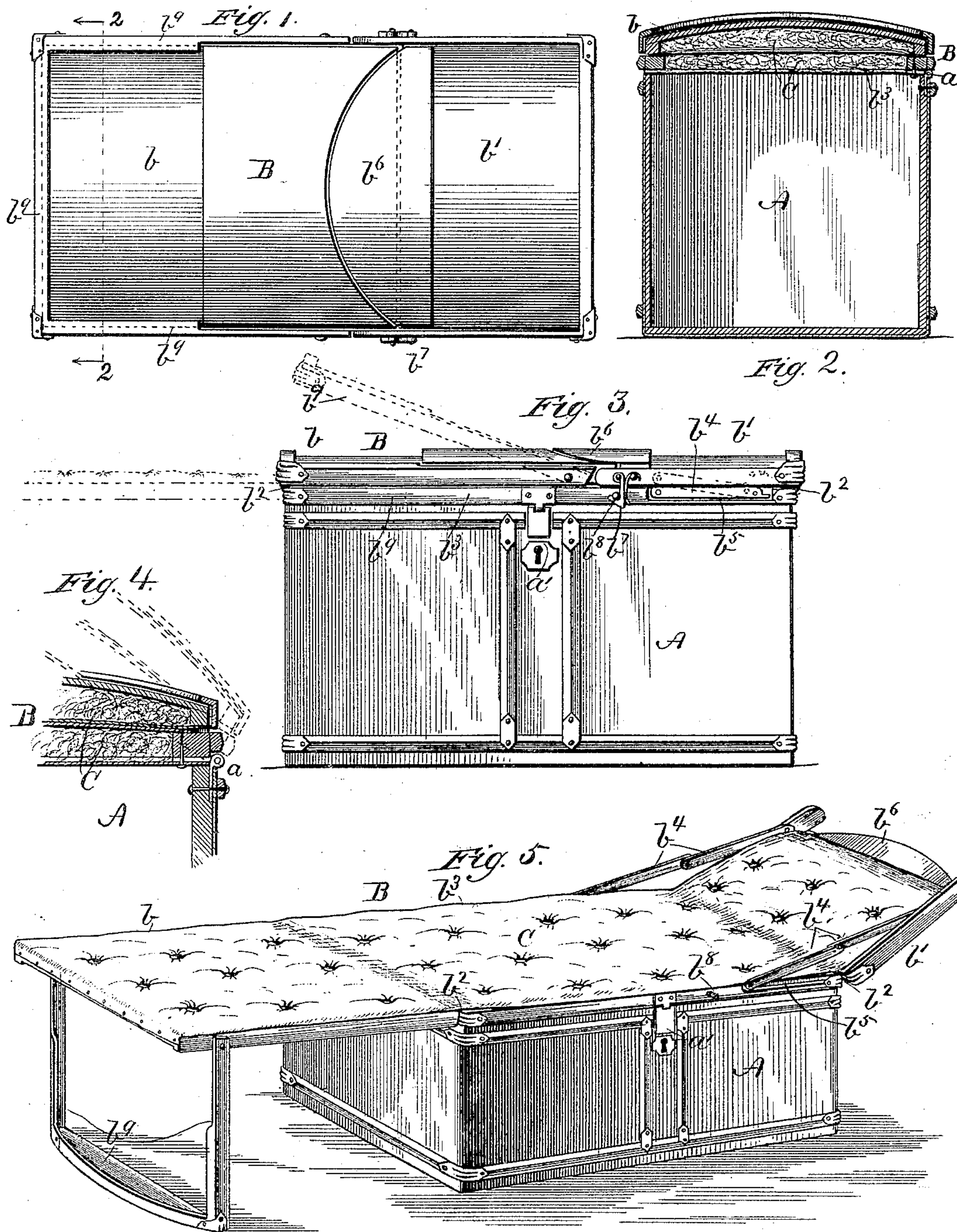


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW M. NELSON, a subject of the King of Sweden, residing at Galesburg, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Trunk and Folding Bed, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to furnish a trunk which, while it may be used as any ordinary trunk in which to carry clothing or other articles, may also be used as a bed.

The invention consists in its main feature in a trunk having a lid formed in sections hinged to each other, so that they may be unfolded to form a bed resting on the trunk as its main support, while still serving as a trunk-lid, and may be folded to inclose the bed in a compact form and still serve as a lid for the trunk. In carrying out this main feature of my invention other novel combinations and constructions are used, which will be hereinafter described, and be pointed out in the claims herewith.

In the drawings herewith, in which I have shown my invention reduced to practice by embodying it in a trunk and folding bed, Figure 1 is a top plan showing the trunk-lid or bed in its folded form on top of the trunk; Fig. 2, a transverse sectional elevation in the line 2 2 in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a side elevation; Fig. 4, a detail, a sectional elevation showing location of lid-hinges; Fig. 5, a perspective showing the trunk with the lid or bed in its unfolded position.

My invention may be applied to trunks of any ordinary form or construction; but I prefer trunks which have flat lids, or lids with but little, if any, arched form.

The body A of the trunk has a lid B hinged thereto at *a* to permit of opening the trunk in the ordinary manner. An ordinary lock *a'* secures the lid when closed over the body A. As shown, the lid B is formed in three sections; but it will be evident that it may be formed of two sections or more, if preferred. The end sections *b* and *b'* are hinged at *b<sup>2</sup>* to the middle section *b<sup>3</sup>*, so that they may be folded over said middle section, as shown at Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, or turned outwardly, as shown at Fig. 5. The section *b'* is also connected with the section *b<sup>3</sup>* by folding links *b<sup>4</sup>*,

which hold the section *b'* in an inclined or elevated position as a head-support when the bed is unfolded, as shown at Fig. 5. The links *b<sup>4</sup>* fold into recesses *b<sup>5</sup>* in the side of the section *b<sup>3</sup>* when the lid or bed is folded. The section *b'* has an extended portion *b<sup>6</sup>*, which projects over and fits into a recess in the end of the section *b* and holds it when the bed or lid is folded, and the section *b'* is held in its closed position by a spring-actuated latch *b<sup>7</sup>*, which is pivoted to the section *b'* and engages with a pin or stud *b<sup>8</sup>*, projecting from the trunk-body. The latch *b<sup>7</sup>* has an inclined face, so that it will engage automatically with the stud *b<sup>8</sup>* when the section *b* is folded and may be disengaged in the evident manner.

The ends of a three-sided frame *b<sup>9</sup>* are pivoted to the sides of and near the outer or distal end of the section *b*. This frame *b<sup>9</sup>* serves as a leg-support for the section *b* when it is turned outwardly for bed purposes, as shown at Fig. 5, and is folded upon and exterior to the section *b'* when said section itself is folded upon the section *b<sup>3</sup>*, as shown at all of the other figures.

At Fig. 3 the frame *b<sup>9</sup>* is shown by dotted lines as partly turned upwardly from the section *b*, as is done prior to unfolding said section *b*. At same figure the links *b<sup>4</sup>* are shown by dotted lines in their folded position.

The section *b<sup>3</sup>* may be formed of framework with any suitable support for the mattress C, or may be formed in any desired manner. The surface of the sections *b b'* which is outermost when the sections are folded is preferably of such material as the outer surface of the trunk. The mattress C may be made in sections to correspond with the sections *b b' b<sup>3</sup>*, or it may be made continuous, as shown.

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

1. In combination, the trunk-body A, the lid B, hinged thereto and formed in sections *b b' b<sup>3</sup>*, the section *b<sup>3</sup>* hinged to the body A, the sections *b b'* hinged to the section *b<sup>3</sup>*, and a support *b<sup>9</sup>*, hinged to the section *b* as a support, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. In combination, the trunk-body A, the

lid B, hinged thereto and formed in sections  
 $b\ b'\ b^3$ , the section  $b^3$  hinged to the body A, the  
sections  $b\ b'$  hinged to the section  $b^3$ , a sup-  
port  $b^9$ , hinged to the section  $b$ , and folding  
5 links  $b^4$ , connecting the sections  $b^3$  and  $b'$ , sub-  
stantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. In combination, the trunk-body A, the  
lid B, hinged thereto and formed in sections  
 $b\ b'\ b^3$ , the section  $b^3$  hinged to the body A, the  
10 sections  $b\ b'$  hinged to the section  $b^3$ , and a

support for the section  $b'$ , consisting of fold-  
ing links  $b^4$ , hinged to sections  $b'$  and  $b^3$ , sub-  
stantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in  
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