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Fig. 1.

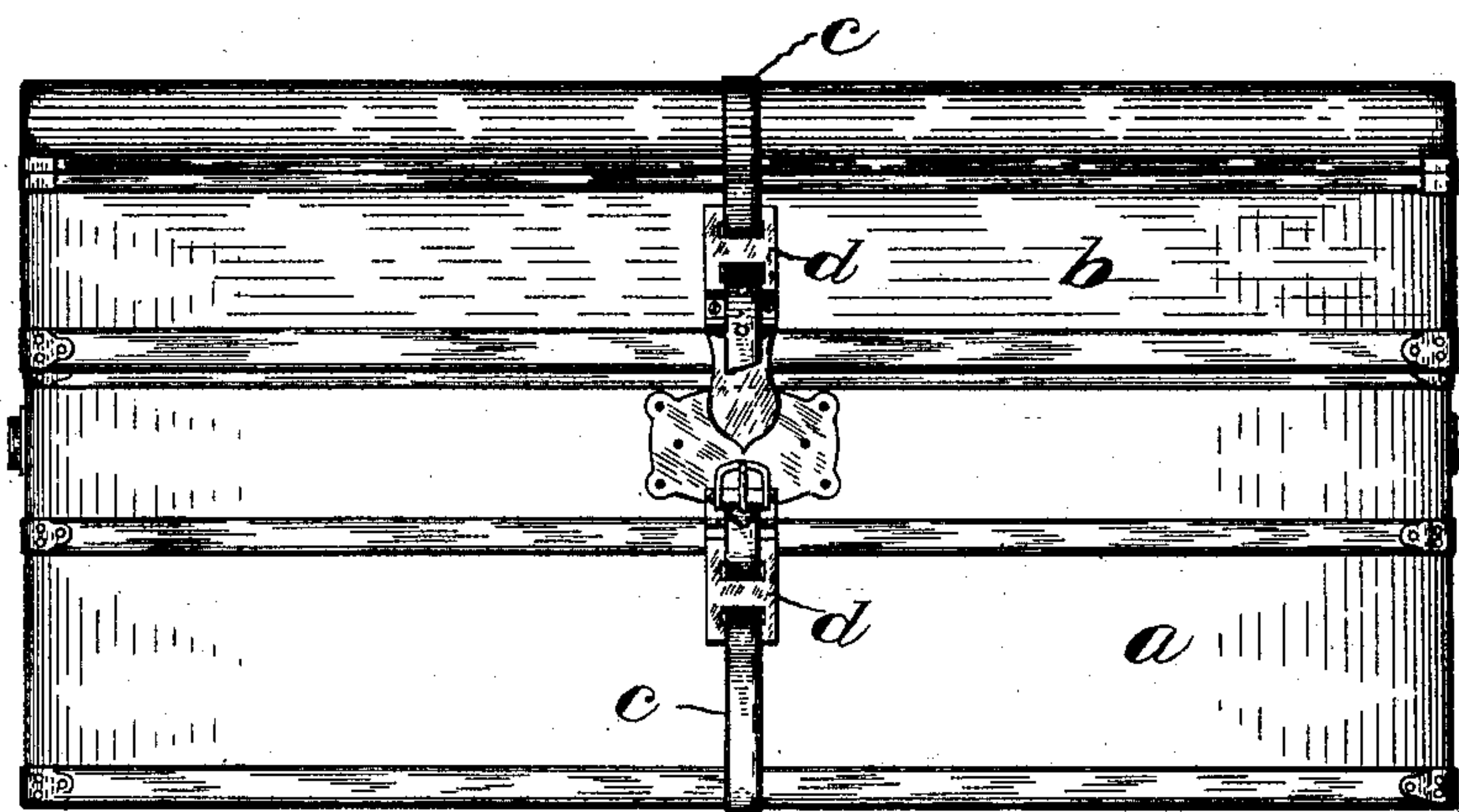
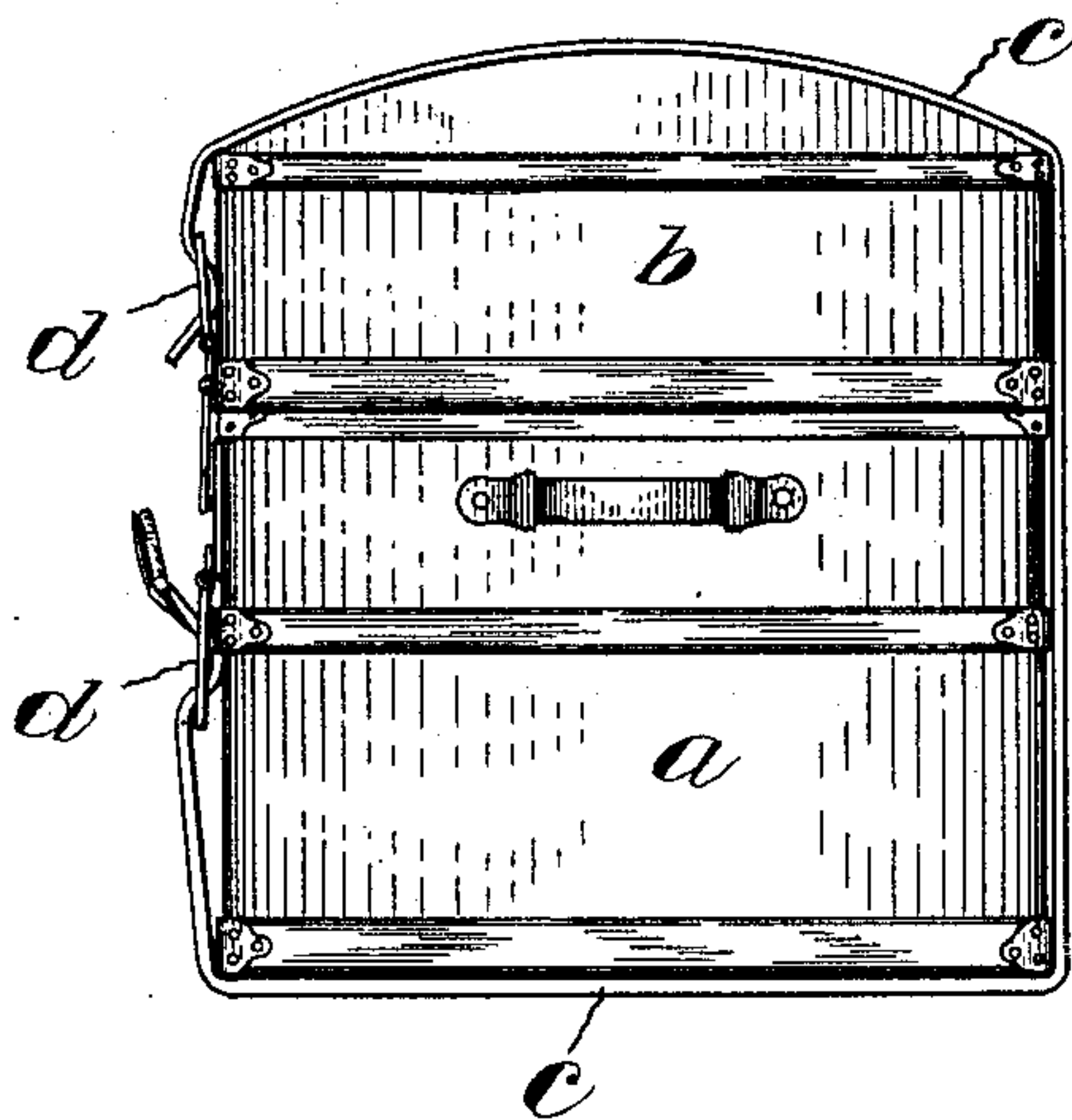


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES G. MAXWELL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at West Winsted, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Attachment for Trunks or Boxes, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a face view of a trunk carrying said attachment. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same trunk.

The object and purpose of the improvement are the production of a device in the general nature of a trunk-strap adapted for constant attachment to the trunk and which by the mere closing of the trunk shall exert its binding and strengthening effect.

The device shown in the accompanying drawings is that kind of a box of the general nature of a trunk; but as trunks are simply a kind of box and as this improvement is applicable to boxes generally the improvement will be described as applied to a box.

In the accompanying drawings the letter *a* denotes the box-body or box proper. The letter *b* denotes the cover, the two being hinged together in the rear after the ordinary fashion.

The letter *c* denotes a strap, preferably of leather, nearly surrounding both the box and its cover. It is attached at or near one end to the front of the box and at or near the other end to the front of the cover. The length of this strap is such that when the cover is shut to place the strap is drawn taut, and as the re-

sult it exerts a sufficient binding and strengthening action. The ends of the strap may be furnished with a buckle and holes therefor, if desired; but that is not necessary.

The letter *d* denotes two plates, each having two perforations therein, wherefore they may be called "doubly-perforated" plates. One of these doubly-perforated plates is hinged to the front of the box, and another is hinged to the front of the cover. By passing the ends of the strap through them, as shown, those ends are securely held without any additional fastening at any desired adjustment.

I claim as my improvement—

1. In combination, the box, the cover hinged to the rear of the box, the doubly-perforated plates respectively hinged to front of box and cover, and the strap removably attached to the doubly-perforated plates and of a length which adapts it to be drawn taut when the cover is shut, all substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

2. In combination, the box, the cover hinged to the rear of the box, the doubly-perforated plates respectively hinged to front of box and cover, and the strap provided with buckle and buckle-holes and removably attached to the doubly-perforated plates and of a length which adapts it to be drawn taut when the cover is shut, all substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

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