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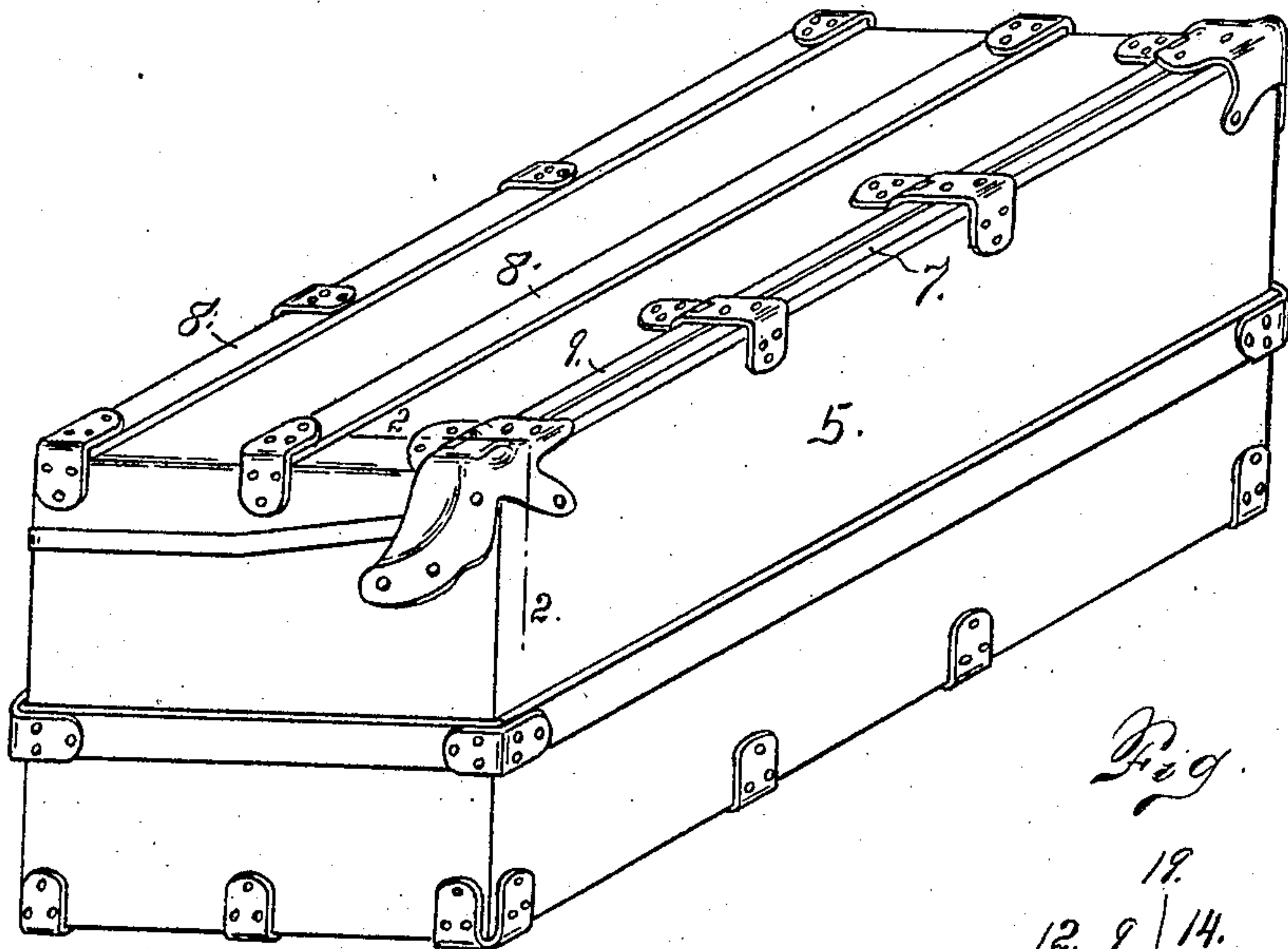


Fig. 1.

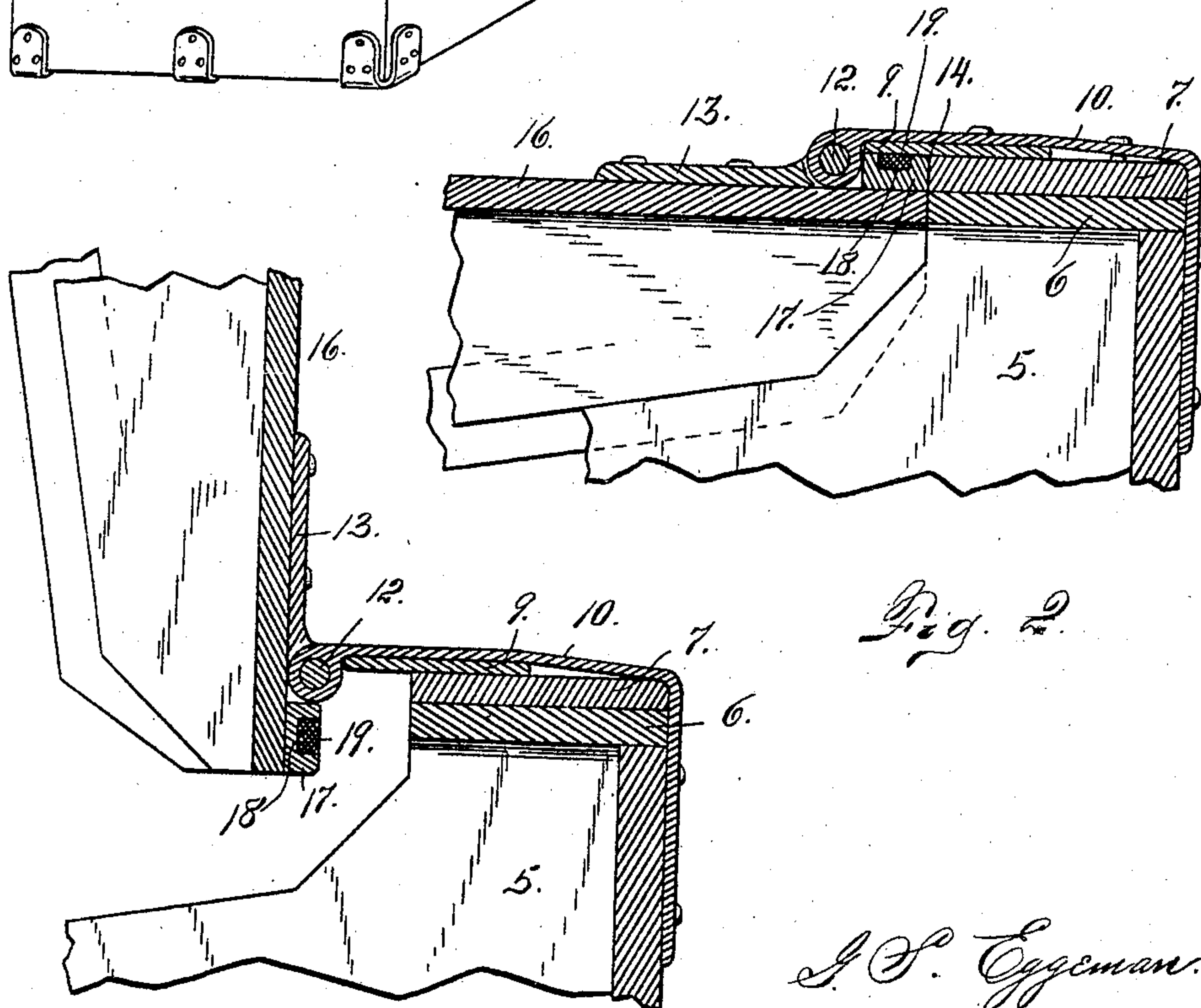


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GODFREY S. EGGEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city and county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in trunks, my object being to improve more especially the hinging mechanism in relation to flat-top trunks.

One of the features of the invention consists in sinking the pintles of the hinges below the plane of the reinforcing top strips of the trunk, whereby the pintles are removed from injury. On a flat-top trunk of the character shown in the drawings the axes of the hinged pintles may all be located below the plane of the reinforcing-strips, whereby they are protected from injury during the rough handling of trunks during transportation.

Another feature of my improvements consists in means for forming a water-tight joint between the lid of the trunk and the complementary top portion to which the lid is hinged.

Having briefly outlined my improved construction as well as the function it is intended to perform, I will proceed to describe the same in detail, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk equipped with my improvements. Fig. 2 is a section taken on the line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar section showing the lid open.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate the body of the trunk, 6 the stationary top ledge, and 7 a reinforcing-strip secured to the top ledge and occupying the same plane as the reinforcing-strips 8 of the lid when the latter is closed. To the strip 7 is applied the valance

9 or a plate extending beyond the joint 14, where the rear extremity of the lid engages the stationary parts 6 and 7 of the trunk-top. This valance has a tendency to keep out moisture at the top of the trunk. The rear hinged members 10 are carried forwardly and bent down in front of the valance so that the pintles 12 shall be below the plane of the reinforcing-strips 7 and 8. The other hinge members, which I will designate 13, are attached to the lid of the trunk and cooperate with the members 10. The hinge members 10 and 13 are connected by the pintles 12. The rear portion of the trunk-lid 16 is provided in the rear of the hinged pintles with a bar 17, in which is formed a groove 18, filled with a packing material 19. This packing material engages the valance when the lid is closed and forms a water-tight joint, thus preventing the water accumulating on the top of the trunk from flowing rearwardly over the bar 17 to the joint 14. When my improved construction is applied to a flat-top trunk, all of the pintles 12 are in alinement and their axes are all occupy a position below the plane of the reinforcing-strips 7 and 8. This is a new feature so far as I am aware.

It will be observed that my improvement relates to the class of trunks known as "wall-trunks"—that is to say, which permit the lid to be fully opened while the body of the trunk is against the wall.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a trunk, the combination with the body, of a flat lid, a stationary top ledge extending forward from the back of the body, longitudinally-disposed reinforcing-strips applied to the ledge and the top of the lid, and hinges connecting the lid with the ledge forward of the joint between the ledge and the lid, the axes of the pintles of all the hinges being located below the plane of the reinforcing-strips and in alinement with one another.

2. In a trunk, the combination with a trunk-body, of a stationary ledge extending forwardly from the back of the body and forming a part of the top of the trunk, a lid hinged to the top of the trunk forwardly of the joint between the lid and ledge, the

lid of the trunk in the rear of the hinged pin-  
tles being provided with a bar having a  
groove open at the top and filled with a suit-  
able packing material adapted to form a  
5 water-tight joint forward of the joint be-  
tween the lid and the ledge when the trunk is  
closed

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
in presence of two witnesses.

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