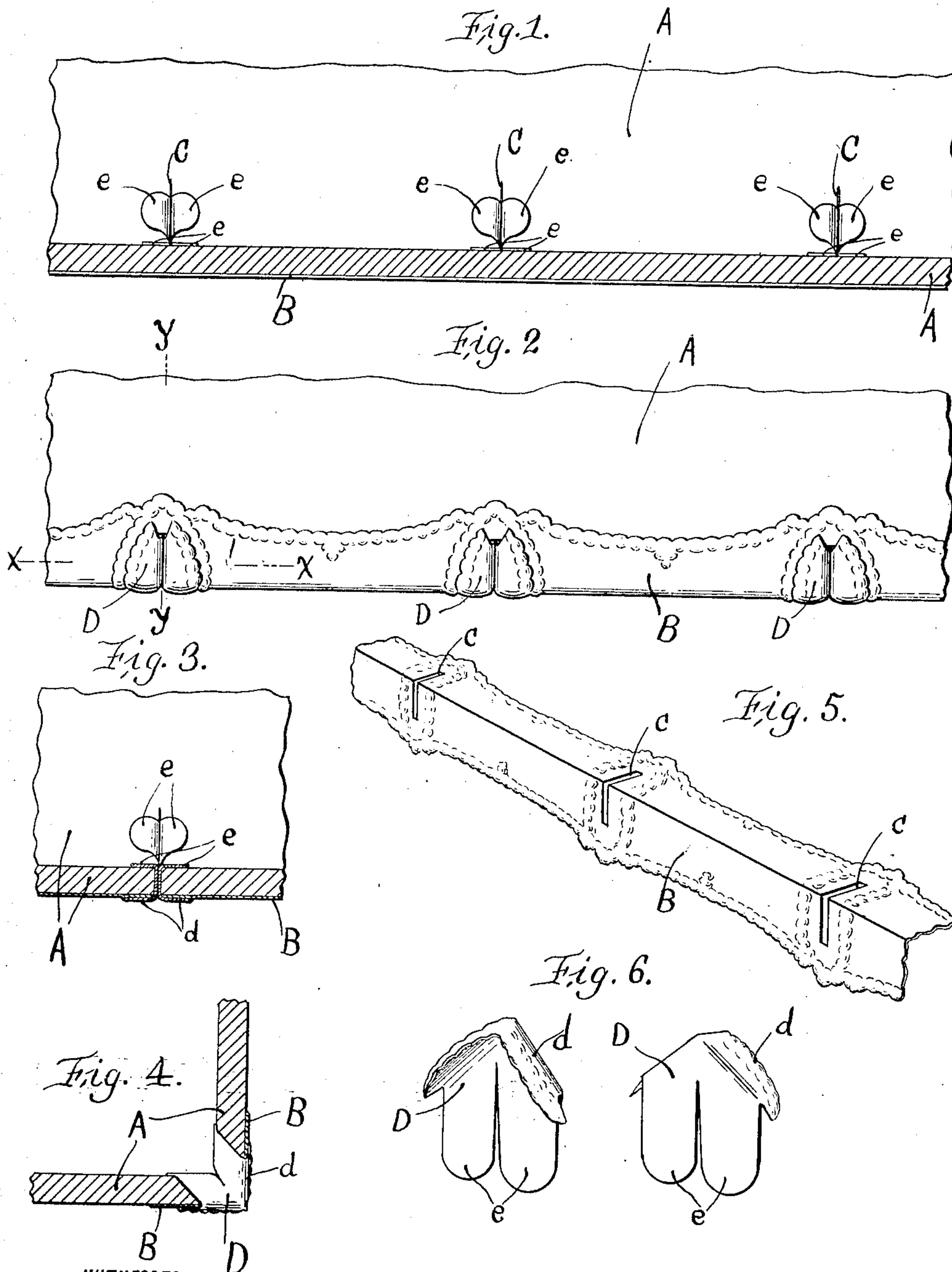


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. A. STOUT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the metal reinforcing strips used on trunks and similar articles to support and strengthen the meeting edges or corners thereof and has particular reference to that class of reinforcing strips described in the patent granted to me on March 11th, 1902, and numbered 695,246. The device described in that patent could only be made by casting same and was necessarily heavy and consequently somewhat expensive.

The object of my present improvement is to so construct the device that it can be cut out of sheet metal and formed to the proper shape, thus making a lighter and cheaper reinforcing strip and one that will have the necessary strength and rigidity to properly protect the article upon which it is placed.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1, is an inside view of a section of a trunk having my improved reinforcing strip attached thereto. Fig. 2, is a front elevation of the device and section of trunk body. Fig. 3, is a sectional view on line X—X of Fig. 2. Fig. 4, is a sectional view on line Y—Y of Fig. 2. Fig. 5, is a view in perspective of a section of the reinforcing strip detached from the trunk. Fig. 6, shows front and back views of the bifurcated clip that fastens the reinforcing strip to the meeting edge of the trunk.

A, represents a corner section of a trunk having my reinforcing strip attached thereto.

B, is a metallic strip preferably made of sheet steel and bent at right angles to fit the corner of the trunk or other article to which it is to be attached.

C, C, C, are openings or slots cut in the angle of the strip B.

D, D, are bifurcated clips adapted to fit into the slots C, C, C, and extend through a corresponding slot in the trunk body. These clips have their outer ends *d, d*, turned over so as to fit snugly against the outside of the reinforcing strips B, in the manner shown in Fig. 2, and are generally used in pairs, the inner ends *e, e*, being made long enough to project beyond the inside of the trunk, so that they may be bent over in the manner shown in Figs. 1, 3, and 4. By using the bifurcated clips D, in pairs, the inner ends can be bent over in opposite directions and when forced down tightly in position the reinforcing strip is more securely fastened to the trunk and greater rigidity and strength is secured.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. In combination with a trunk body, the reinforcing edge strip B, and bifurcated clip D, the said reinforcing strip having in the angular portion a slot C through which the shank of said clip projects, and the bifurcated clip, having the outer portion bent over and adapted to impinge against the outer surface of the strip B, substantially as shown.

2. The reinforcing edge strip B, having in the angular portion the slots C, in combination with the bifurcated clips D, extending through slots C, in pairs and bent over in opposite directions against the inner surface of the trunk body, substantially as shown.

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

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