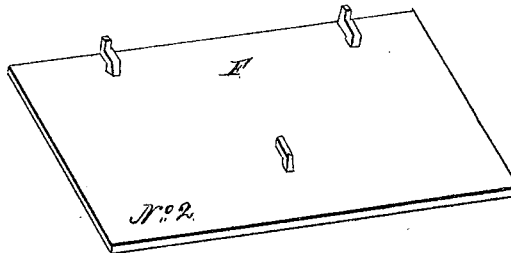


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LOCKING PORTABLE SAFES TO THE FLOOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY HOCHSTRASSER, of the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a New
5 and Portable Safe.

The nature of my invention consists in making a box with a lock on the lid, or front, which box may be attached temporarily, or permanently, to any desired place,
10 to the bottom of a trunk, for the safe keeping of articles of value, and by the use of the thumb wood-screw (which accompany the box for the temporary fastening). The trunk may be secured to the floor, and cannot be removed until the box is unlocked
15 and screws withdrawn, also can be attached in a few minutes to a bureau-drawer, to vessels, rail-road cars, &c. affording a safe depository, (the usual fastening of trunks, &c., having no real security from burglars
20 and others.)

To enable others skilled in the art, to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction, and operation.

25 I construct my safe in any desirable form or size of a box of any material (metal being preferred) with a lock attached to the lid, as in drawing A, or with a lock on the front, in the bottom of the box (with the
30 lock on the lid) I have two oblong holes, and two round holes, as in sectional drawing B, No. 1. The oblong holes are intended to receive two fastenings which are in the
35 D, which are fastened and turn in the plate

as in sectional drawing C, which plate is permanently fastened to any desired place, by placing the box over them, and turning them, they secure the box to the plate, and it cannot be removed until the fastenings are brought in line with the holes in the bottom of the box. The round holes are intended to receive two taper (thumb) wood screws (see perspective drawing E) for the temporary fastening of the box to any place,
40 and for securing a trunk to the floor (if desired.) When the lock is on the front of the box, I use the lock itself, to fasten the box to the plate, as in No. 2, the fastenings of which are shown in sectional drawing F,
45 No. 2, and the bottom of the box in the sectional drawing G, No. 2, an end view of the bolt of the lock is shown in sectional drawing H, No. 2, also the catch in the lid by
50 letter I.
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Letter J represents the fastening in the bottom. By placing the box over the fastenings and sliding the box back, the lower or bottom fastenings enter the lock, and when locked secures the box to the plate.
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What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The device for locking down a portable safe or box to the floor and at the same time locking the box as described and shown
65 herein.

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