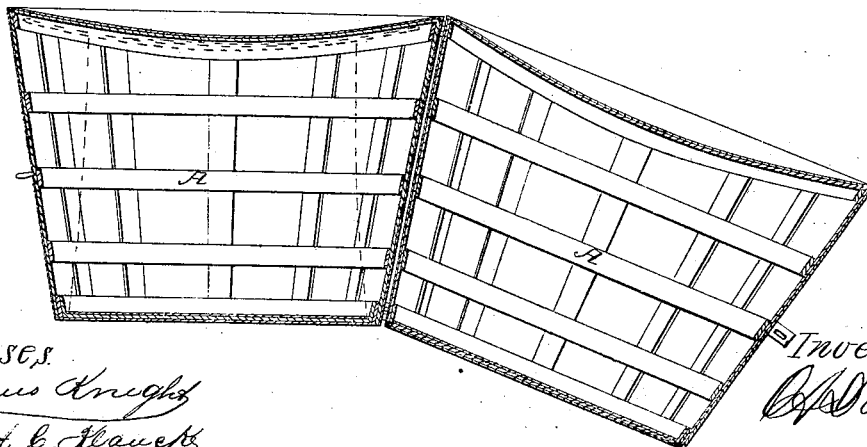
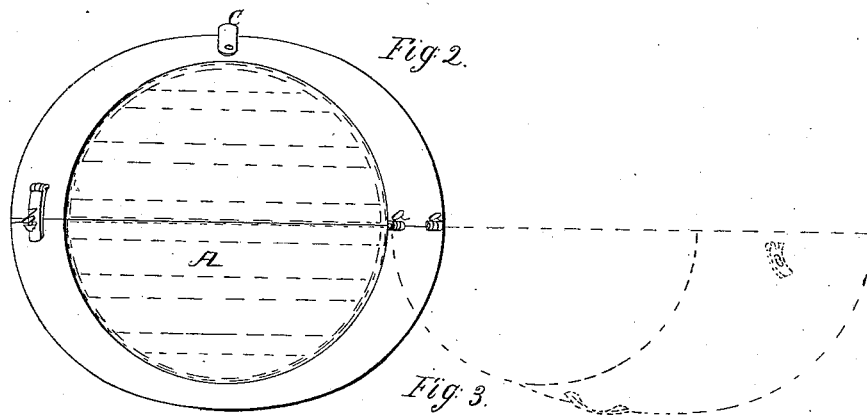
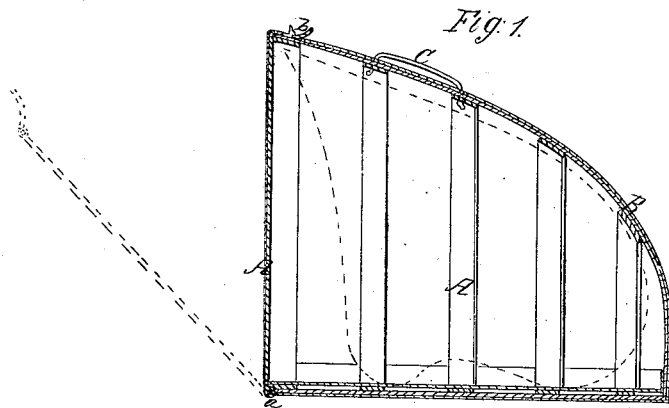


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOXES FOR HATS AND BONNETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER A. DAILEY, M. D., of the city and county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat and Bonnet Boxes for Trunks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a central section of my improved box as adapted for containing bonnets. Fig. 2 is an end view representing the form of the box when used as a receptacle for hats. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same open.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

The object of this invention is to provide a box or receptacle for hats and bonnets which will protect them from being mashed or pressed out of shape when packed in a trunk with other articles for transportation, and which shall be of such construction as to merit but little consideration as to weight and involve comparatively small expense in manufacture.

The following description will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to fully understand and use the same.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a box or depository consisting essentially of light strips of metal or other suitable material fastened together at such distance asunder as to make a frame or case of a portable character, yet of such strength as to effectually protect its contents from injury by external pressure. The frame thus constructed may be fashioned in conformity with the shape of the hat or bonnet which is to be inclosed, as represented in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively.

It may be covered with morocco, B, or analogous material, and provided with a handle, C, in order that it may be readily carried about by hand. The hat or bonnet is inserted through a door, A', hinged at *a*, and the box is furnished with a catch, *b*, to retain the door in its closed position.

The above-described box will effectually preserve from injury a hat, bonnet, or similar delicate article composing part of the contents of a tightly-packed trunk during transportation, and at the same time it occupies practically less room than the article which it may inclose. It is manifest that while it subserve all the purposes of the ordinary handbox it will prove efficient under circumstances where the handbox would not be available.

I contemplate such modifications and additions as will improve the appearance and increase the durability of the box, or such as may be required to suit the taste of the user. Therefore I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the specific details herein given.

The arched form of the ribs or strips adapts them to resist the vertical pressure of clothing or other articles when the box is in its place within a trunk.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a box for hats or bonnets, constructed with arched ribs or strips, as herein described.

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