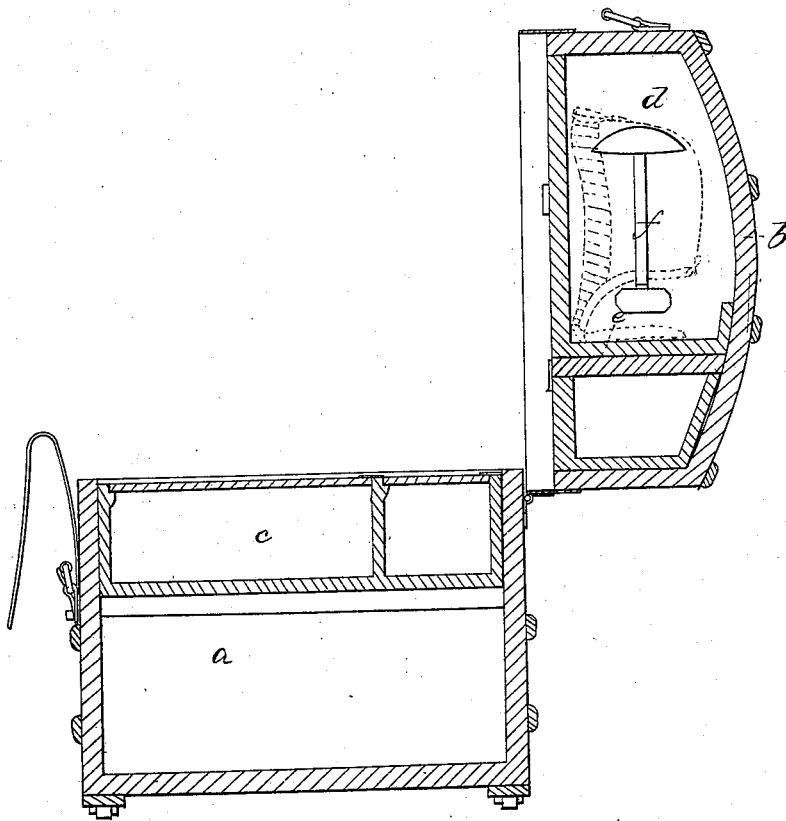


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## IMPROVED TRAVELING-TRUNK.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 52,979, dated March 6, 1866.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL EASTER, of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Traveling-Trunks; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practice it.

In that class of traveling-trunks in which provision is made for the reception of a dress hat, or a bonnet, the custom is to make a separate compartment or box extending down into the body or lower part of the trunk and up above the top of said body, a recess being left open in the cover, up into which the top of the box forming this compartment shall project when the trunk is shut. This arrangement or construction is very objectionable, because it destroys to a great extent the packing capacity of the trunk, leaving the top and body both abbreviated in length, and the body with an inconvenient and troublesome box projecting above it whenever the trunk is opened.

To obviate this objectionable construction I place the hat or bonnet stand directly in the trunk-top, or in a drawer sliding wholly into such top, and make the top of such depth that the hat or bonnet may be wholly contained in it, leaving the body wholly free from the projecting bonnet or hat box, and its whole space available for packing purposes.

It is in this construction that my invention consists. A trunk embodying my invention is represented in the drawing, which shows a vertical cross-section taken through the bonnet or hat compartment, the trunk being open.

*a* denotes the body or lower portion of the

trunk; *b*, the top. The body *a* has its main portion left free for packing clothing, and has the box *c*, for reception of collars, shirts, &c., inserted in the top and extending across its whole length, and coming up flush, or nearly flush, with the upper edge of the body *a*. The top *b* has at one end a compartment, *d*, for reception of the bonnet or hat, this compartment having a drawer, *e*, in which the bonnet-stand *f* is fixed, or having the said stand fixed directly to one of its side walls, the top having such depth as to admit the whole bonnet and sustain it in position, free from liability to injury by contact with the sides of the compartment.

By this means the space in the trunk is all made available for the most desirable and convenient disposition of the articles to be packed therein.

It will be observed that the stand *f* is so applied to one of the walls of the compartment *d*, or the drawer *e* in said compartment, that it is always brought into an upright position when the trunk is open, this being necessary to bring the stand into position to enable the hat or bonnet to be removed from or properly secured within the trunk.

I claim—

Combining with the compartment *d*, or the drawer *e*, sliding within the same, the stand *f*, when said stand is so applied as to be brought into upright position by opening the trunk, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of December, A. D. 1865.

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