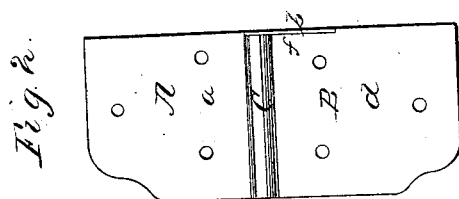
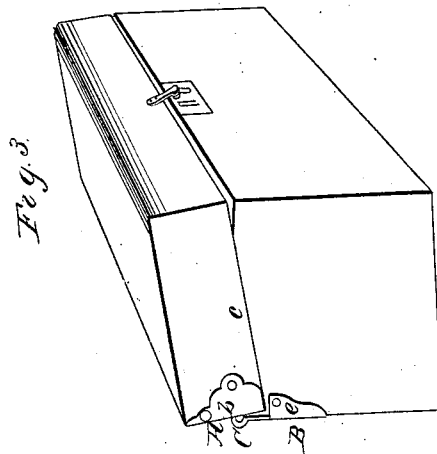


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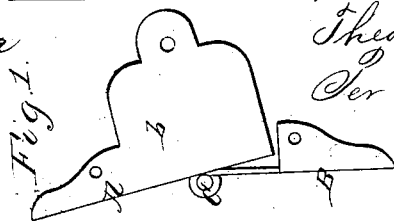
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IMPROVED TRUNK-HINGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM WAKENSHAW and THEODORE R. DUNHAM, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Trunk-Hinge; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of our invention; Fig. 2, an outer rear view of the same; Fig. 3, a side view of the same applied to a trunk.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new and improved hinge for trunks, chests, and other articles, the lids of which are provided with cleats or valances to lap over the top edge of the lower part or body of the article when the lid is closed.

The invention consists in constructing the hinge in angle form, and in such a manner that it may lap over the rear parts of the end cleats or valances of the lid and over the rear angles or corners of the upper part of the body of the article, and form a much neater and more durable hinge for the purposes specified than those now made, and one which will also materially strengthen the article to which it may be applied.

We construct our improved hinge of two leaves, A B, connected by a joint, C, each leaf being bent, cast, or otherwise made in angle form, the part *a* of the upper leaf, A, being screwed to the rear of the lid of the trunk, and the part *b* lapping over the rear ends of the valances *c* of the lid and extending up to the

rear angles of the lid, as shown in Fig. 3, the part *b* being also secured to the lid by screws.

The lower leaf, B, has a part, *d*, screwed to the upper rear part of the lower part or body of the trunk, the other part, *e*, lapping over the upper rear angle of the end of the trunk and secured thereto by screws, as also seen in Fig. 3.

The part *b* of the upper leaf, A, of the hinge necessarily extends below the part *a*, as the valances *c* extend down below the lid, and the upper part of the lower leaf, B, is cut out or has a recess, *f*, made in it to receive the rear edges of the part *b* when the lid of the trunk is closed, the lower edge of *b* resting on the upper edge of the part *e* of the lower leaf, B.

By this mode of construction a strap and hinge are combined, for the hinge, it will be seen, serves to bind the rear corners of the trunk and lid together equally so as the metal straps now employed, independently of the hinges for that purpose. The hinge also is more ornamental than the ordinary kinds.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A hinge for trunks, chests, and other articles provided with lids, having cleats or valances attached, constructed in angle form, so as to extend or lap over the ends or sides of the trunk or other article and the end or side valances of the lid, substantially as herein shown and described.

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