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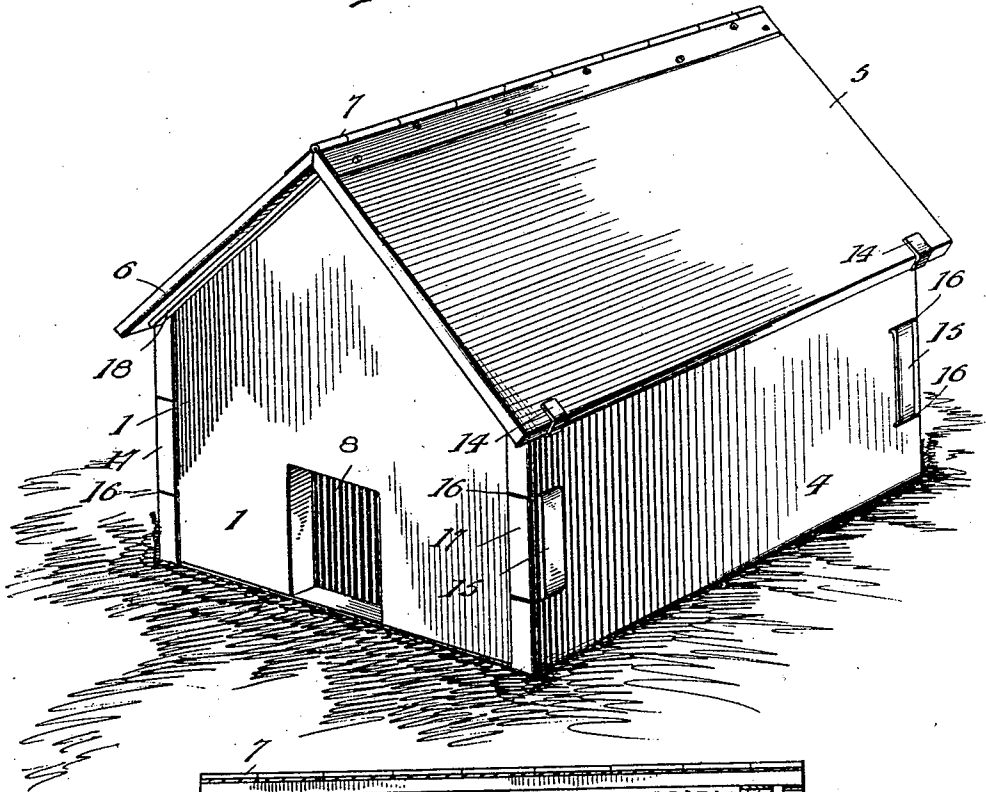
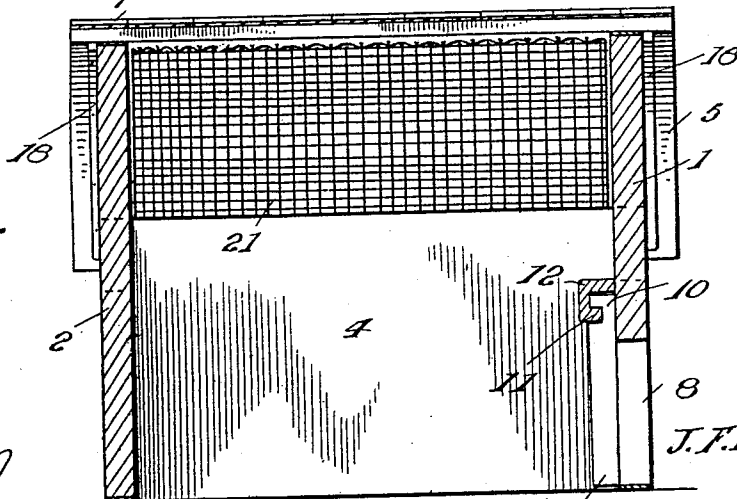


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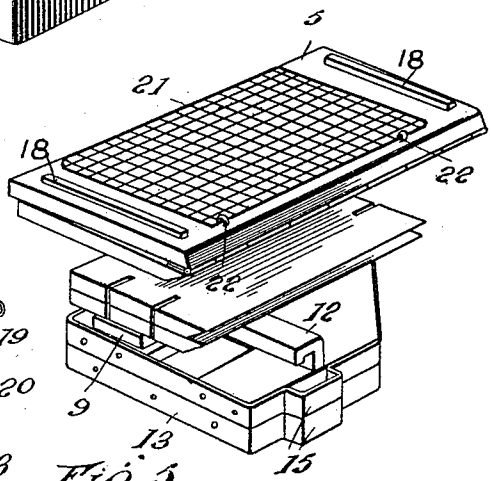
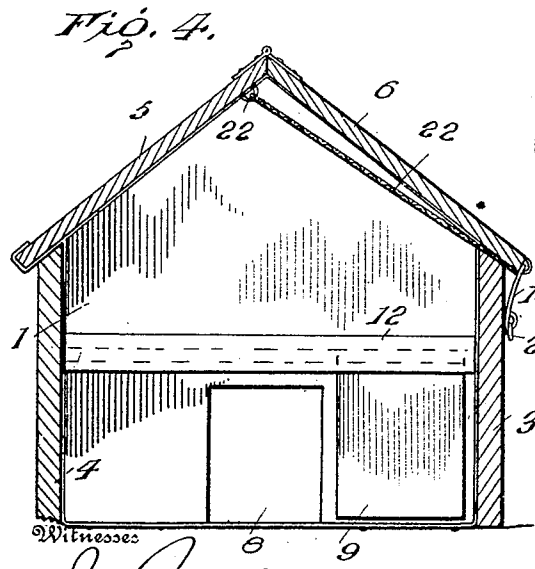
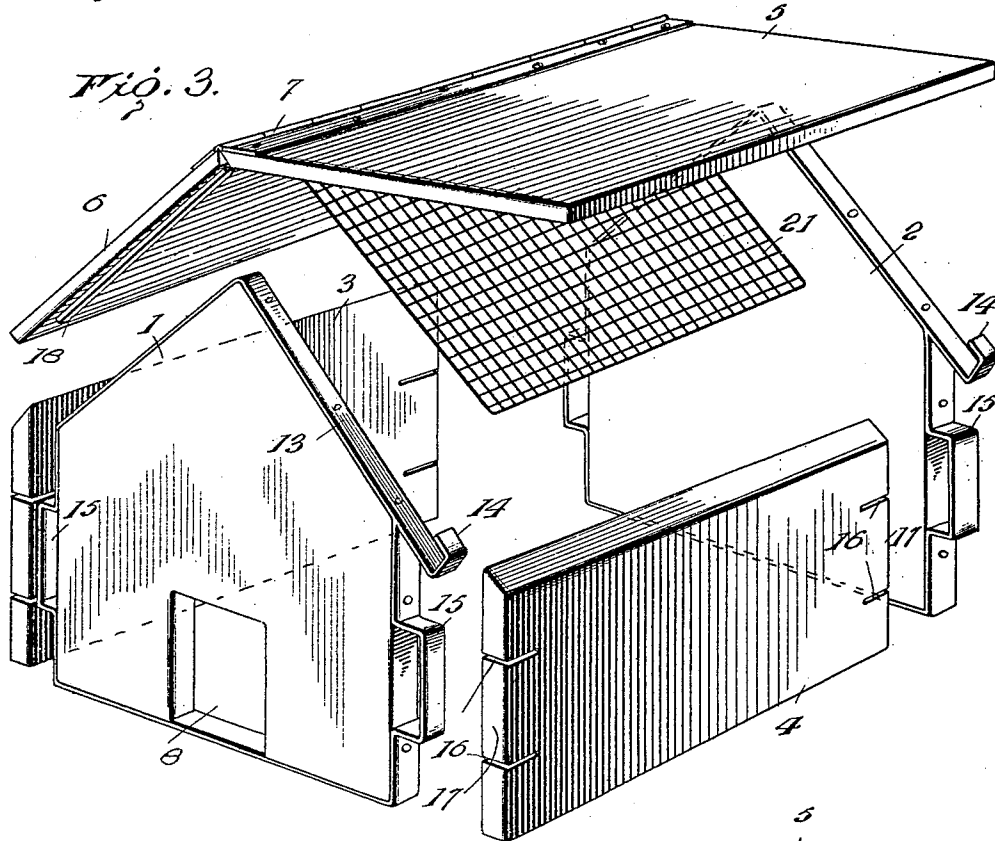
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FRANK LEGG, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Kennedyville, in the county of Kent and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Knockdown Chicken-Houses, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in chicken-houses; and the object of my invention is to produce a chicken-house which is readily collapsible for transportation or storage and which when set up ready for use is strong, durable, and convenient.

The particular class of chicken-houses to which my invention especially relates are those which are adapted to be placed on the ground and to contain a hen with a brood of chickens, the house being provided with a door which will permit the chickens to readily pass in and out and to keep the hen inside.

With these objects in view my invention consists in certain constructions, arrangement, and combination of parts, the preferred form of which will be first described and then the particular features of the invention pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, wherein the same part is designated by the same reference-numeral wherever it occurs, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a house built in accordance with my invention and set up ready for use. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the parts separated in order to illustrate their relation to each other. Fig. 4 is a central sectional view taken at right angles to Fig. 2, and Fig. 5 is a view of the parts when collapsed ready for storage or transportation.

The house is composed of end pieces 1 2, side pieces 3 4, and a roof formed of two sections 5 and 6, hinged together at 7.

The end pieces 1 and 2 are in the form of pentagons and are arranged so that when the hinged roof-sections 5 and 6 are placed in position they will form a gable roof. The end 1 is preferably provided with an opening 8, through which the chickens may pass. The opening is adapted to be closed by a door 9, having a groove 10 cut in near the upper edge thereof, into which a tongue 11 of a strip 12 is adapted to enter and on which the door can slide for the purpose of guiding the door and permitting the same to be moved so as to open or close the opening.

In order to form a support for the roof and also to provide a means for connecting the sides of the house to the ends, I secure to each of the ends 1 and 2 a metallic strap 13. This strap surrounds each of the ends 1 and 2, and preferably the ends of the strap meet at one of the corners under the roof, the portion of the strap which extends down the gable side of the end being extended to form a hook 14, as shown. These straps on each of the sides of the end pieces are formed into loops 15, by means of which the sides are secured to the ends, this connection being formed by making saw-cuts 16 in the ends of the sides which form tongues 17 at each end of each side of a width sufficient to enter the loop 15. By this means it will be seen that the ends and sides may be securely fastened together or may be readily taken apart.

The sections 5 and 6 of the roof are each provided with strips 18, secured to the under side of the sections near each end and at such a distance apart that they will catch over the ends 1 and 2, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The hooks 14 are so located and of such a length that when the section 5 of the roof is in position they will engage the edge thereof and firmly hold the same in position. The section 6 of the roof is held in position by means of a hook 19 and eye 20 or other similar device. By using a hook and eye or the like the cover-section 6 may be raised to give access to the interior of the house.

Preferably and as shown I provide a screen 21, which is hinged to the section 5 by means of the staples 22, the screen being adapted to rest on top of the side 3 when the parts are in position. By this means the roof-section 6 may be opened and laid back upon the section 5 or propped into an intermediate position in order to give light and air to the interior of the house without permitting the escape of the hen or the entrance into the house of any animal.

It is believed from the foregoing description the construction and operation of my device will be apparent. It will be noticed upon an inspection of Fig. 5 that the device when packed up for storage is very compact and occupies little space.

While I have described what I believe to be the preferred form of my invention, I desire to have it understood that many changes may be made in the form, construction, and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A knockdown chicken-house composed of two ends, two sides and a roof, loops on the edges of the ends and tongues on the sides to engage the loops and secure the ends and side together and means for detachably securing the roof in position.
2. A knockdown chicken-house, composed of two ends, two sides, and a roof formed of two sections hinged together, hooks formed on the ends adapted to engage one of the roof-sections and means for securing the other section.
3. A knockdown chicken-house composed of two ends, two sides and a roof, straps secured to the edges of the ends, said straps being bent up from the side in places to form loops and means on the sides to engage the loops to secure the ends and sides together.
4. A knockdown chicken-house composed of two ends, two sides and a roof, straps secured to the edges of the ends encircling the ends all around, said straps being bent out from the sides of the ends to form loops to serve as mortises for tenons on the sides, one end of the strap which encircles each end of the house being bent to form an upwardly-turned hook to engage and lock the roof, substantially as described.

Signed by me at Baltimore, Maryland, this 26th day of February, 1906.

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