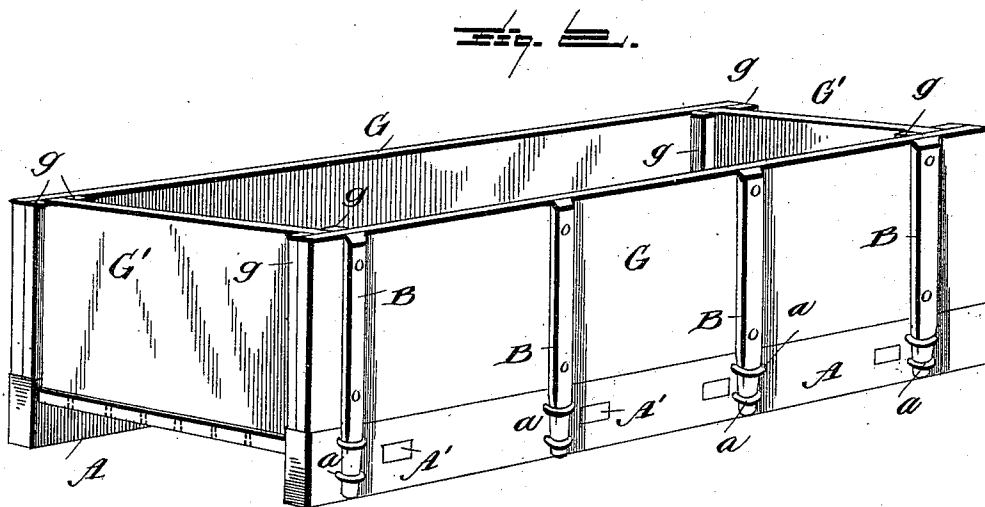
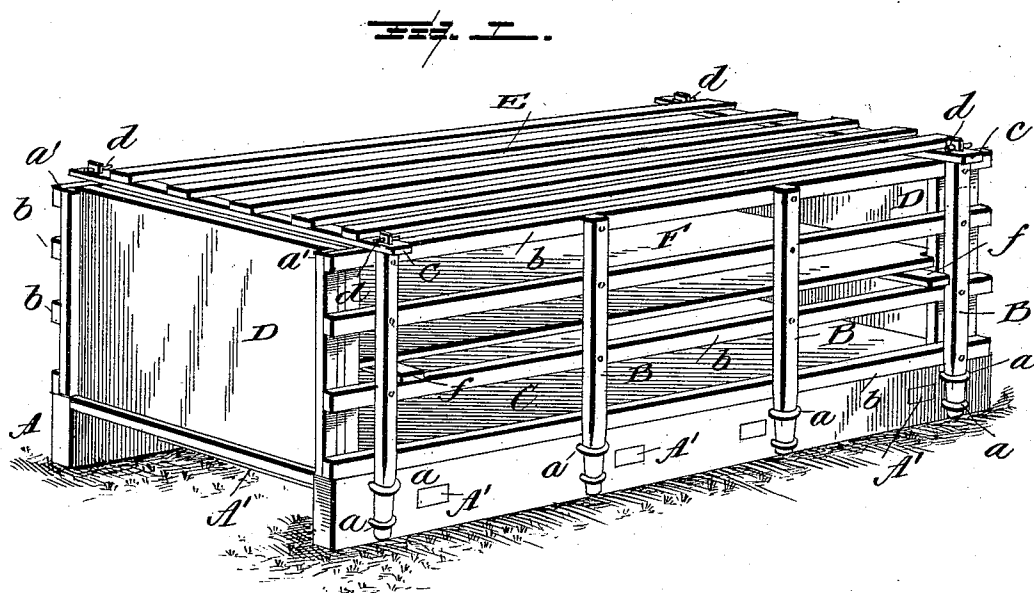


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. KING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Forest Home, in the county of Williamson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Wagon-Beds; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in wagon-beds; and it has for its objects, among others, to provide a bed which can be easily and quickly converted into a sheep or hog coop or a chicken or fowl coop.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined in the appended claims.

The novelty in the present instance resides in the peculiarities of construction and the combinations, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawings, and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my device set up as a chicken-coop. Fig. 2 is a like view showing the same as a wagon-body.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views in which they occur.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the sill-pieces, which are designed to serve with all the forms of bed for which the device is intended. They may be of any desired length and dimensions and are connected by the cross-piece A', which may be connected thereto in any suitable manner, as by mortise and tenon. The sill-pieces are provided upon their outer faces with staples or analogous devices *a*, which are designed to hold the standards, as seen in the various views.

When it is desired to form a hog-coop, I place the standards B in the staples *a*, as seen in Fig. 1, place a floor C upon the cross-

pieces A', place the end boards D in position, they being designed to be held in the vertical guides *a'* upon the ends of the longitudinal bars *b*, secured to the standards, as seen in Fig. 1. One of the end pieces is designed to be raised vertically in its guides to permit the insertion and removal of the animals. Over the top is placed the slatted top E, which is provided at the ends with the cross-pieces *c*, the ends of which have holes to receive the tenons on the ends of the end standards, as seen in Fig. 1, suitable keys *d* being employed to detachably hold the parts together, as shown in said Fig. 1.

When it is desired to form a chicken or fowl coop, all that is necessary to do is to place the partition or floor F in position with its cross-bars *f* resting upon the longitudinal bars of the standards, as seen in Fig. 1.

When it is desired to form a wagon-body, I place in the staples the standards, which are provided with the solid planks G, and then place in position the solid end pieces G', which are designed to be held between the guide-bars *g*, as seen in Fig. 2. The solid bottom employed in Fig. 1 may be used in this connection, or I may employ a bottom formed of narrow pieces, as seen in dotted lines in Fig. 2, which are designed to be removed, as may be desired, so as to fit the bed for use as a gravel-wagon. No claim, however, is made to the body shown in Fig. 2.

What I claim as new is—

The herein-described device, consisting of the sills connected by cross-pieces and having staples upon their outer faces, the removable slatted sides, the ends, the slatted top having cross-pieces with holes to receive tenons on the upper ends of the end standards of the slatted sides, removable keys for holding the top in place, and the removable horizontal partition having cross-bars extended beyond its sides and supported upon the longitudinal bars of the slatted sides, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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