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HEN NEST

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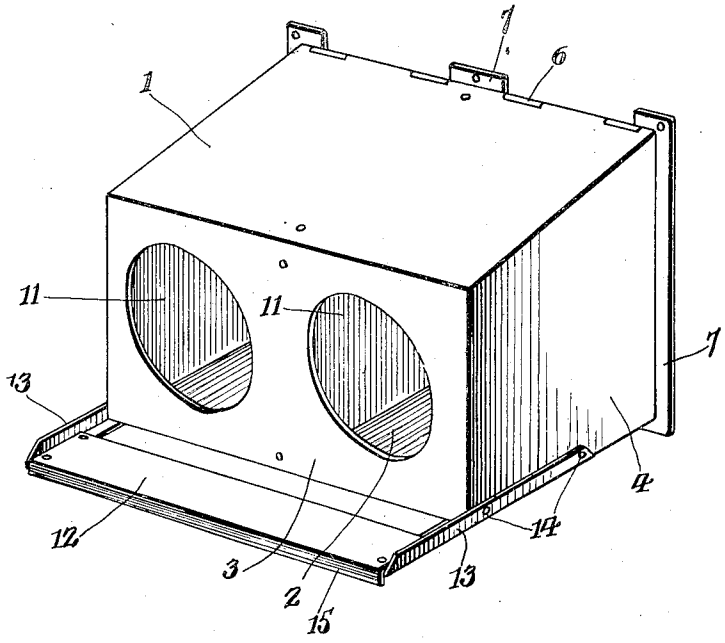


Fig. 1.

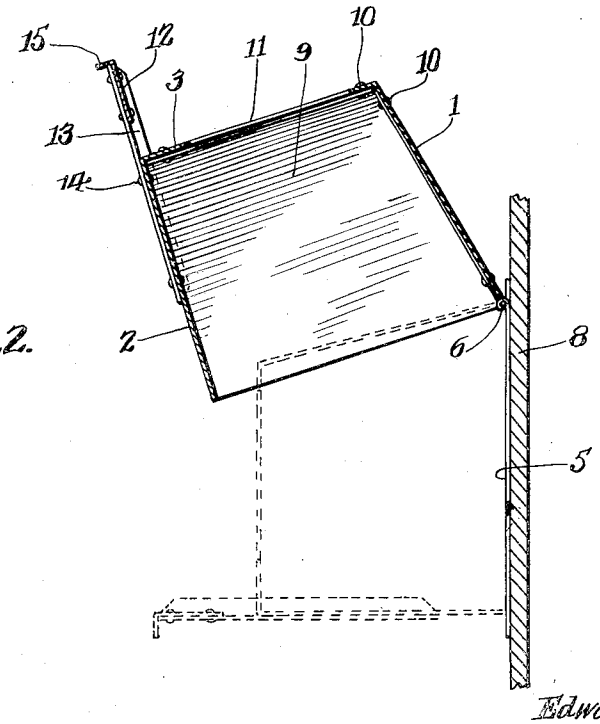


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a hen nest and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a hen nest which may be readily cleaned when desired simply by swinging the nest bodily about a pivotal mounting therefor.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hen nest of the character aforesaid which is strong, durable, light in weight, simple in construction, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more particularly described, and shown in the accompanying drawing, but it is to be understood that the description and drawing are to be considered as illustrative rather than limitative.

In the accompanying drawing in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hen nest in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical section thereof.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the nest includes a top wall 1, bottom wall 2, front wall 3 and a pair of side walls 4, all of which may be formed integrally or may be rigidly secured together to form a unit.

In the embodiment shown, the nest is further provided with a back wall 5 which is hingedly connected as indicated at 6 with the top wall 1 adjacent the rearward edge of the latter. The back wall 5 projects slightly beyond the bottom wall, side walls and top wall as indicated at 7 and is adapted to be rigidly secured in any suitable manner to a supporting member such as shown at 8. If desired the back wall 5 may be eliminated and the top wall 1 hinged directly to the supporting member.

The nest preferably is of a width to accommodate two hens and is provided centrally thereof with a dividing partition 9 extending rearwardly from the front wall 3 and secured to the front wall, top wall and bottom wall by suitable holdfast devices indicated at 10. The front wall 3 is provided with a pair of openings 11 preferably of circular formation and in spaced relation to the bottom wall 2 to provide entrances into the compartments formed by the partition 9. Disposed forwardly of the forward wall 3, and in horizontal alignment with the bottom wall 2, is a platform 12 which is maintained in position by means of a pair of rigid straps 13 which are of angular construction in cross section and which are secured by means of suitable holdfast devices 14 with the bottom wall 2 and the side walls 4. The platform 12 is provided at the forward edge thereof with a downturned lip 15.

When it is desired to clean the nest, the same is swung upwardly about its hinge 6 simply by grasping the platform 12 and exerting an upward force thereon. The nest is swung about its pivot substantially to the position shown in Figure 2, in which position the back of the nest is uncovered and disposed downwardly in order that the contents of the nest may readily slide along the bottom 2 by gravity. After the contents of the nest have been thus emptied, the same may be returned to its original position merely by releasing the gripping force being exerted on the platform 12.

It is thought that the many advantages of a hen nest in accordance with this invention will be readily apparent, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to, so long as such changes fall within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A hen nest comprising, a top wall, a bottom wall, a front wall, and a pair of side walls, all of said walls being bodily movable as a unit, a back wall adapted to be rigidy connected with a support, and hinged means connecting the back wall with the top wall adjacent the rearward edge of the latter.

2. A hen nest comprising, a top wall, a bottom wall, a front wall, and a pair of side walls, all of said walls being bodily movable as a unit, means at the rearward edge of the top wall for hingedly connecting the nest with a support, and a platform disposed forwardly of the front wall and in horizontal alignment with the bottom wall, said platform providing a handle means for swinging the nest about its hinge.

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