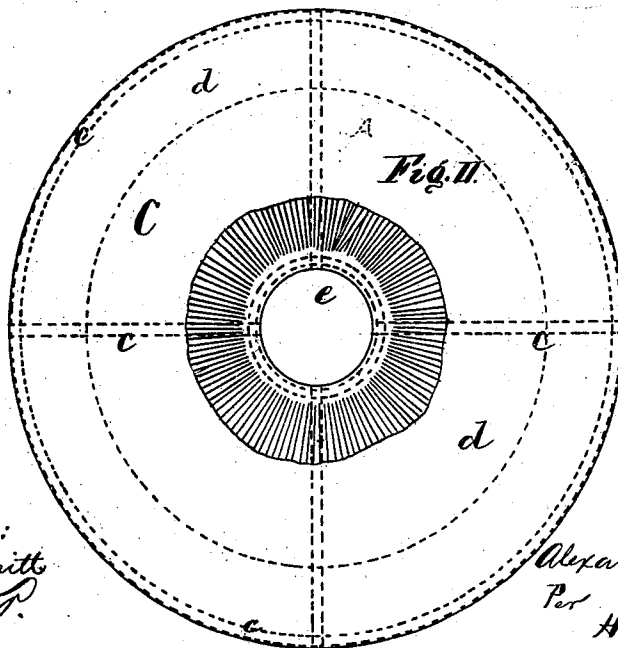
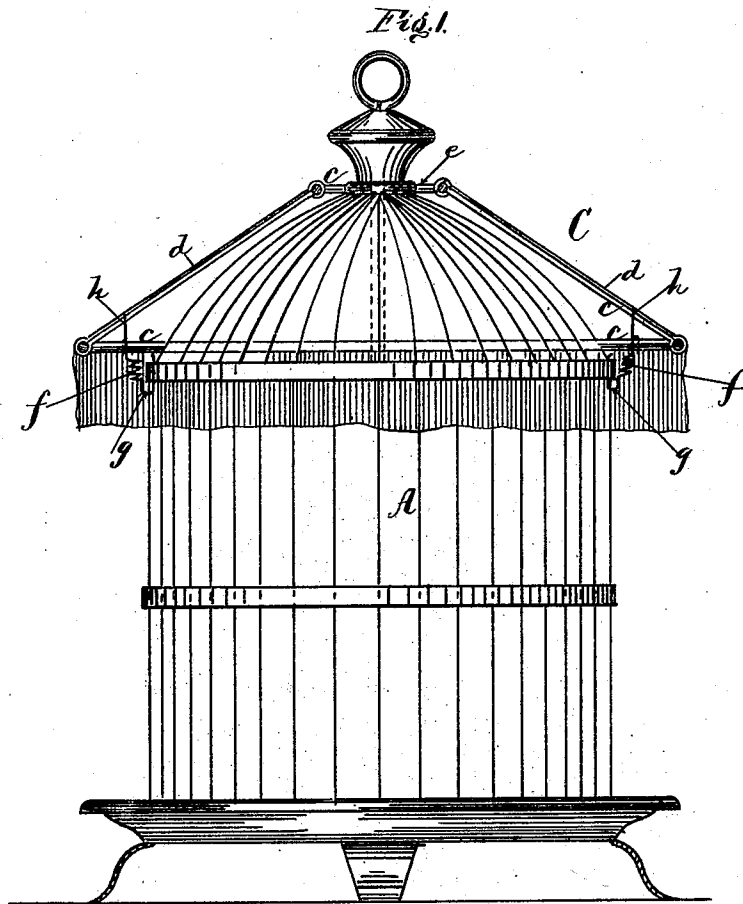


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AWNINGS FOR BIRD-CAGES.

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IMPROVEMENT IN AWNINGS FOR BIRD-CAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER H. MOOD, of New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Awnings for Bird-Cages, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide bird-cages with awnings, which are so constructed that they readily may be placed on and fastened to the bird-cage, and can, with the same facility, be removed for cleaning or repairs.

Birds in cages hanging in the free air are exposed to the sun and rain, and the more delicate domesticated birds—such as the canary-birds—suffer from being thus exposed. The use of my improved awning or top-cover for bird-cages will effectually serve to protect the birds from the evil influences of the sun and the rain.

My invention consists in constructing a frame of wire or other suitable material, which is made somewhat larger than the width of the cage. This frame is left with an opening or hole in the center of the top, so that it will fit around the button on the roof or top of the cage and rest on the same. To the outer end of the frame are fastened spiral springs with hooks on their ends, by aid of which the frame is held to the cage, the spiral springs giving

the required elasticity, in order to readily place and replace the hooks. The whole frame is covered with suitable awning fabrics or any water-proof material.

The top and the lower edge of the awning may be ornamented with fringes.

In order to describe my invention more fully, I refer to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

Figure I is a vertical sectional view of a bird-cage with my improved awning, embodying my invention. Fig. II is a plan view of the same.

A is the bird-cage; C, the awning, consisting of frame *c*, covered with the textile fabric *d*. *e* is the hole or opening in the center of the top of the frame *c*. *ff* are metallic spiral springs, with the hooks *g g* at their ends, and fastened at *h h* to the frame *c*.

Having thus described my invention, I desire to claim—

The awning C for bird-cages, constructed substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

This specification signed this 7th day of August, 1875.

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