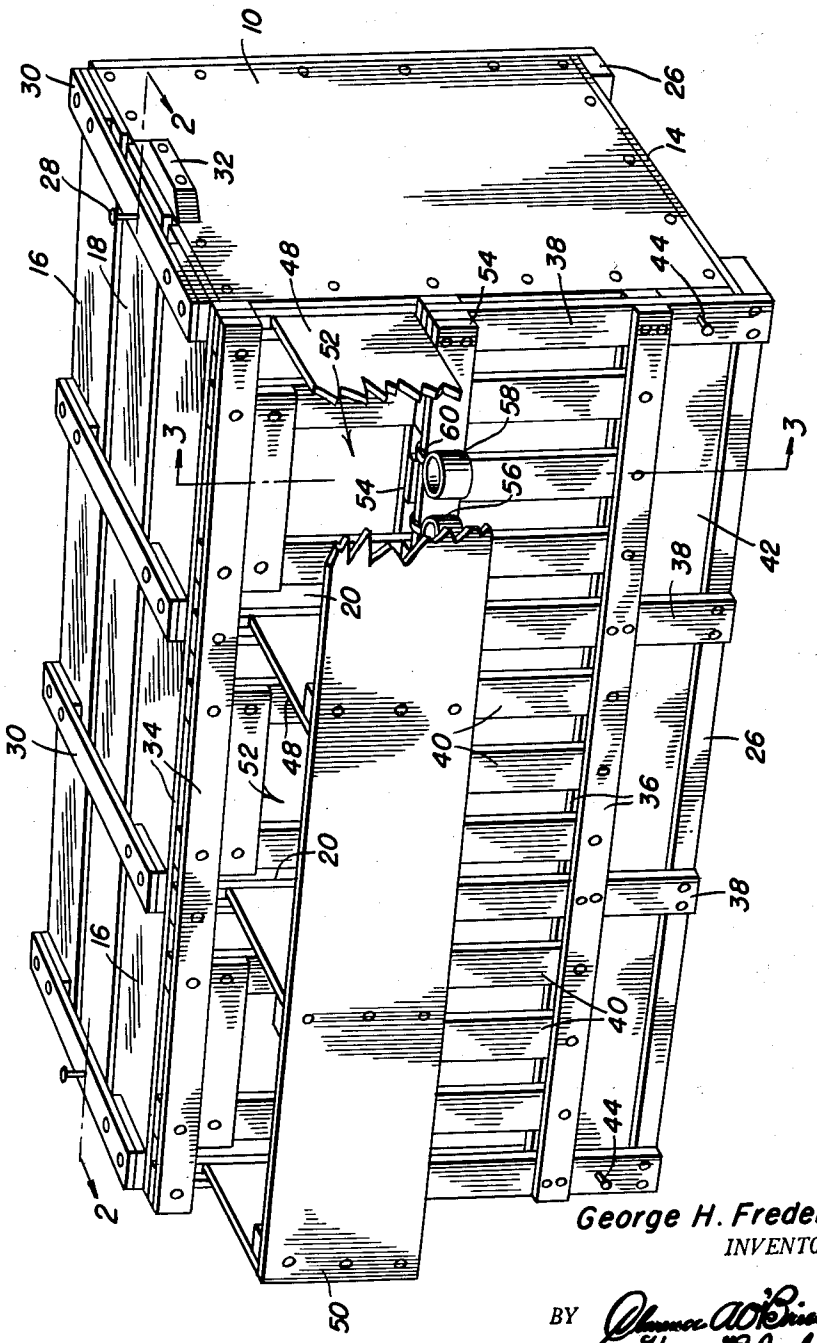
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Fig. 1.



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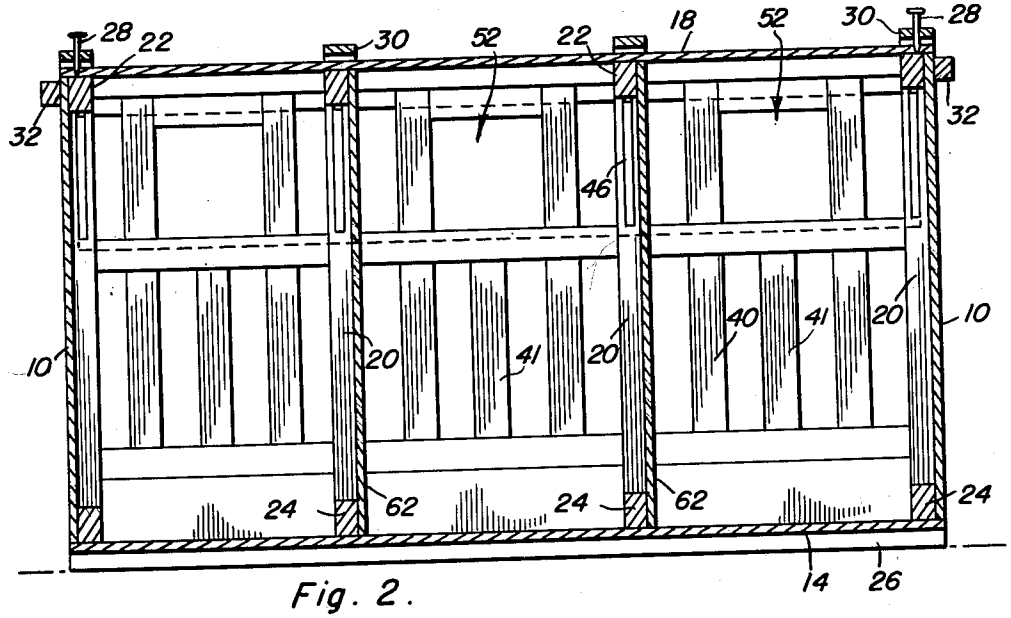


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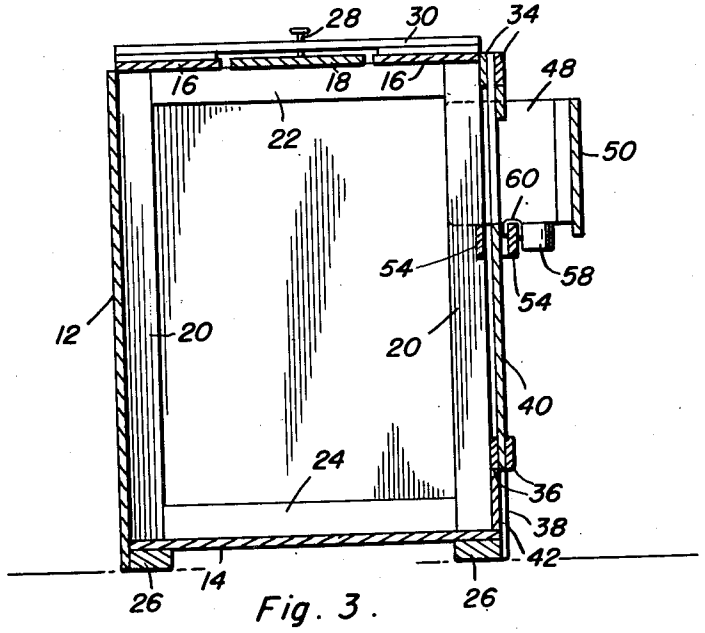


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This invention relates generally to coops for poultry, and more particularly to a compartmented coop having a blind and certain other novel features of construction.

A primary object of this invention is to provide a coop which is particularly well adapted for transportation of game fighting cocks, the compartmenting of the coop and the provision of a blind on the front of the coop being necessitated to prevent the cocks from fighting, it being understood that the coop is equally well fitted for use both in making domestic shipments of the birds and in transporting the same through long distances and in exporting commercial breeds.

Another object of this invention is to provide a compartmented coop in which a blind associated with the front side of the coop also functions as a shield for food and water containers securable to the apertured front of the coop, preventing these containers from being knocked off while the shipment is being made.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a coop of the general character mentioned above in which the blind is extensible forwardly of and collapsible on said front, so that when the blind is not in use, as when the coops are not occupied, the same take up little more space than such coops not equipped with blinds.

Still another object of this invention is to provide improved means whereby access to the different compartments of the coop is gained, and means for handling litter, are provided without the addition of extra elements and weight in the coop construction.

And a last object to be mentioned specifically is to provide a coop which is relatively inexpensive and practicable to manufacture, which is exceedingly sturdy, which is safe and convenient to use, and which will give generally efficient and durable service.

With these objects definitely in view, this invention resides in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of elements and portions as will be hereinafter described in the specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings which form a material part of this application, and in which:

Figure 1 is a three dimensional view of the assembled coop, the portion of the blind being broken away to show underlying structure in perspective, this structure including containers for water and food secured on the front of the coop;

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Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the assembled coop, taken on a vertical plane through the line 2—2 in Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view, taken on a vertical plane through the line 3—3 in Figure 1.

Similar characters of reference designate similar or identical elements and portions throughout the specification and throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it is proposed by this invention to provide a coop comprising a frame having end panels 10, a rear panel 12, a bottom panel 14 and a top comprised of a plurality of fixed boards 16 or boardlike members and a sliding board 18. The said panels and the fixed boards, when the coop is constructed of wood, will ordinarily be nailed to a skeleton frame having vertical members 20 at the ends of the coop and between the compartments, the compartments being illustrated as three in number in the Figures 1 and 2, together with top transverse members 22, similar bottom transverse members 24 and longitudinally disposed base members 26 at the front and rear sides of the coop and coextensive in length therewith.

Nails and glue are used to secure the various members of the coop together, and the sliding board 18, functioning to give access to the different compartments, are nailed in position as indicated at 28 by nails passed through top cleats 30 arranged in spaced relation along the top of the coop and disposed transversely thereof. A pair of handles 32 of simple block character are secured by nails inserted therethrough and into top central portions of the end panels 10 and adjacent portions of the top transverse members 22. Longitudinally disposed cleat members 34 and 36 are secured to the top and lower intermediate portions of the front part of the coop, these cleats 34 and 36 being coextensive with the length of the coop and provided in pairs as clearly indicated in the figures, and these cleats have vertical members 38 secured therebetween and positioned at the ends and in front of the vertical frame members 20 already mentioned. These vertical members 38 extend throughout the full height of the coop, while similarly disposed shorter members 40 extend between the pairs of elongated cleats 34 and 36, that is, these last mentioned vertical members 40 do not extend fully toward the bottom of the coop. Other shorter vertical members 41 are secured to and between the cleats 36 and other cleats 54 which will be mentioned again hereinafter. A board

42 is removably mounted, as indicated by the nails 44 between the lower portions of the vertical members 38, adjacent portions of the vertical members 20 and the elongated base members 26, thus giving access to the lower portion of the coop and providing for retention of litter and also the facilitating of removal of this litter when necessary.

The upper portions of the vertical members 38 and the contiguous portions of the vertical members 20 are formed with registering slots, the slots in the vertical members 20 being indicated at 46 in Figure 2, and these slots receive in sliding relation an equal number of horizontally disposed blind supports 48 which carry the blind 50, it being understood that the blind is actually comprised of the members 48 and 50 functioning to provide frontal and lateral shields over apertures 52 disposed centrally and near the top of each of the conterminous compartments of the coop. The above described construction allows the blind to be extended forwardly of and collapsed onto the front of the coop.

The apertures 52 are provided above the vertical members 41 and a pair of longitudinally disposed cleats 54 extending across the front of the coop and secured to each side of the adjacent portions of the vertical members 38 and 40 and 41, and this construction will be seen to provide excellent attachment means for food and water containers 56 and 58 having hooks 60 adapted to engage the outermost of these cleats 54. The coop is divided into conterminous compartments by vertical internal panels 62 which are supported by the vertical members 20.

The operation of this invention will be clearly understood from the foregoing description of the mechanical details taken in connection with the drawings and above recitation of objects sought to be achieved and it will be clear that all these objects are amply attained by the structure disclosed.

Minor variations may be made herein all within the scope of this invention which should be determined only according to a proper interpretation of the subjoined claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A coop comprising a frame having interconnected end, rear and bottom panels, a top and a front each having a removable portion, said front having an aperture, and a blind comprising vertically disposed frontal and lateral shields of plate form over said aperture, said frontal shield being spaced forwardly from said aperture.

2. A coop including a front having an aperture, and a blind over said aperture, said blind being horizontally slidably extensible forwardly of and collapsible on said front.

3. A coop including a plurality of conterminous compartments arranged longitudinally of the coop, a front having an aperture for each compartment, and a blind having a frontal shield portion and lateral shield portions disposed between adjacent apertures, said lateral shield portions horizontally slidably mounted on said front and supporting said frontal shield portion.

4. A coop comprising a frame having interconnected end, rear and bottom panels, said coop being elongated and having transverse partitions dividing the coop into conterminous compartments, a top having a removable longitudinally extending sliding lid providing access to each of said compartments, and a front having a clean out aperture and having a horizontally slidable and removable base board, said base board covering said aperture.

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