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Fig. 1.

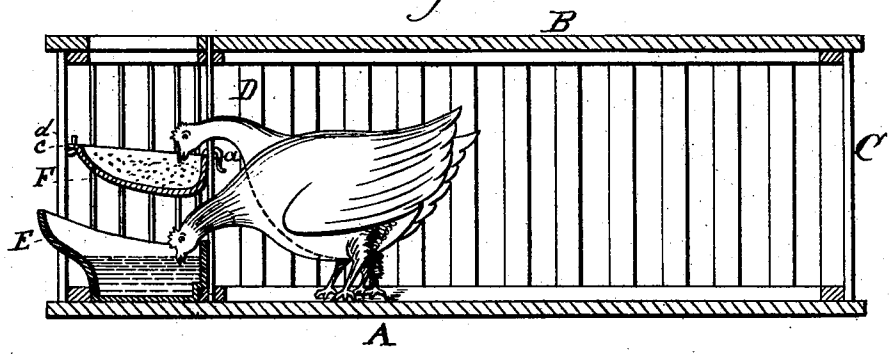


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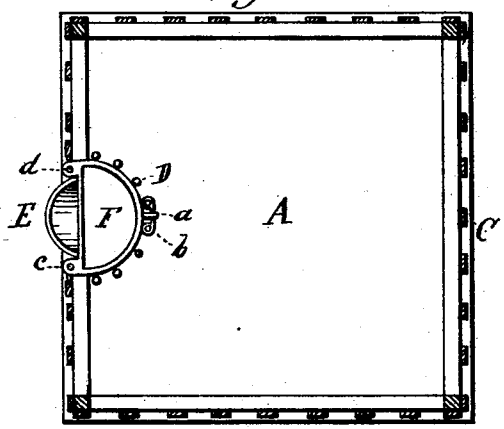


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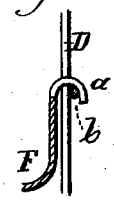


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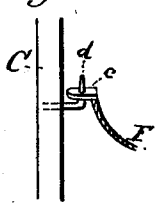
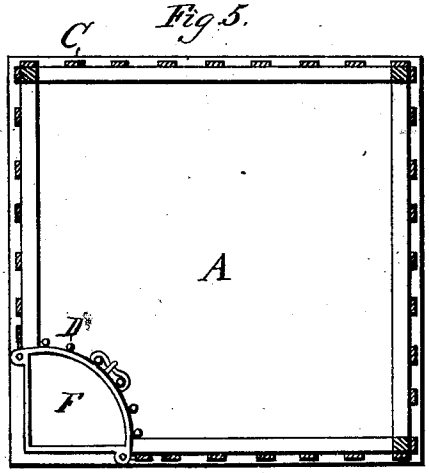


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDUARD RUTZ, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Poultry-Coops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement upon the coop or crate for shipping poultry for which Letters Patent were granted to me, dated February 22, 1881; and it consists in the peculiar novel construction of the coop or crate, as fully hereinafter explained, and pointed out by the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is a vertical section of the improved coop or crate; Fig. 2, a horizontal section of the same; Figs. 3 and 4, views of the means for securing the vessels in place, and Fig. 5 a horizontal section of another form of the coop or crate.

Like letters denote corresponding parts in all five figures.

A and B are the bottom and top of the coop or crate, made of wood or paper, and square, oblong, or circular in shape, according to the form of the coop. The sides of the coop are composed of slats C. For a certain distance on one side of the coop it is not provided with any slats C, and within the body of the coop are placed vertical wires, rods, or slats D, which are arranged in curved or angular form, commencing at the sides of the space left unoccupied by slats C. These wires, rods, or slats D divide off from the main portion of the coop a space contained within the body of the coop, which space is open on its outer side, and may also be open at the top. Within this space are situated the water and feed vessels E F, placed one above the other. The water-vessel E rests on the bottom of the coop, and may be held in position by the strip secured to the bottom A, outside of it; or it may be removably fastened to the wires D or the adjoining slats C. The feed-vessel F is removably supported above the water-vessel by means of a hook, *a*, on the vessel engaging with a cross-wire, *b*, connecting two of the wires D, and by means of eyes *e* on the front edge of the vessel, which engage with hooks *d* on the slats C. Both the vessels E F, it will be seen, can be removed bodily from the coop by lifting them up and drawing them out of its open side.

The water and feed vessels are contained within the body of the coop, so that such coops can be packed close together for shipment, and, further, so that a number of fowls can gain access to them at the same time.

By having the space for the vessels at the side of the coop, instead of in the center of the same, such vessels can be readily supplied when a number of coops or crates are piled one on top of the other, and that without removing the vessels; or the vessels can be conveniently removed for supplying them with feed and water without disturbing the position of the coops.

The space for containing the water and feed vessels could be arranged at one corner of the coop or crate, as shown in Fig. 5, and when so placed would possess the same advantages as when located at the center of one side or end of the coop.

What I claim as my invention is—

A poultry-coop having a portion of one side or end unprovided with slats, the vertical wires D arranged to project within the coop and form an interiorily-closed space with open outer side to receive the feed-vessels, and the water-vessel E and feed-vessel F secured within said recessed portion to admit of any desired number of such coops being packed the one above the other with capability of being readily supplied with food and water, substantially as set forth.

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