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Fig. 1

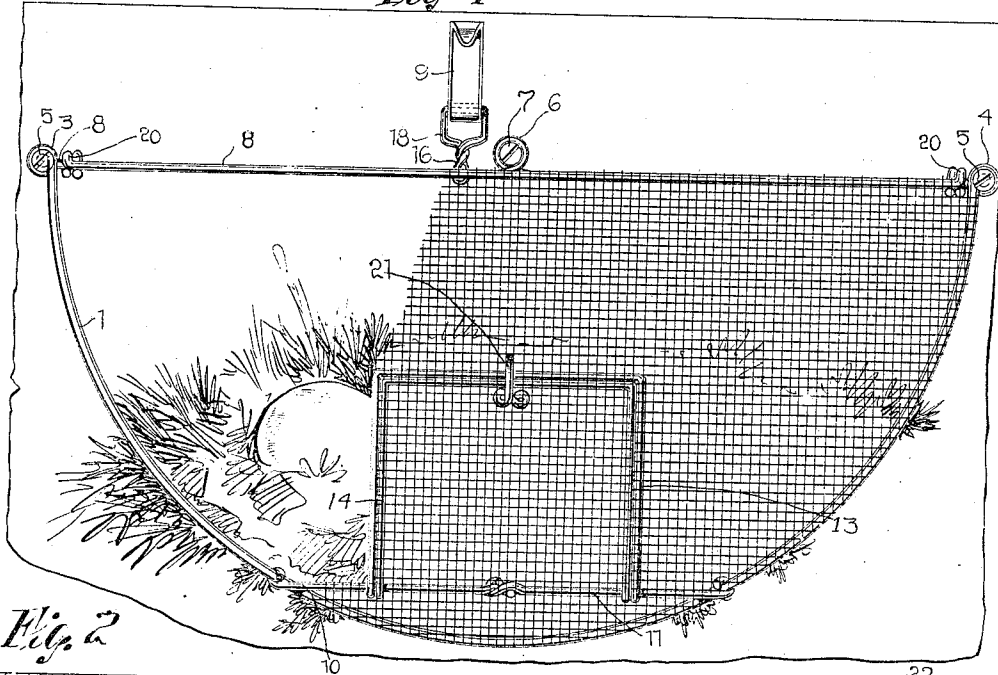
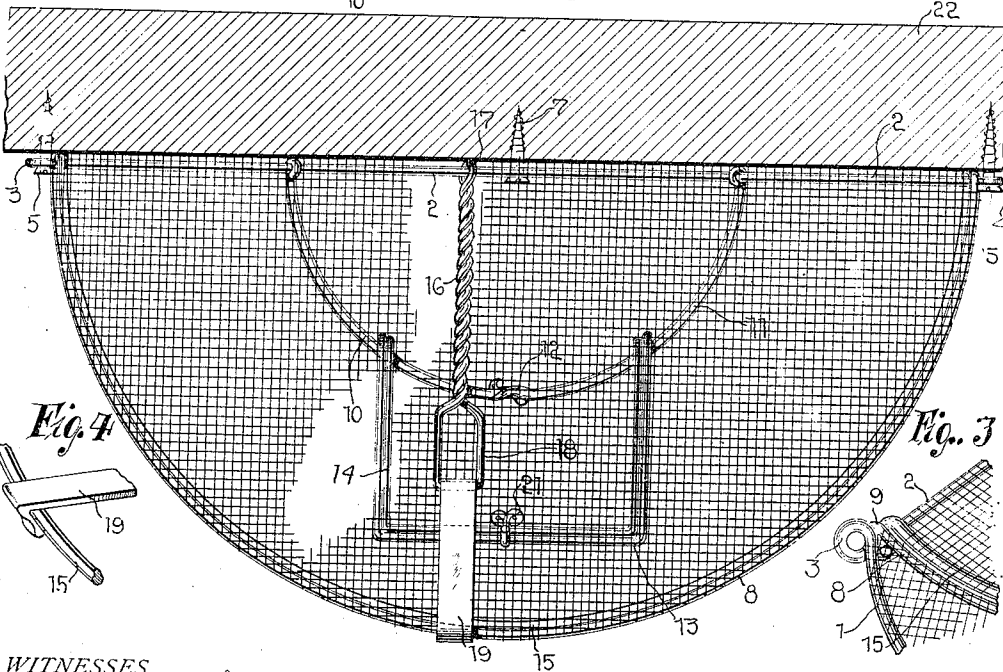


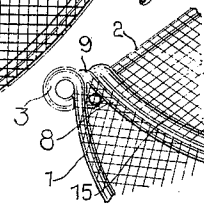
Fig. 2



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Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WRAY B. MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bourbon, in the county of Marshall and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nests, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to nests, and the principal object of the same is to produce a nest which is provided with a frame of heavy wire covered with netting.

Another object of the invention is to provide the nest with a door formed in its sides so that eggs may be removed from the nest without disturbing the fowl sitting on the nest.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of the nest. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the nest. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view of the rear portion of the nest. Fig. 4 is an enlarged view of the catch which holds the cover.

This invention comprises a framework which is formed from wire and which when fully completed is approximately in the shape of a quarter of a sphere. The rear wall frame is formed from a single length of wire which is curved to form the lower portion 1 and has a horizontal upper edge 2, the wire being twisted at the junction of the front and rear edges to form the eyes 3 and 4 through which screws 5 are passed to secure the nest in place. The portion 2 of the wire is provided intermediate its length with an eye 6 through which a securing screw 7 may be passed. The upper edge of the frame is formed from a length of wire 8 which is curved and has its ends 9 bent around the horizontal portion 2 adjacent the eyes 3 and 4. Curved wires 10 and 11 are coupled by means of the joint 12 and have their free ends secured to the lower portion of the curved portion 1. A rectangular frame 13 is mounted upon the curved wires 10 and 11 each side of the joint 12 and a smaller frame 14 is also mounted upon the wires 10 and 11 inside of the frame 13. A curved wire 15 has its ends bent around the horizontal portion 2 adjacent the ends 9 of the wire 8 and forms the frame work

for the cover of the nest. A wire 16 is mounted upon the horizontal portion 2 and is twisted to form a hinge eye 17 and a larger eye 18 in which a catch 19 is mounted. This catch is adapted to engage the wire 8 to hold the cover in place. It should be noted that the wire 15 is crimped to form seats 20 in which the wire 8 fits. This permits the forward portion of the wire 15 to overlap the wire 8. The framework and cover are covered with wire mesh and a catch 21 is secured to the mesh covering the door and engages the frame 13 so that the door can be held closed. It should be noted that the door is mounted at a level approximately even with the bottom of the filling which is placed in the nest so that when the door is opened the eggs in the nest will be on a level with the door so that they can be very easily removed.

In using this nest it is secured to a support 22 by means of the screws 5 and the cover is held open. After eggs have been laid in the nest they may be removed through the door formed in the side of the nest without disturbing the hen sitting upon the nest. If it is not desired to have the nest used the cover may be closed and held shut by the catch 19.

What I claim as my invention is:—

A nest comprising a body portion, said body portion comprising a length of rod metal curved for a portion of its length, the remaining portion of said metal being straight, securing eyes formed at the junction of the straight and curved portions of said length of metal, a curved length of metal secured to the straight portion of said first mentioned length of metal, a length of curved metal secured to the curved portion of said first mentioned length of metal, a frame mounted upon said last mentioned length of curved metal, a door frame mounted within said last mentioned frame, a fabric covering for said body portion, and for said door, and a cover hinged to said body portion.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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