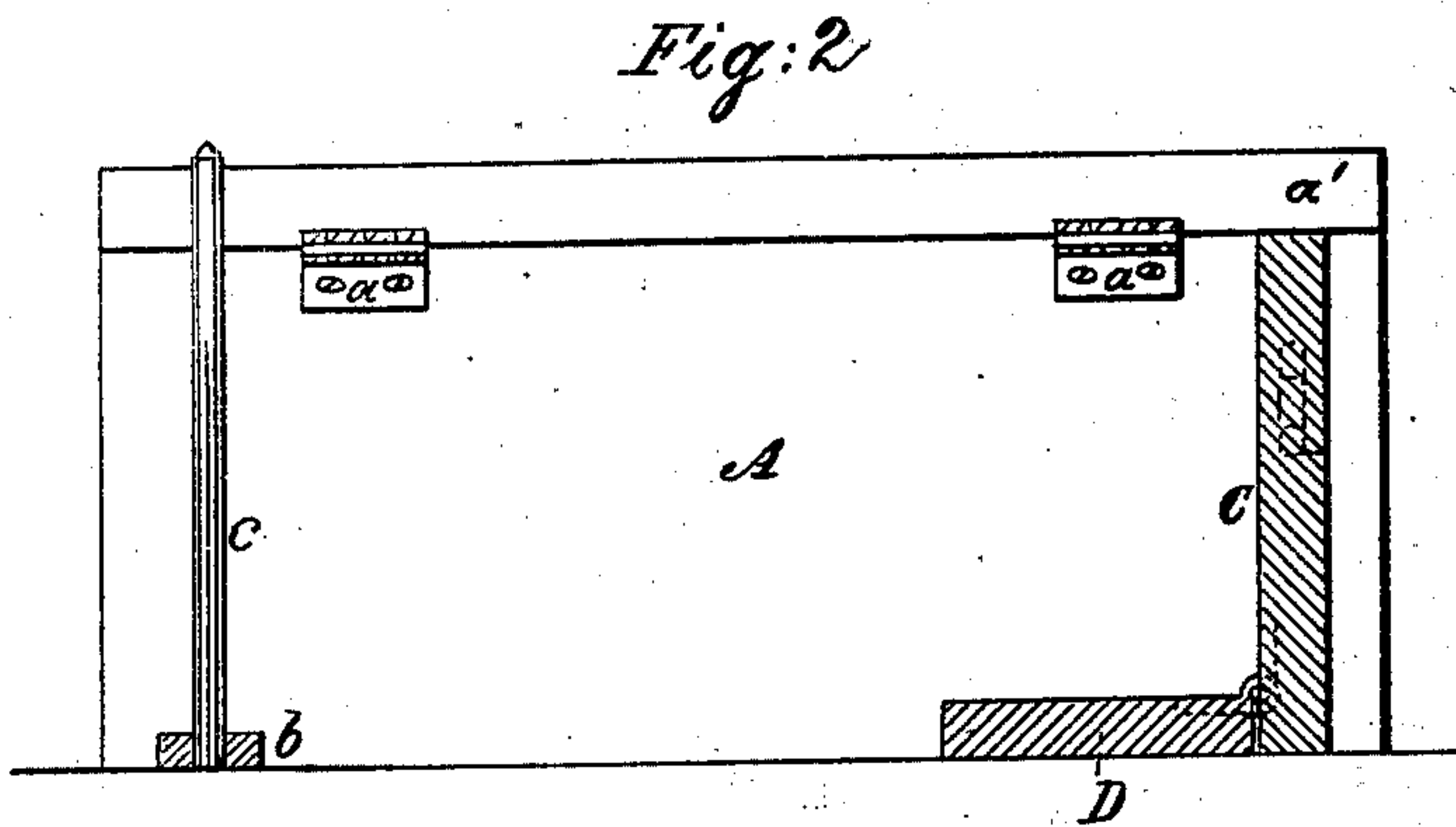
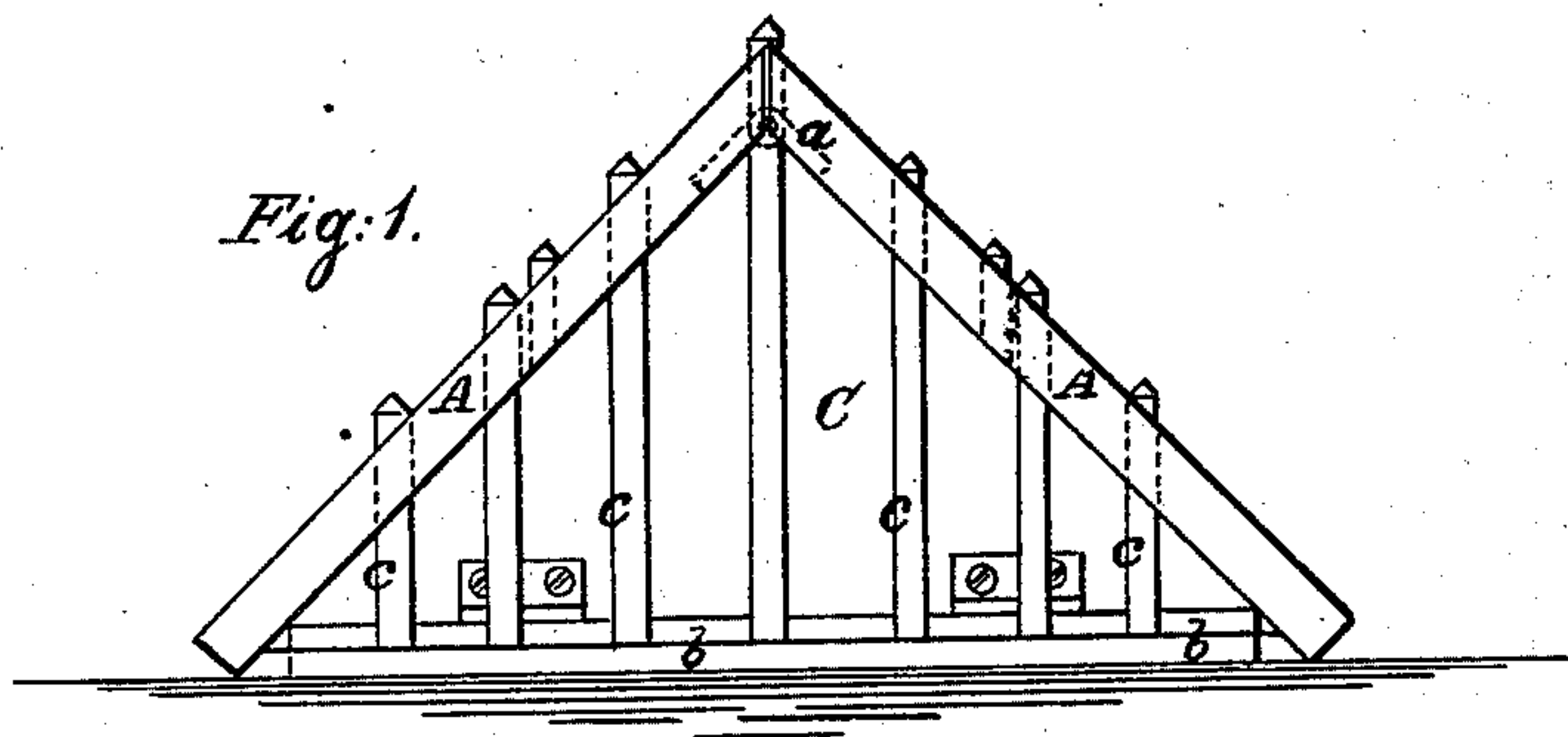


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. MABBETT, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Chicken-Coops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a portion of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an end view of a chicken-coop constructed according to my invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

This invention consists in a chicken-coop, having its sides hinged, hooked, or otherwise connected, in such manner that when the ends of the coop are removed the sides may be folded or brought together, so that the coop may be compactly stowed away when not in use.

The invention further consists in the combination of one or more detachable slatted end-frames with the sides of the coop, whereby the convenience with which the coop may be taken apart, to be stowed away or put together for use, is materially facilitated.

The invention further consists in the arrangement, within the coop, of a shelf or ledge, upon which the hen, together with the brood, may rest on occasion, as, for instance, during the night.

To enable others to understand the nature and construction of my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

Indicated at A are the two sides of the coop, which, as shown in the drawings, are placed in an inclined position, with their upper edges nearly or quite in contact, as represented more fully in fig. 1, these adjacent upper edges of the sides A being connected by hinges *a*, or, in lieu thereof, by hooks or other suitable or equivalent means. Shown at *b c* is a frame, composed of a bottom bar, *b*, in which are inserted the lower extremities of upright slats *c*, of suitable varying lengths. The upper ends of these slats pass through vertical holes provided in the sides A, near one end thereof, in such manner that the slatted frame *b c* constitutes one end of the coop, the slats *c* being, of course, placed at such distance apart as to permit the chickens, but not the hen, to pass between them. The opposite end of the coop may be formed of a triangular piece, C, of board, furnished with two or more upwardly-extending pins, one of which is shown in dotted outline at *a'* in fig. 2. These pins extend upward, and fit into vertical holes provided in the adjacent ends of the sides A, and thus serve to retain the end C in the requisite upright position.

Hinged upon the inner side of the end, C, at or near the lower edge thereof, is a board, D, which, when the end, C, is in its place, as just set forth, constitutes, as it were, a shelf or ledge, the upper surface of which is somewhat above the level of the ground, upon which the coop may be placed, and upon which the hen may gather the brood when covering the same, as, for instance, during the night, it being observed that fowls, under these circumstances, generally avail themselves of any means of keeping the brood from the comparatively cold and damp earth.

The coop, being put together as just herein set forth, may be employed, in the ordinary manner, to confine the hen, while comparative liberty is afforded to the brood. When it is desired to lay aside or stow away the coop, when not required for use, the slatted end-frame B and the end, B, are detached, whereupon the sides may be folded closely together, and, the slatted end-frame *b c* and the end, C, being laid thereon, the whole is brought very compactly together, so as to occupy but very little space when stowed away, the shelf or ledge of the end, C, being turned upon its hinges flat upon such end, so as not to project therefrom to such an extent as to interfere with the desired compactness of the coop thus folded or having its parts brought closely together.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The coop, having its sides hinged, hooked, or otherwise connected, in such manner that they may be folded together when the ends of the coop are removed, substantially as herein set forth.
2. The combination of the detachable slatted end-frame with the sides of the coop, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.
3. The shelf or ledge, provided within the coop, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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