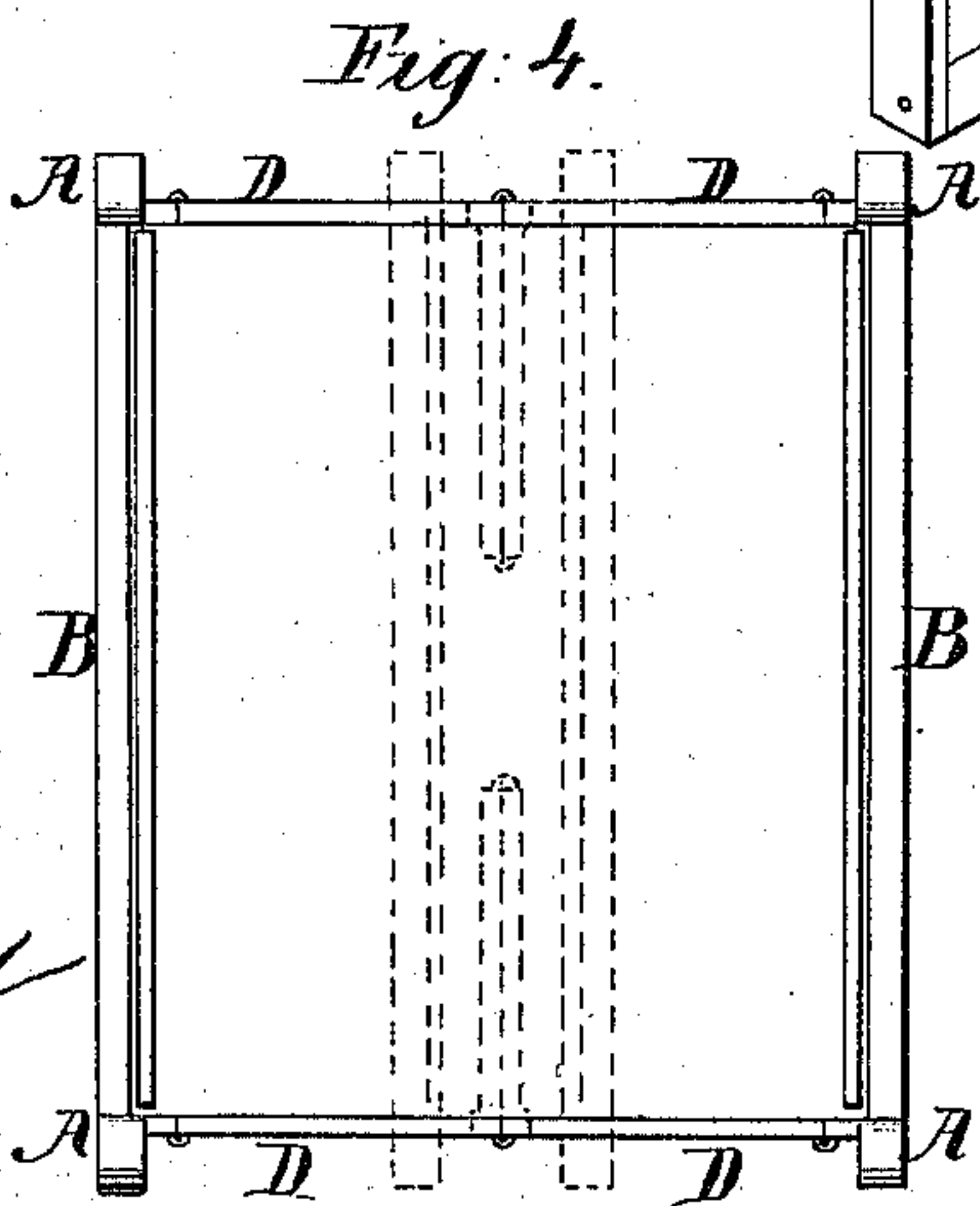
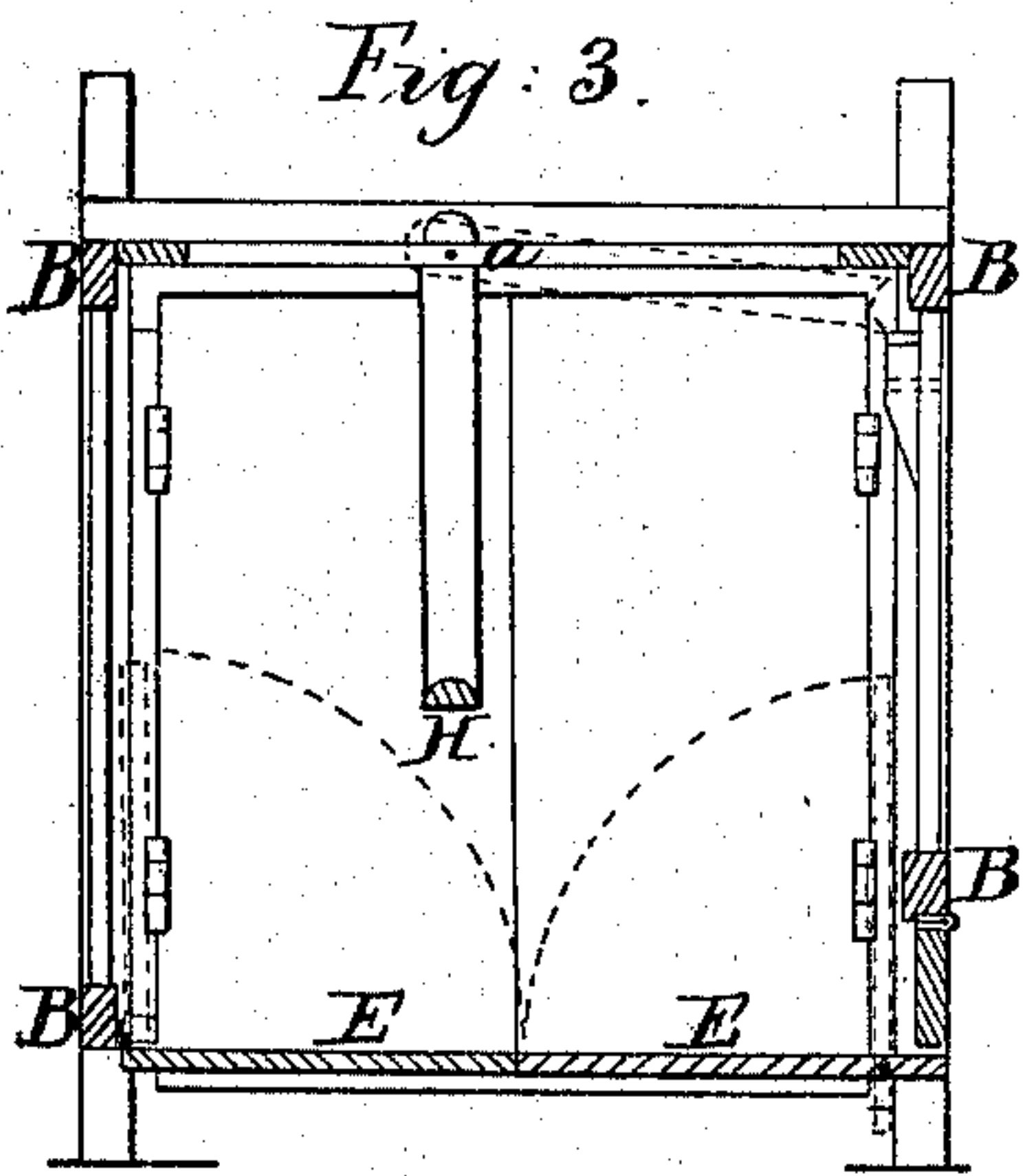
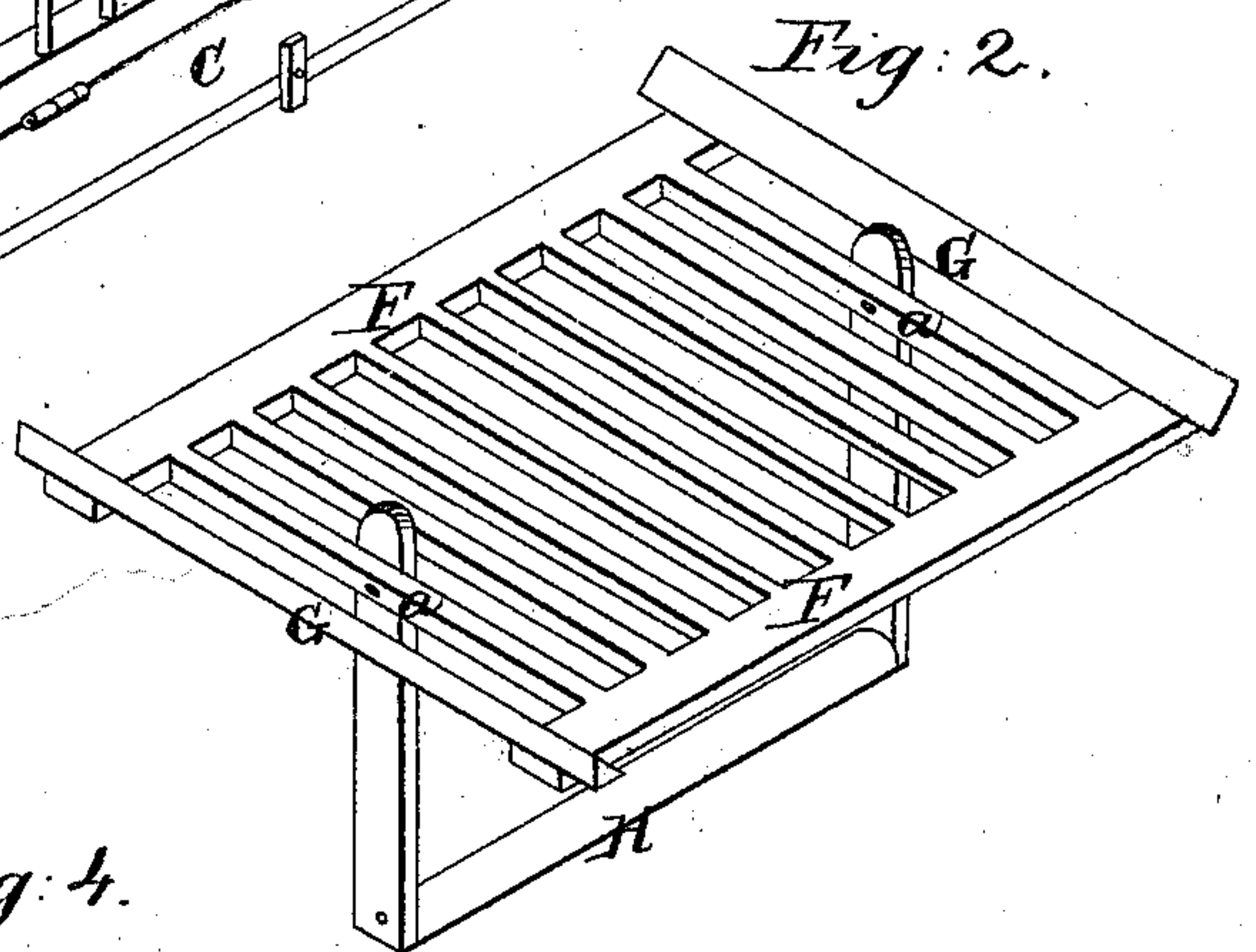
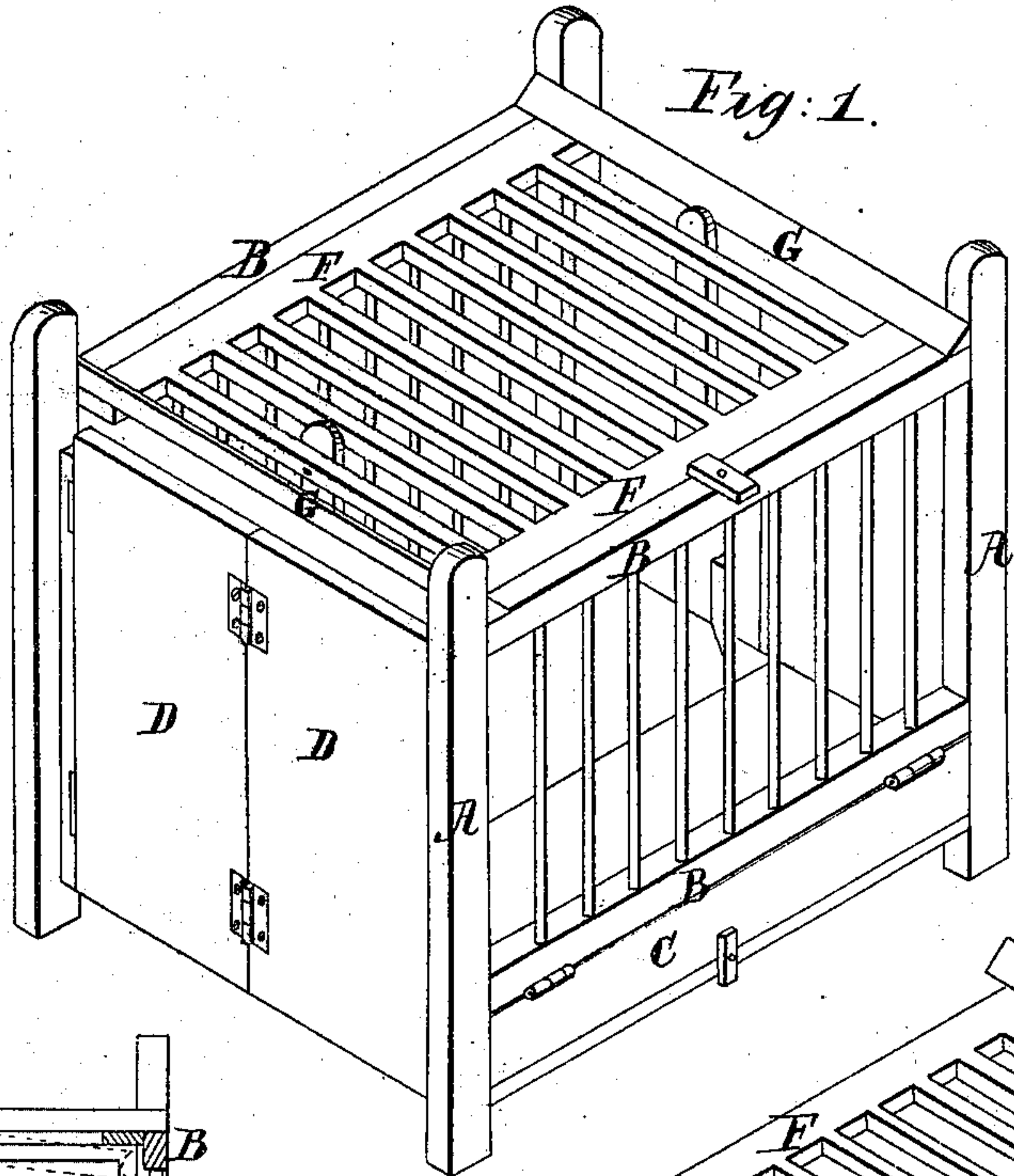


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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING CHICKEN-COOP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE EDWARD CLEETON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Folding Chicken-Coop; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of the coop as set up;

Figure 2, the top and perch detached;

Figure 3, a transverse section; and in

Figure 4, a top view, with the cover or top removed.

This invention relates to an improvement in the construction of coops, such as are commonly used for the exhibition and transportation of fowls; the object of my invention being to construct the coop, so that when not in use, it can be folded into small compass; and

The invention consists in the arrangement of the bottom, so as to be folded inward, and with the two ends hinged to their respective sides, divided in the centre, and hinged at that point, so that both ends double inward, and the top constructed so as to set on to the coop when extended, and hold it in that position, and provided with a perch, pivoted to the top, so that the perch may be turned up out of the way, when not in use, or in folding the coop.

The two sides consist of a frame-work, formed of two posts A A and ties B B, the lower tie upon one side placed a little higher than the other, so that a door, C, may be hinged thereto, for the purpose of cleaning out the coop.

The two ends are formed each in two parts, D D, each part hinged to the posts, so as to fold inward, and the two parts hinged together at the centre, as seen in fig. 1, so that in folding, they turn inward,

drawing the two sides together, the sides lying folded between, as seen in fig. 4.

The bottom is also formed in two parts, as seen in fig. 3, and each part hinged at its outer edge, so as to fold up against its own side, as denoted in broken lines, fig. 3, and the bottom is fitted, so that when turned down, it holds the ends extended, and prevents their folding; but when the bottom is turned up, the parts may be folded, as seen in fig. 4.

The top consists of the frame-work of the two sides F F, so as to lie between the sides, and connected by cross-ties G G, which rest against the posts and on the upper ties B, so that when the coop is opened, and the top placed thereon, the whole is a firm structure.

To the top, a perch, H, is hung, pivoted at *a*, so as to swing up, as denoted in broken lines, fig. 3, and be secured, when not required for use.

To fold the coop, remove the top, turn up the two parts of the bottom, which frees the two ends. Then turn the two ends inward, which draws the two sides together, as in fig. 4. Then the top is laid thereon, the perch folding down, the whole being in a compact form.

One of the chief advantages of this construction consists in the fact that no bolts or small detachable parts are required, the whole being practically in two parts.

I claim, as my invention—

The herein-described coop, consisting of the two sides, folding ends, and folding bottom, hinged together, and provided with a detachable top, the whole constructed so as to be folded, substantially as set forth.

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