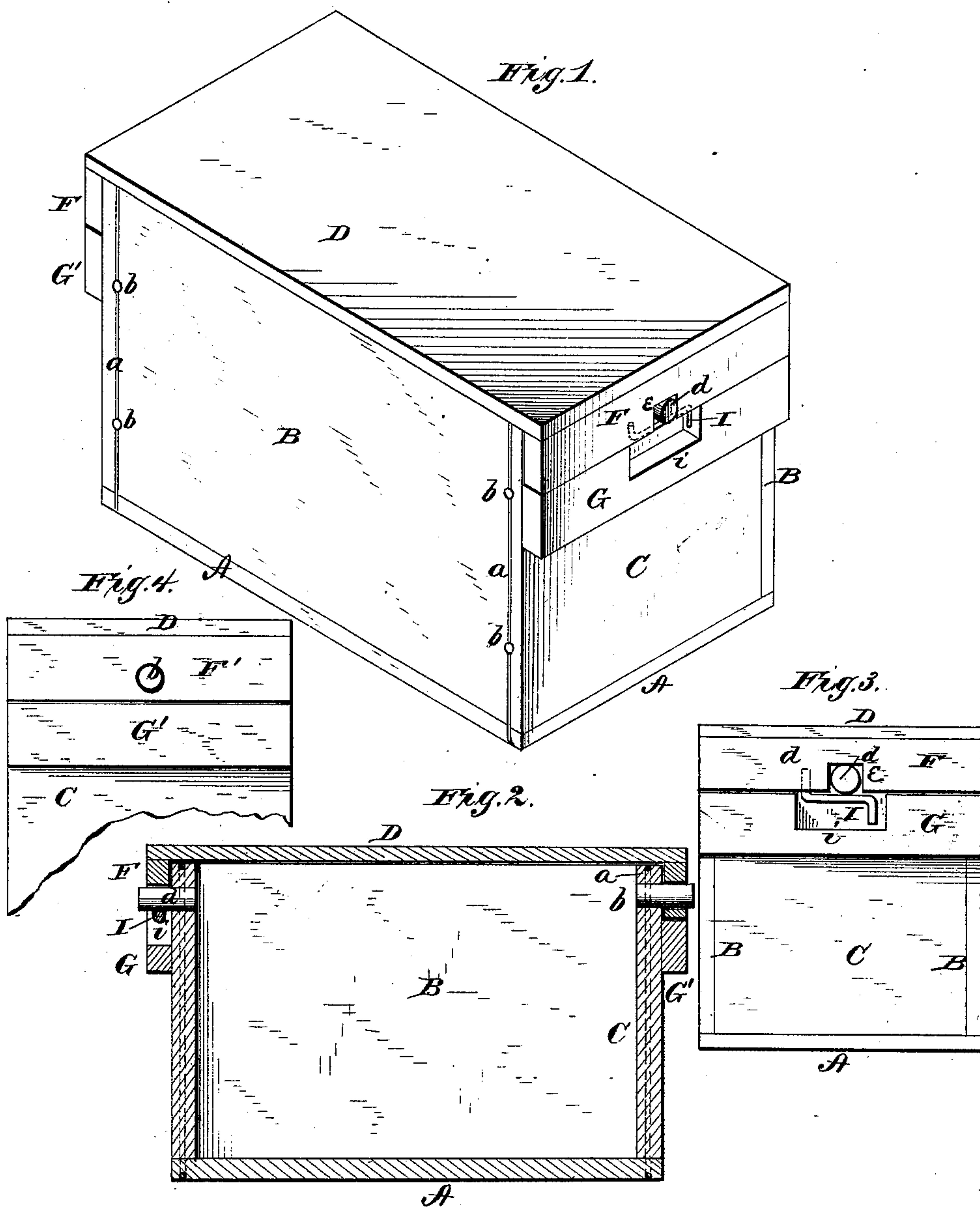


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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. STEVENS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Cases; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of an egg-case, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved egg-case. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same; and Figs. 3 and 4 are end views thereof.

A is the bottom, B B the sides, and C C the ends, of my egg-case. The end pieces, C C, stand on the bottom A between the two sides B B, and said parts are fastened together in the following manner: In the top edge of each end piece, C, is made a longitudinal groove, and corresponding grooves are cut in the outside of the sides and under side of the bottom, forming at each end of the box a continuous groove entirely around the same. In this groove is wrapped wire *a*, which wire is fastened and held in place by means of tacks *b b*. This unites the parts of the box firmly together, and yet, for return transportation, the tacks can be drawn, the wires unwrapped, and

the box taken to pieces and packed in small compass. The box is easily put together again when required.

D is the top of the box, provided at its ends with cleats F F', which rest upon corresponding cleats G G', on the end pieces, C C, of the box. In the cleat F' is a hole to fit over a round pin, *b*, in that end of the box. The other cleat, F, has a slot, *e*, to pass over a pin, *d*, in the other end of the box. The cleat F is also provided with a bent wire catch, I, which is turned outward in putting on the lid. When the lid is on this catch is turned inward into a recess, *i*, in the box-cleat G, and under the pin *d*, whereby the lid is locked on the box.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The egg-case, herein described, consisting of the bottom A, sides B B, and ends C C, held together by means of wires *a*, embedded in grooves in the upper edges of the ends, and on the outside of the sides and bottom, substantially as herein set forth.

2. The combination, with a box, of the lid D, perforated cleat F', pin *b*, slotted cleat F, pin *d*, and the catch I, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of May, 1879.

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