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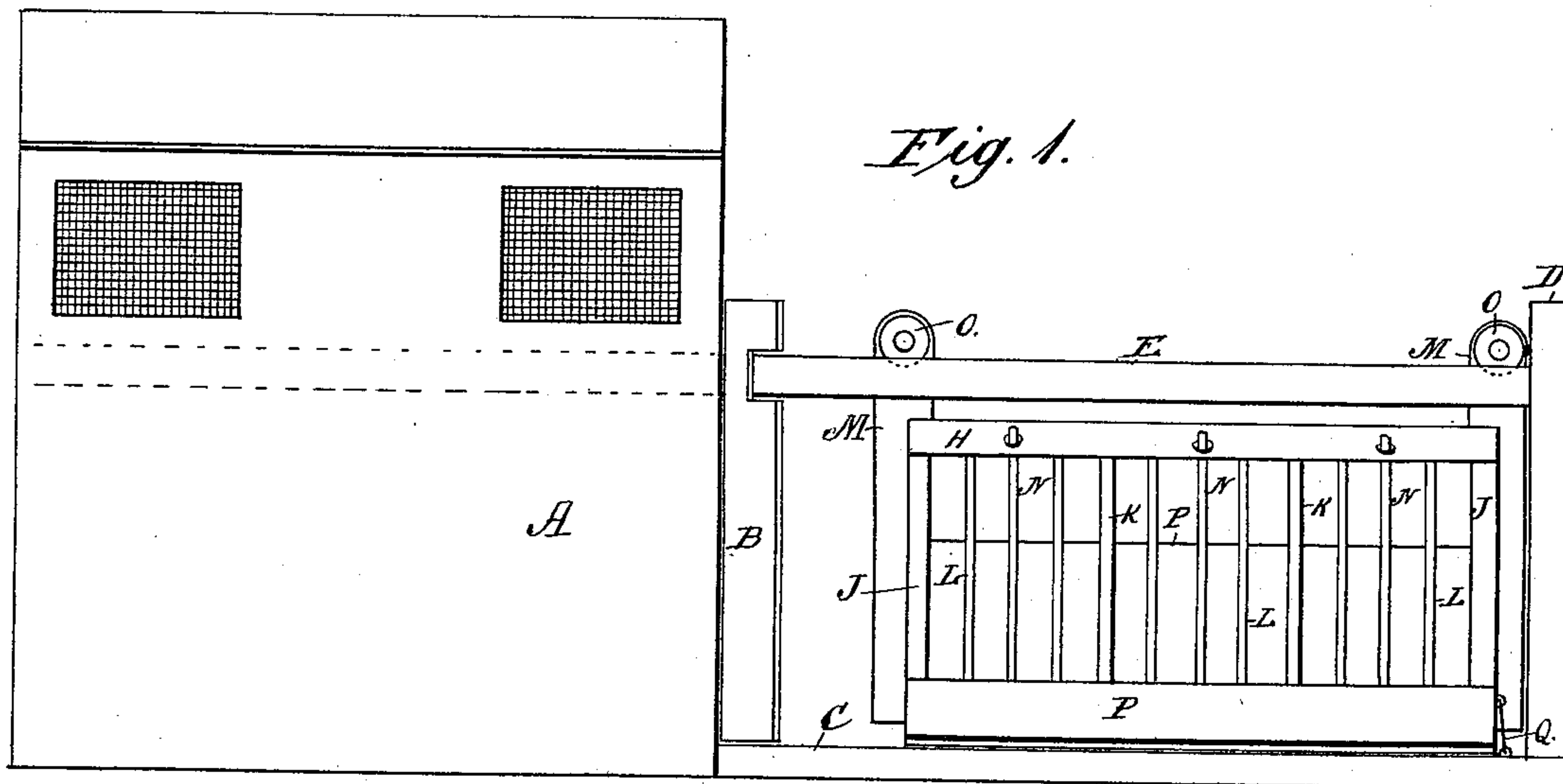
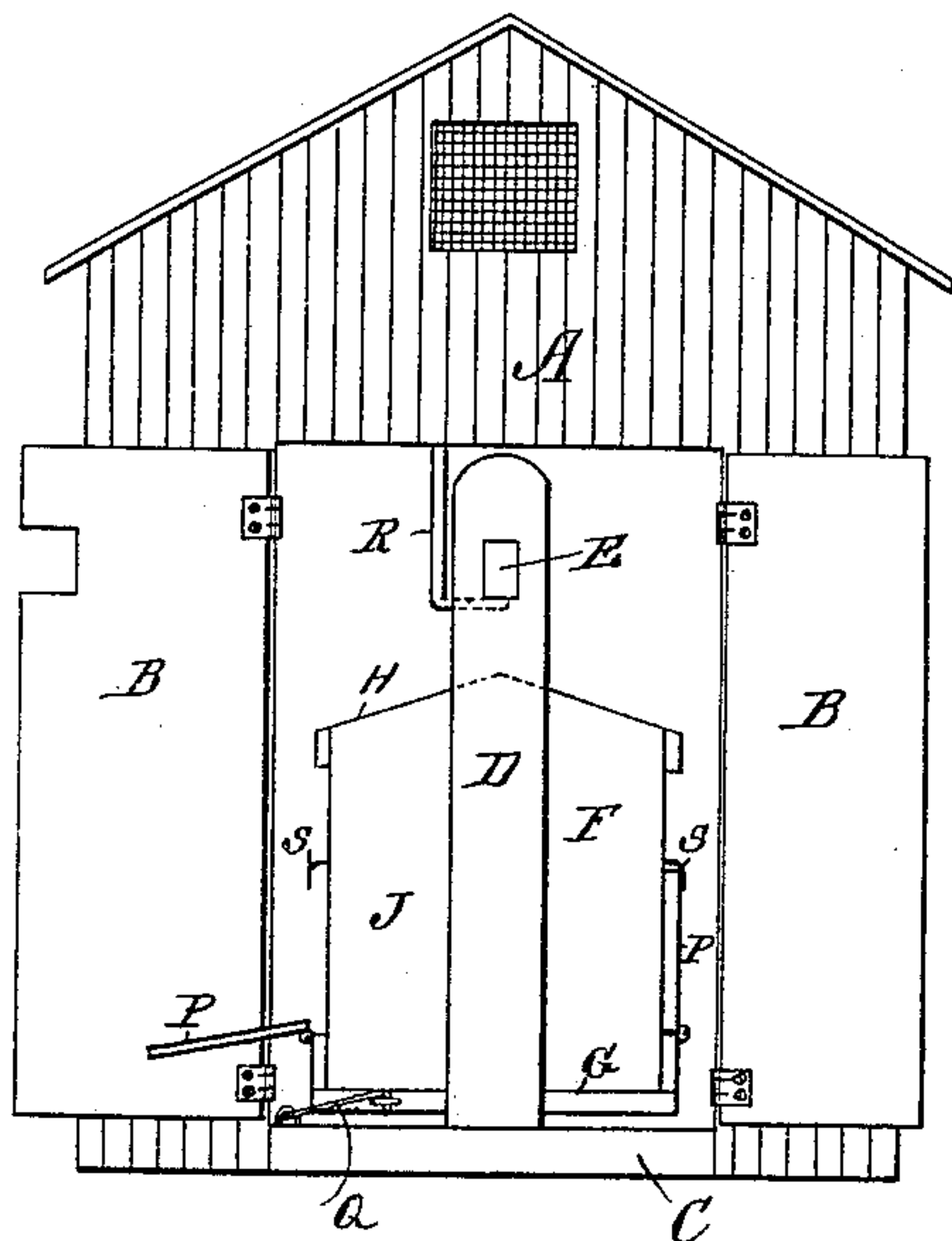


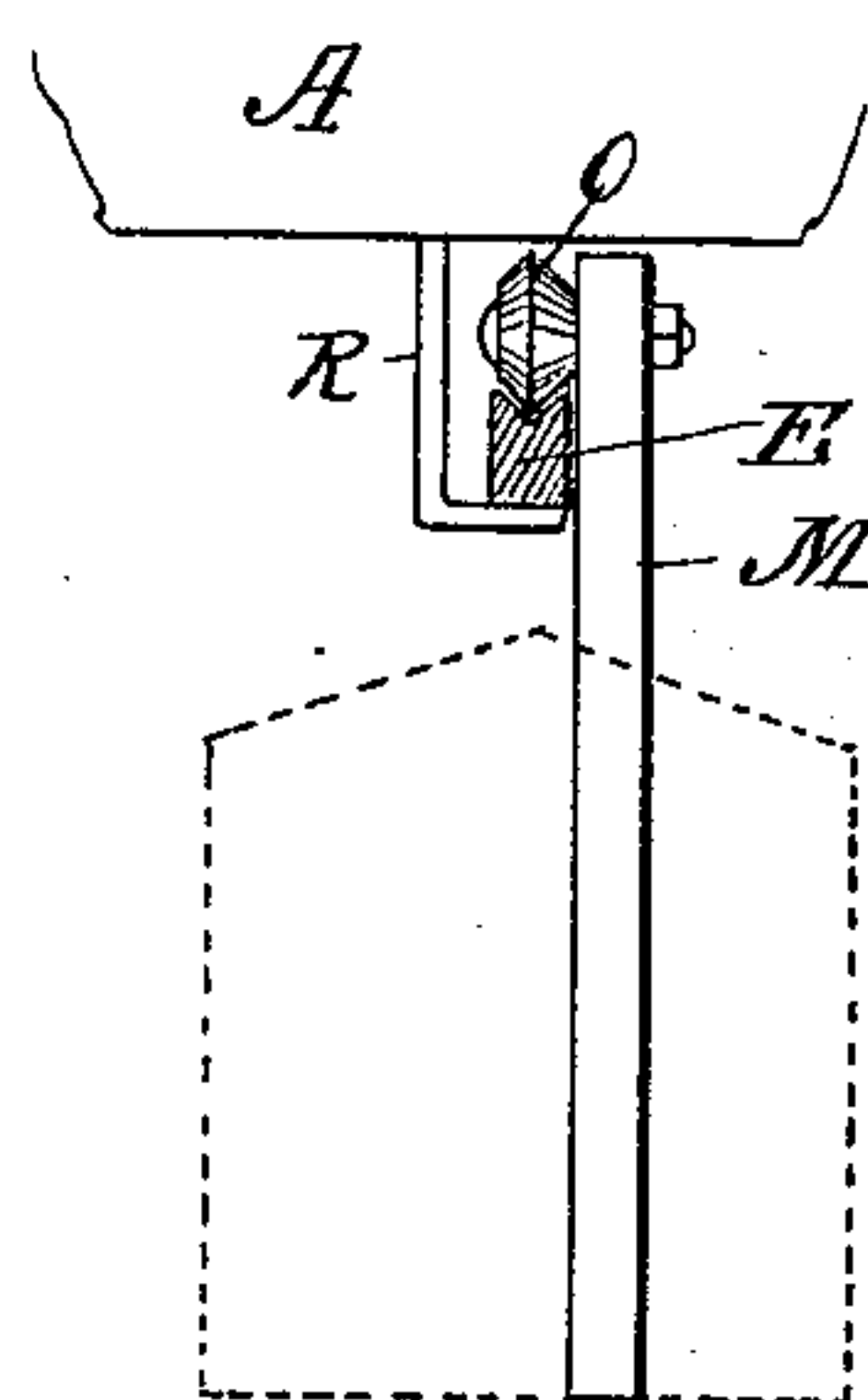
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD BENTLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Corning, in the county of Adams and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Chicken-Houses, of which the following is a description.

The object of this invention is to give brooding hens and their chickens plenty of air and light in the day-time, and to protect them from ravenous animals at night and from storms at short notice any time.

To this end the invention consists in the construction and combinations of parts forming a chicken-house, hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention with the house open and the coop drawn out. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a detail view in the region of the hook supporting the track.

A represents the house, having double doors B, to open outward. The floor C of the house is extended from the end thereof, to serve as a base for the post D, which supports one end of a rail, E, the other being secured within the farther end of the house.

F is the coop, having a floor, G, a roof, H, end boards, J, and as many partitions K as will divide the coop into compartments of suitable size, each to contain a hen and her brood. The sides of these compartments are partly inclosed by fixed vertical slots L, between which the chickens may pass, but close enough together to restrain the hen, and each compartment is provided at each side with one slat, N, fitted to slide vertically, to serve as a door through which the hen may enter or the compartment may be cleaned. At each end of the coop a hanger, M, is fixed projecting upward and provided with a V-shaped roller, O, to run in a groove along the upper side of the rail E, the hangers being enough to one side of the center of the coop to hold the rollers directly over the central line of the coop, whereby the coop will hang vertically.

P P represent side boards hinged at their lower edges to the coop, to close its sides at night to prevent the chickens from getting out. These side boards may be turned down, serving as tables on which the hens may be

fed, also serving as gang-planks on which the chickens may travel to and from the coops.

Q represents hook-ended braces, which may be attached to the coop in windy weather to keep the coop from swinging on its hangings.

R is a hanger depending from the house at the doorway, to support the middle of the rail E. This hanger bends off to one side to avoid the roller, and is consequently hook-shaped.

The proportions of this house and coop may be such as to contain one or a dozen compartments, and the compartments may be adapted to hens, turkeys, and other fowls. On the approach of a storm or at night each hen will gather her own brood. Then the sides should be closed and fastened by the hooks S, the coop be run into the house, and the doors be closed. One of the house-doors is notched to pass the rail E. Thus the hens and their broods will be safely sheltered from the elements and from predatory animals.

The whole device may be made large enough to shelter a dozen broods, and yet be so light that two persons may easily pick it up and carry it. In some cases the post D might be fixed in the ground and the extended floor be dispensed with.

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

1. The combination of a house having a doorway, a post in front of the doorway about the length of the house therefrom, a rail extending from the post through the doorway to the farther end of the house, and a coop hung to travel on the rail, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of a house, double doors hung thereto, a rail supported within the house and extending out at the doorway, a support for the outer end of the rail, and a coop hung to travel on the rail, one of the doors being notched to pass the rail in closing, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination of a house, a floor thereof extending beyond its end a distance nearly equal to the length of the house, a post secured upon the outer end of the said floor, a rail supported at one end upon the post and at the other end within the house, and a coop hung to travel on the rail, substantially as shown and described.

4. The combination of a house having a

doorway, a rail secured at one end within the house and passing out at the doorway, a coop hung upon the rail by hangers passing up at one side thereof, rollers journaled upon the
5 hangers to roll on the rail, and a hook hung to the house over the doorway, its hooking end engaging and supporting the said rail, substantially as shown and described.

5. The combination, with a house, a rail, and

a support for the outer end of the rail, of a 10 chicken - coop suspended therefrom, and hooked braces Q, for engaging the coop to hold it steady on the rail, substantially as herein shown and described.

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