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FOLDING CHICKEN COOP.

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Fig. 1.

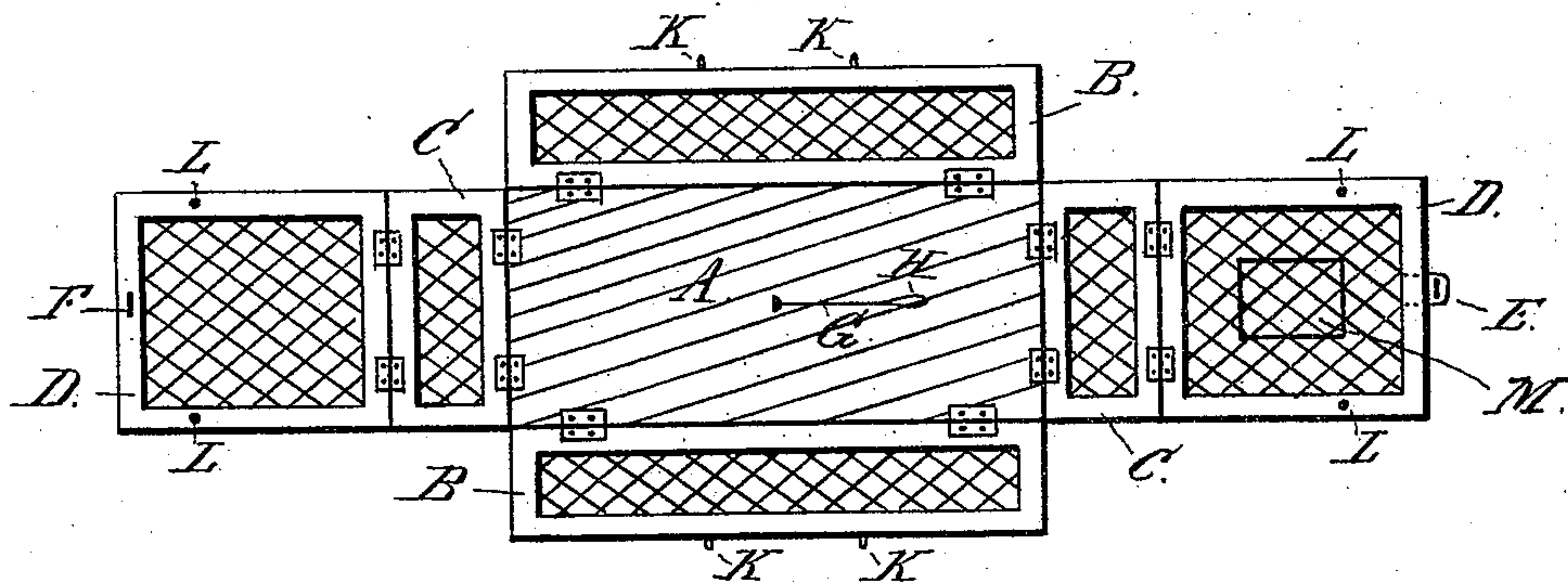


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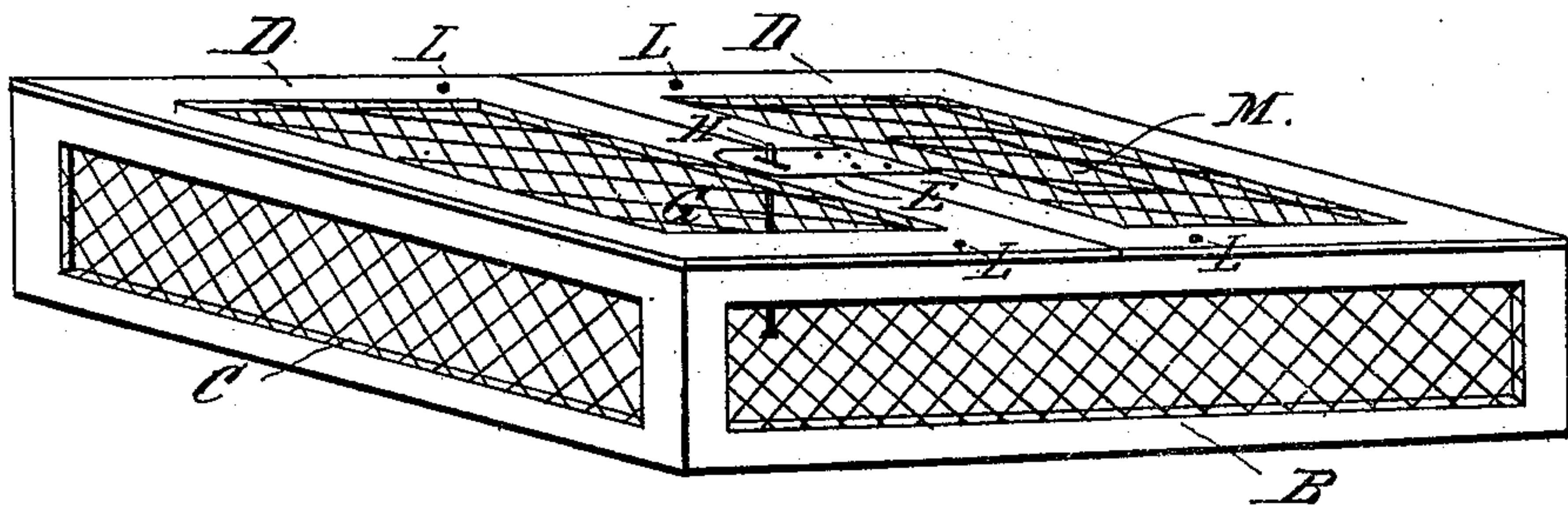


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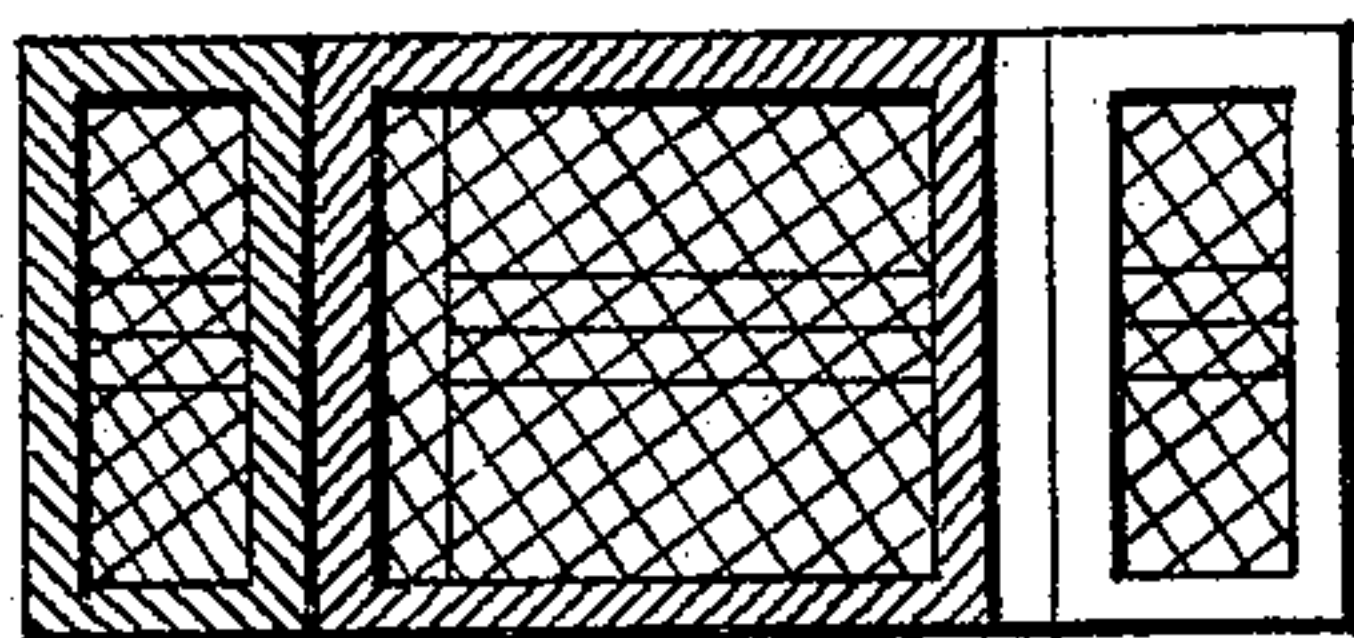


Fig. 4.

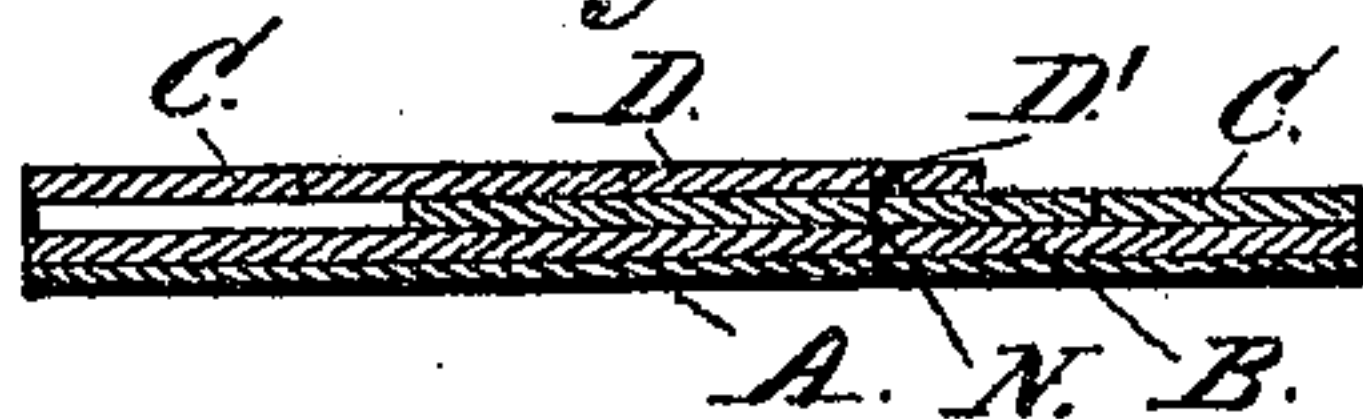
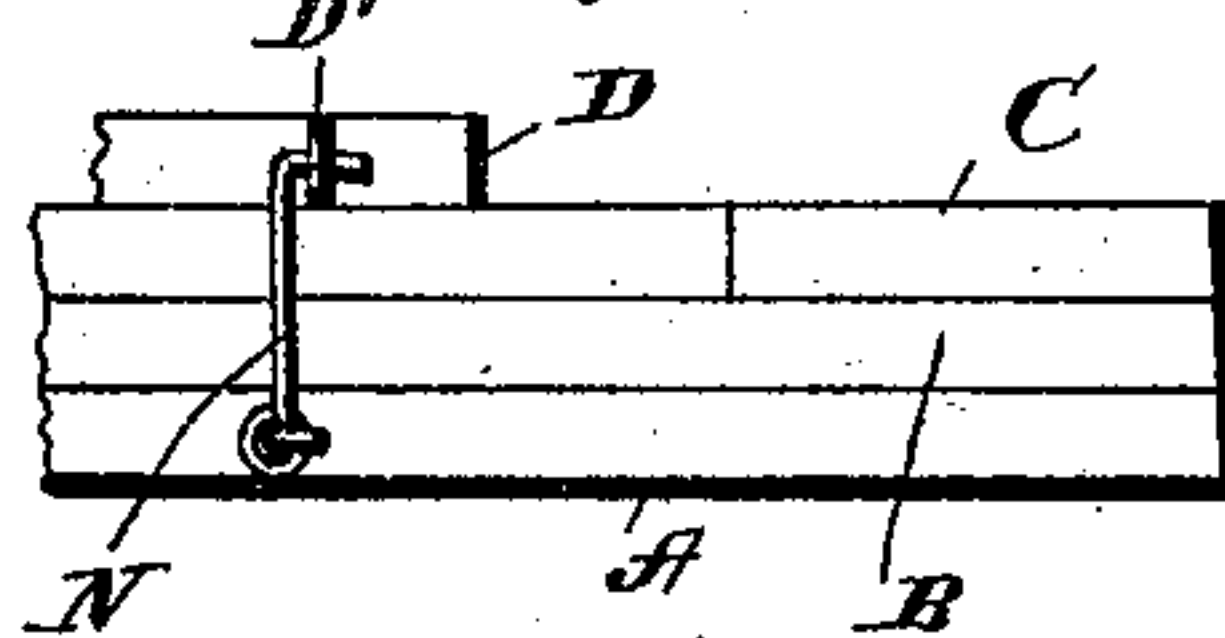


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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## FOLDING CHICKEN-COOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALCIDE FRANÇOIS TROUARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Folding Chicken-Coop; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in a folding chicken-coop; and its novelty will be fully understood from the following description and claims, when taken in connection with the annexed drawings; and the objects of my invention are to provide a coop that may be transported at a small expense, and which may be folded when not in use. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view showing coop folded out flat. Fig. 2 is a perspective view. Fig. 3 is a top view showing coop folded. Fig. 4 is a side view showing coop folded. Fig. 5 is an end view of top and side piece, showing groove. Fig. 6 is a detail side view showing the parts folded.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings, A refers to bed or bottom of coop, to which is attached side pieces B by means of hinges or any suitable means.

C are pieces which are attached to A, and when in position, as shown in Fig. 2, form end of coop. Attached to C are pieces D, provided with openings L, in which pins or projections K enter when coop is in position, as shown in Fig. 2; but where desired the side pieces B may be provided with a groove and the top piece D with a tongue, as shown in Fig. 5, and in this manner the side pieces B may also be securely held in position when coop is in use.

E is a clasp, which rests over slot F, and through which rod G, which is provided with an eye H, projects when the coop is in position, as shown in Fig. 2.

M is a small door for enabling fowls to be removed from coop or placed therein.

N is a metal rod attached to A and having a hook on end of same which engages an eye D', as shown in Fig. 4, and enables the coop to be held in position when folded.

The side pieces B, ends C, and top pieces D are frames to which wires are attached, while the bed or bottom A is preferably of wood. One of the end pieces C have the hinges raised—say one inch or more—while the opposite piece C has its hinges raised—say two inches or more—thus enabling the ends C to lap over the side pieces B when folded upon A, as shown in Fig. 4. Thus should it be desired to fold coop the pieces B are folded upon A, while the pieces C and D are folded or lapped one over the other, as shown in Fig. 4.

When it is desired to use the coop to transport chickens or other fowls, the pieces B are placed in a vertical position, the end piece C lying to the left, as shown in Fig. 1, is raised and the top piece D, attached to C, is also raised and placed on the pieces B, the projections K entering the openings L, while the eye H on rod G is placed in slot F. The end piece C on the right is then raised to a vertical position, and the top piece D, attached thereto, having clasp E thereon, is placed in position, and the eye H is passed through slot in clasp E, and where desired can be securely fastened by means of a padlock.

Chickens or other fowls may be placed in the coop by raising one of the top pieces D or through small door M. A striking advantage of my invention is its construction and economy in transportation.

Having described my invention, I would state that I do not limit myself to the precise details herein described in illustration of my invention, as the same may be varied to some extent; but

I declare that what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The improved folding chicken-coop described, consisting, essentially, of the bottom A, the sides B B, hinged to the bottom so as to fold thereon and having the pins K in their outer edges, the end walls C C, also

hinged to the bottom so as to fold thereon, the  
top section D, hinged to one of the end walls  
and having the holes L and the slot F, the  
top D, carrying the door M and the clasp E,  
5 and also having the holes L, the eye D' in the  
edge of one of the top sections, the hook N,  
pivoted in one edge of the bottom, and the  
rod G, also pivoted at one end in the bottom  
and adapted to pass through the slot F and

having an eye at its outer end, all substan- 10  
tially as shown and described.

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

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