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Fig. 1.

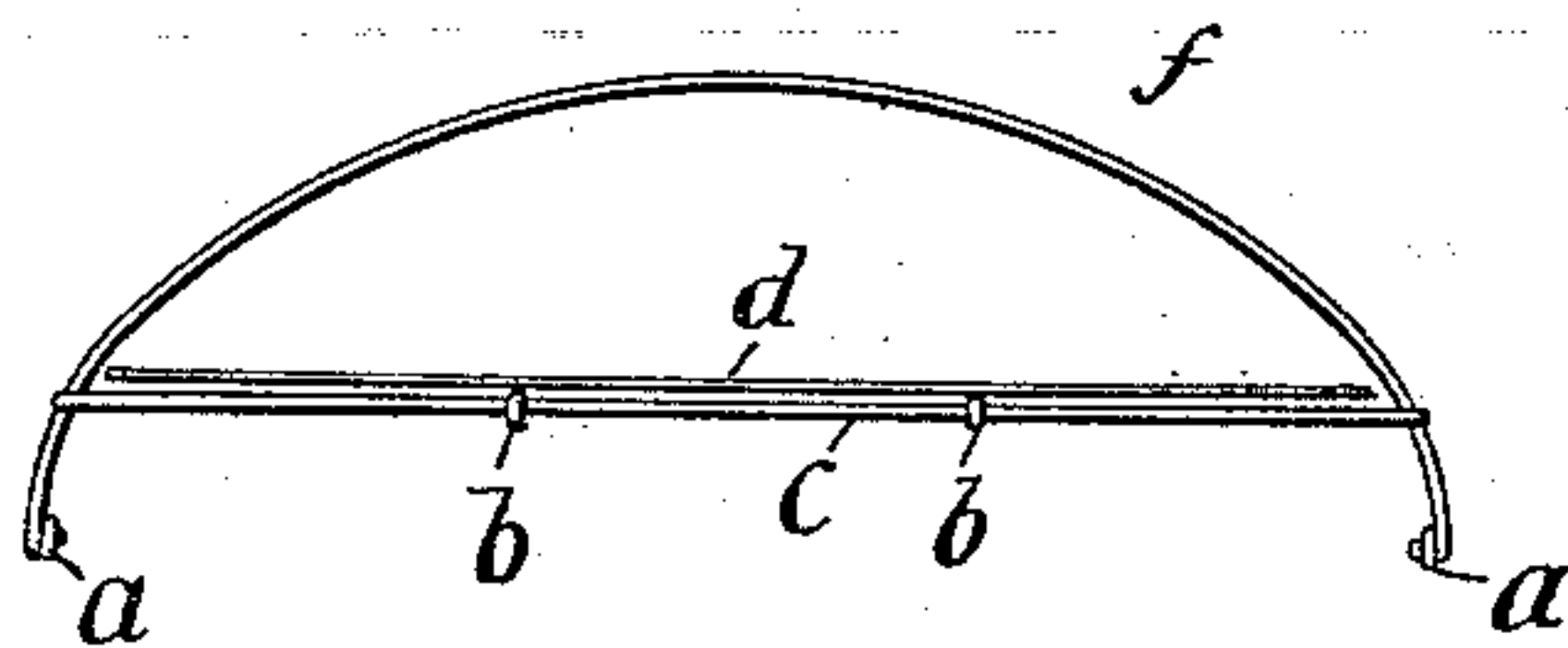


Fig. 2.

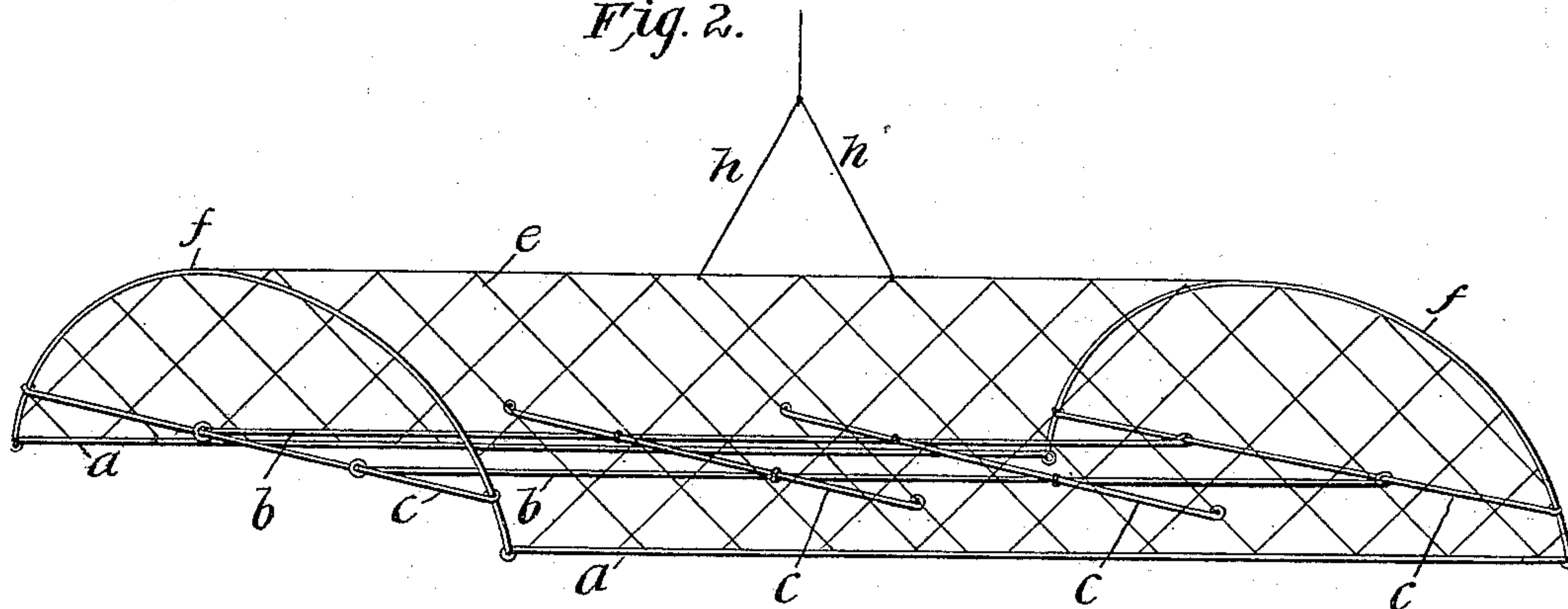
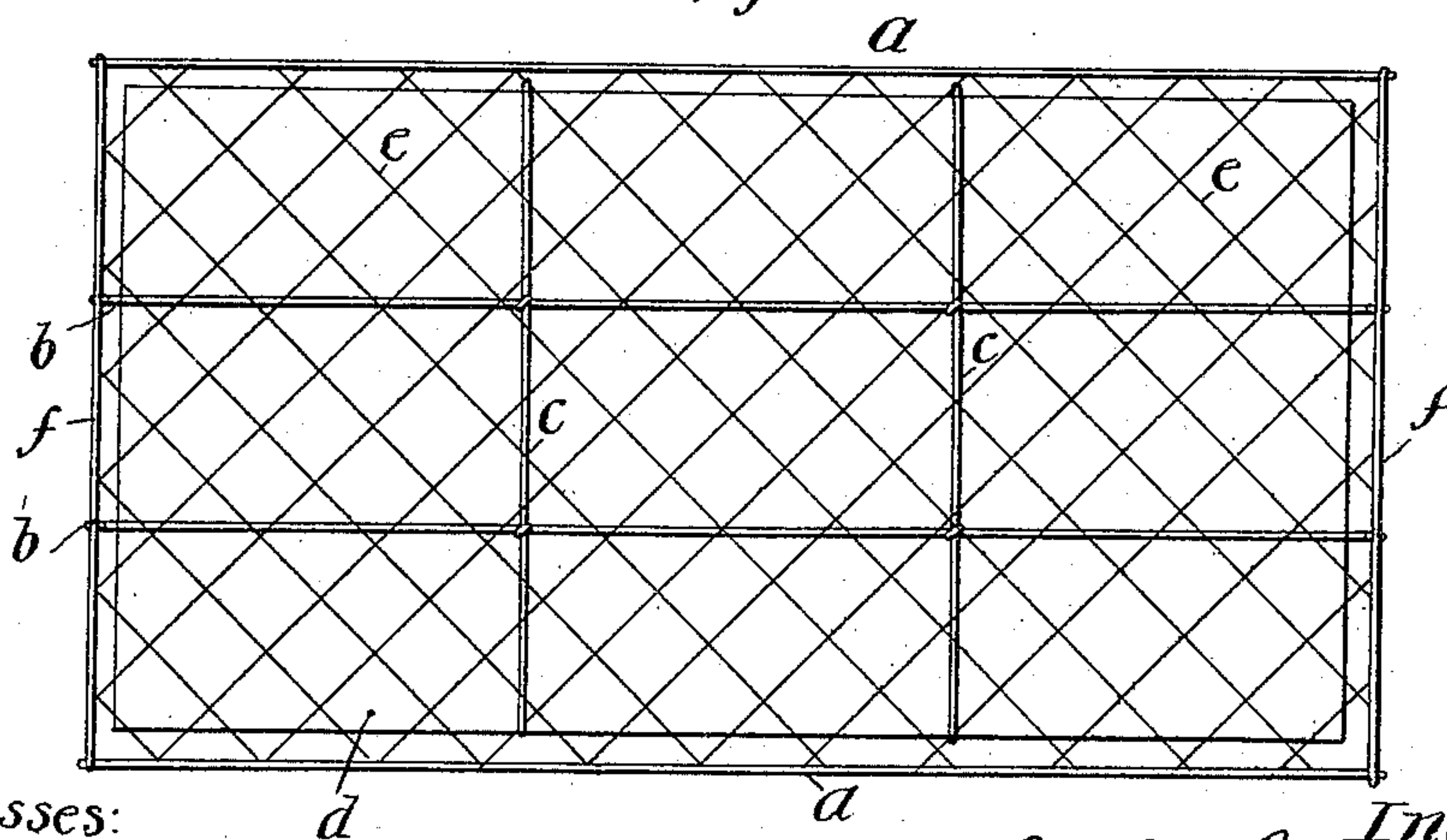


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. REQUA, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of New York, (Brooklyn,) county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fly-Paper Cages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a skeleton cage or crib adapted for the reception of sticky fly-paper, such as is commonly used for catching flies and other insects, in a way to afford effective protection against accidental contact of the hands or other objects with the sticky surface without obstructing the access of the flies, the said cage being also a convenient means of suspending the fly-paper where it is more out of sight and out of reach than as commonly used, as hereinafter described, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an end elevation of a fly-paper cage or crib in a suitable form of construction. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, and Fig. 3 is a plan view.

It is well known that in the common use of fly-paper it is generally placed on a table or other convenient place where it may be laid readily without any means of protection against accidentally placing the hands or other objects on the sticky matter and without means of suspending it where it will not be exposed to such disagreeable contingencies. I therefore have provided a new article of manufacture for such protection and for the better supporting and more conveniently and desirably placing the fly-paper for use, said article consisting generally of a skeleton cage or crib of woven wire or other approved construction having a supporting-base, on which the paper may be suitably laid for its use and be held within the cage, and a cover affording protection against contact with the sticky surface of the paper without obstructing ingress of the flies.

In this example of my invention I represent a wire construction whereof the base comprises suitable longitudinal wires *a b* and

transverse wires *c*, arranged in rectangular plan and of suitable dimensions for the ordinary sheets *d* of commercial fly-paper to be laid on, with an arched cover of wire web *e*, supported on bows *f* at the ends and immediately, if desired, said web also connected at the edges to the base-wires *a*; but I do not limit myself to such construction, for it may be made of thin sheets of metal or other substance suitably perforated for the purpose, or it may be made of strips of woody fibers of any suitable kind.

It is to be noticed that the cage is open at the ends between the cross-wires *c* and bows *f* to permit inserting and removing the fly-paper sheets; but the ends may be closed with like open-work parts, one or both of which may be hinged or otherwise fitted for displacement to permit application and removal of the fly-paper.

It will be seen that in such a cage the fly-paper may be used on a table or other like place with perfect immunity from the evils of so using the unprotected paper, and it may also be suspended, as indicated by the lines *h*.

The facility of hanging the fly-paper is an especial advantage when the normal temperature is chilly, because the flies then congregate in the warmer stratum of air close to the ceiling, and the disagreeable unsightly object is much less in view when suspended.

I claim—

The improved article of manufacture consisting of a skeleton cage or crib, having a supporting-base on which the paper may be suitably laid for use, and be held within the cage, and a cover affording protection against contact with the sticky surface of the paper without obstructing ingress of the flies, said cage having a suitable opening for inserting and removing the paper substantially as described.

Signed by me, at New York, this 10th day of June, 1898.

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