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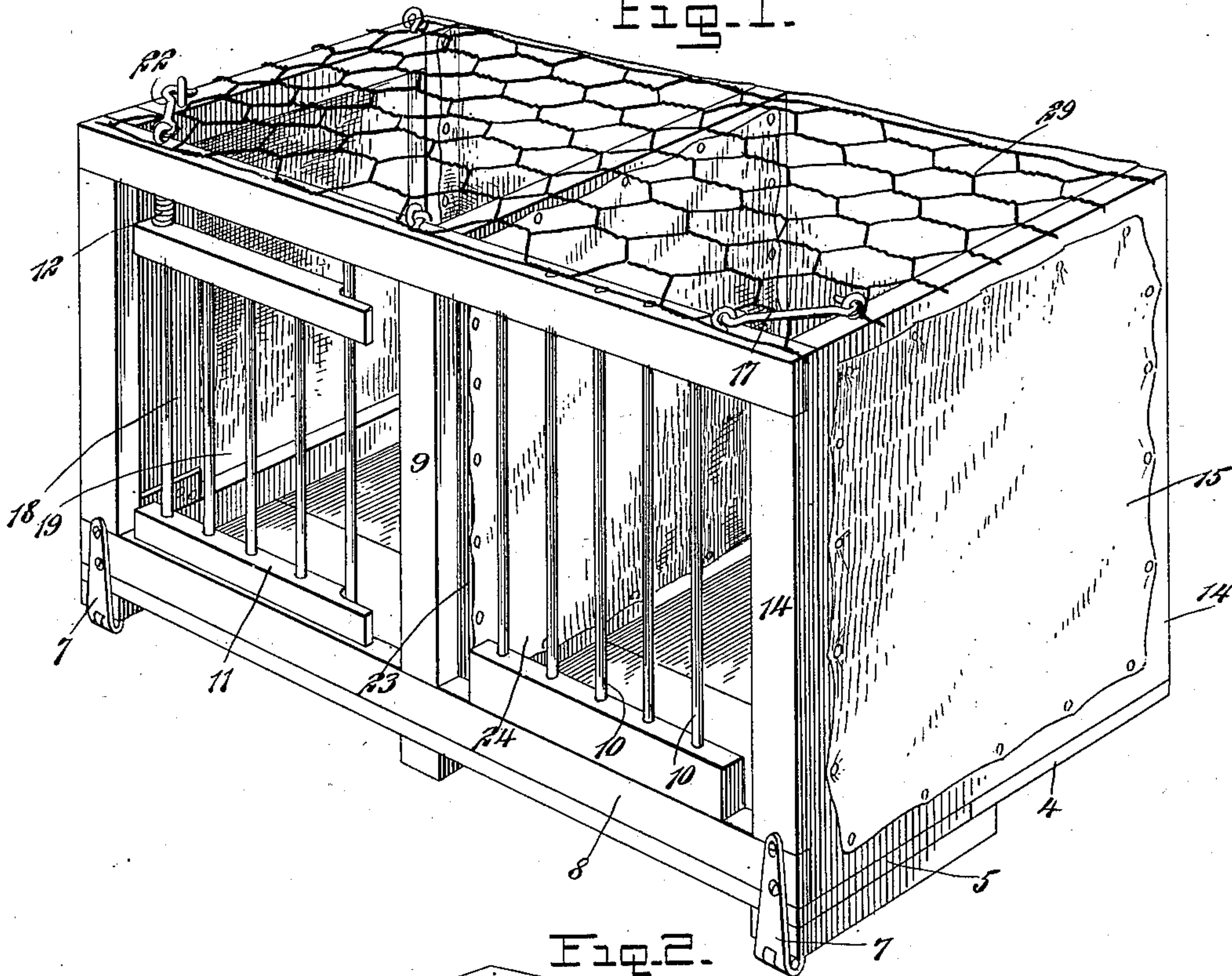
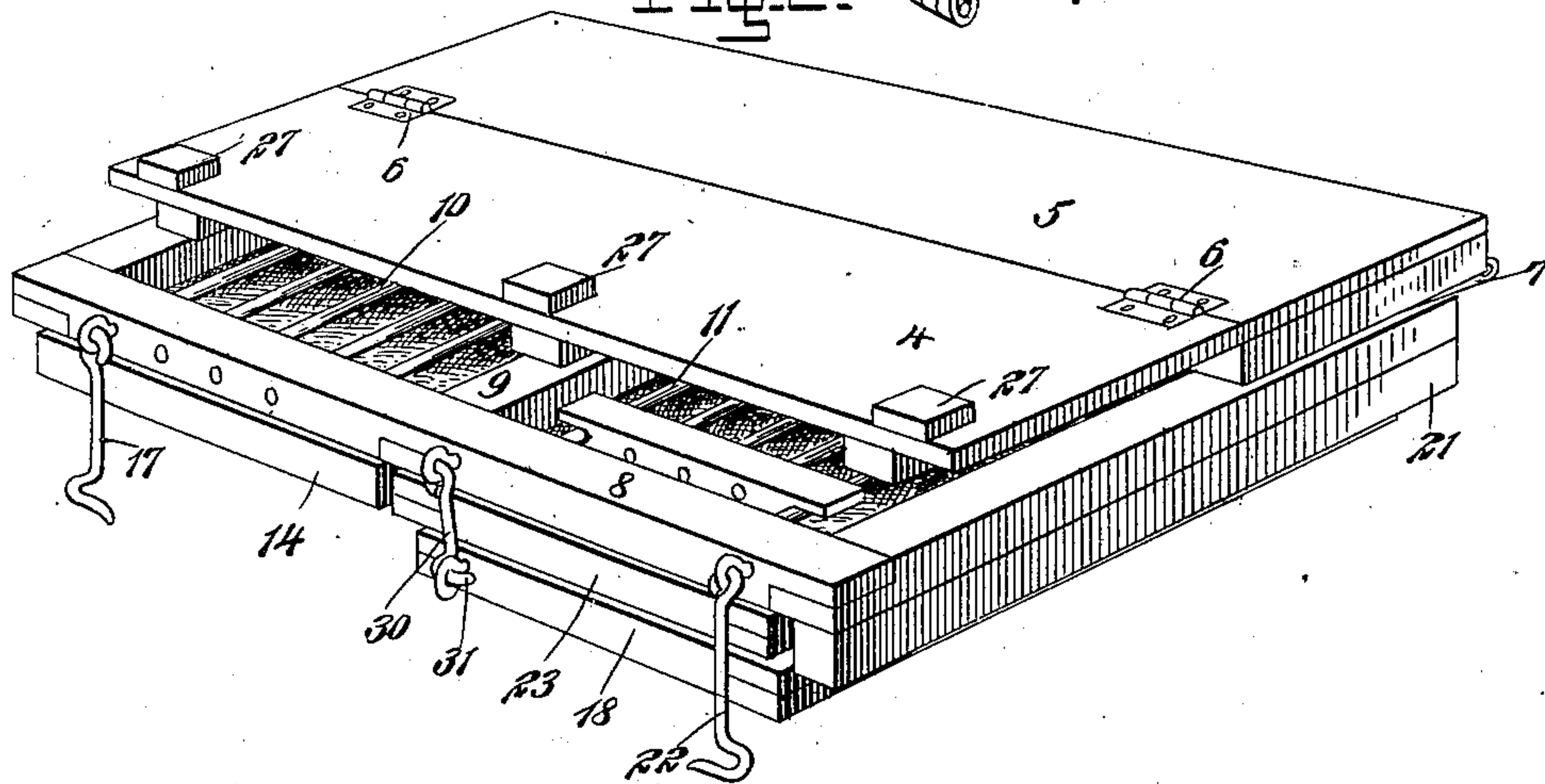


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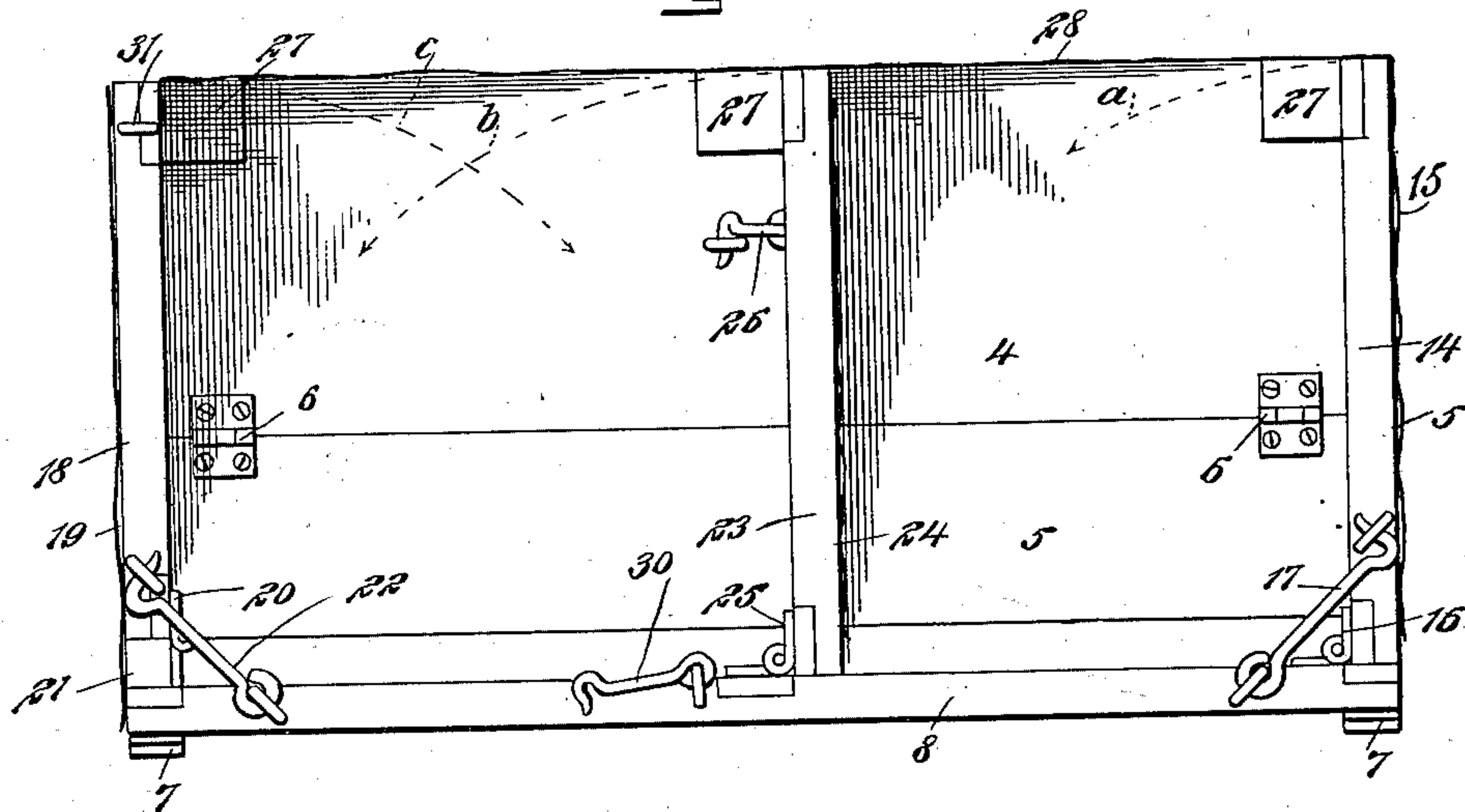
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. CANFIELD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bath, in the county of Steuben and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Chicken-Coop, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a coop for chickens and other birds which will freely exhibit its contents and which also may be folded readily for transportation, to which end the invention resides in certain novel features of construction, as will be fully described hereinafter.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of the invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the coop folded or knocked down, and Fig. 3 is a top plan with the woven-wire top removed.

The coop has a bottom formed in two sections 4 and 5, connected with each other by butt-hinges 6. The bottom of the coop is connected by hinges 7 with the front wall, which is best shown in Fig. 1. The front wall comprises a rectangular frame 8, having a vertical centrally-situated middle bar 9. At one side of this bar parallel rods or bars 10 are arranged to form an open-work wall inclosing the fowl. At the other side of the middle bar 9 a slat door 11 is arranged, this door being normally closed by a spring or springs 12. The door 11 may be of any desired construction and is provided with a spring or springs for closing it, so that it will always return to its closed position, thus avoiding the possibility of some one leaving the door open and permitting the fowls to escape.

Mounted on one end of the front wall 8 is a hinged wall formed of a framing 14 and a canvas covering 15, such end wall being connected with the front wall 8 by a hinge 16, permitting the end wall to fold inwardly, as indicated by the arrow *a* in Fig. 3. A hook 17 is provided to hold the end wall 14 rigidly in open position. At the other end of the front wall an end wall is mounted, which end

wall comprises a framing 18 and a canvas covering 19. The framing 18 is connected by a hinge 20 with a rigid cleat 21, fastened on the adjacent end of the front wall 8. This end wall 18 differs from the end wall 14 in that the latter is hinged directly on the front wall 8, while the former is connected to the front wall indirectly through the medium of the cleat 21. A hook 22 is provided to hold the wall 18 in open position. An intermediate wall, comprising a framing 23 and a canvas covering 24, is connected with the middle bar 9 of the wall 8 by means of hinges 25, and this intermediate wall 23 is held in active position by a hook 26, working with an eye fastened to the section 4 of the bottom of the coop. Blocks 27 are fastened to the section 4 of the bottom of the coop, and against these blocks the walls 14, 23, and 18, respectively, bear when in active position, whereby to hold the part rigidly in place. The wall 23 folds inward against the front wall 8, as indicated by the arrow *b* in Fig. 3, and the wall 18 folds inward against the wall 23, as indicated by the arrow *c* in Fig. 3. A rear wall 28, of canvas or other flexible fabric, is attached to the rear edges of the walls 14, 23, and 18, and a top wall or cover 29, formed of woven wire or the like, is secured on top of the coop by any desired means, which, however, must permit the removal of the top wall 29. For this purpose the hooks 22 and 17 may be employed, as shown in Fig. 1, in which view the hooks are illustrated as lying on top of the wire 29, and therefore serve to hold it in place.

In folding the coop the top 29 is removed and the hooks 22, 26, and 17 are disconnected from their corresponding eyes. The middle wall 23 is then moved inward against the front wall 8, and the wall 18 is then moved inward against the middle wall. The end wall 14 may be moved inward against the front wall 8. A hook 30 is mounted on the front wall 8 and is arranged to engage with an eye 31 on the rear portion of the wall 18, whereby to hold the walls 23 and 18 in folded position. This also serves to hold the wall 14 in folded position, since the canvas rear wall 28 forms a connection between the walls 4 and 23 and serves to prevent the movement of the wall 14 independently of the walls 23 and 18 when the coop is folded. The bottom

is swung on the hinges 7 and moved downwardly and forwardly from the position shown in Fig. 1 to that shown in Fig. 2, in which position it lies on top of or in front of the wall

5 8. The hinges 7 are of such form as to permit this movement of the bottom of the coop.

It therefore will be seen that I provide a coop having two compartments in which fowl may be placed and from which they may be
10 independently withdrawn. The various arrangements of the parts enable the fowl to have fresh air, and it also enables them to be readily seen and inspected. When the coop is not in use, it may be folded and trans-
15 ported from place to place, as desired, thus occupying very little space.

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

20 1. A coop, having a front wall, two end walls hingedly mounted on the front wall, one of the end walls being connected with the

front wall through the medium of a cleat, an intermediate wall hinged on the front wall, and a flexible fabric connected with the end 25 and intermediate walls and forming a rear wall.

2. A folding coop having a front wall, end walls hingedly mounted thereon, a flexible fabric extending between the end walls and 30 forming a rear wall, a partition-wall hingedly mounted on the front wall and connected with said flexible fabric, a bottom hingedly mounted on the front wall, a top wall carried on the front and side walls, and means for 35 holding the several walls in place.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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