

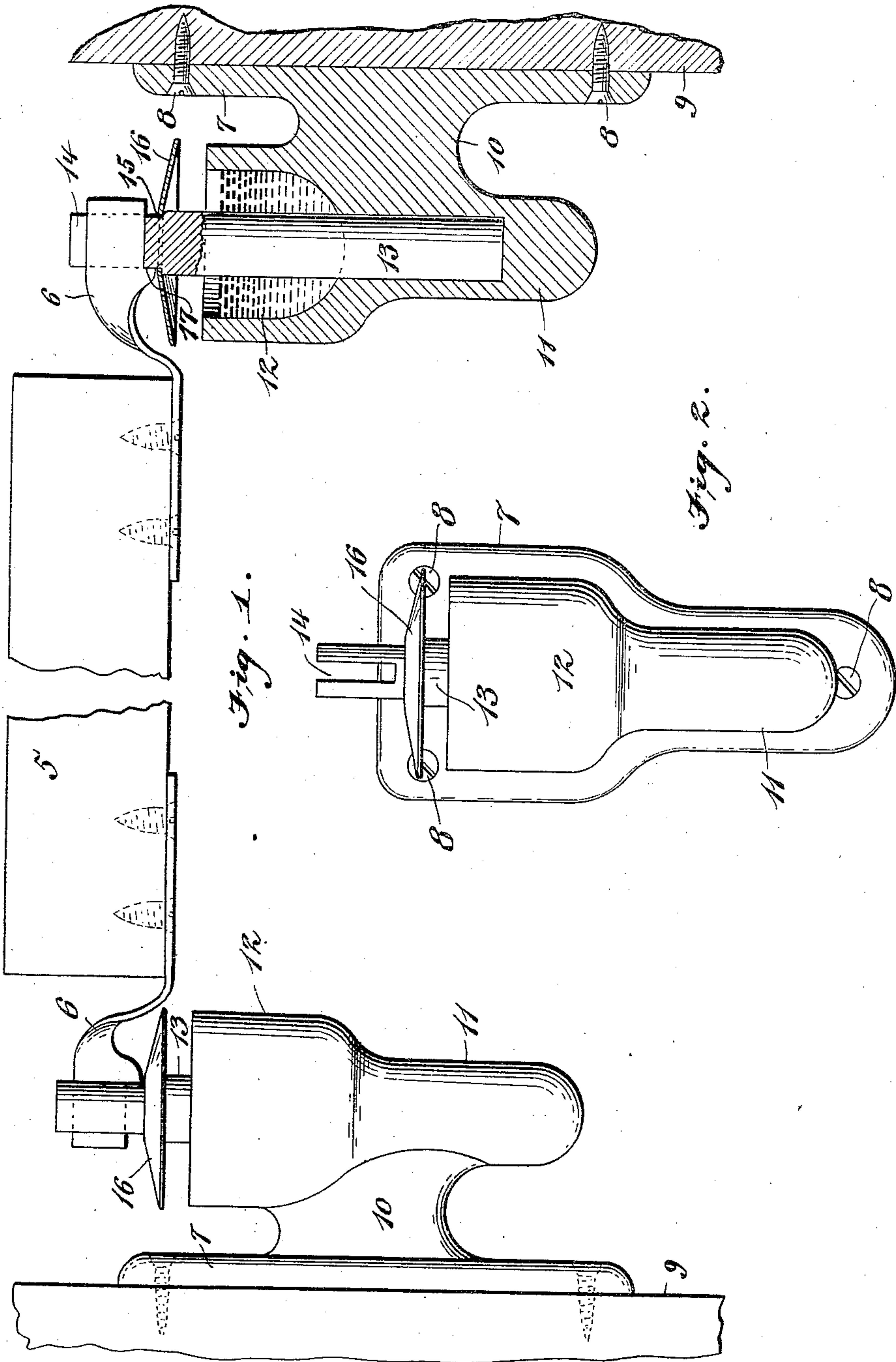
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, COLUMBUS MATTHEWS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mattoon, in the county of Coles and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Perch-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to perch-supports, and has for its object to provide a support having means for preventing lice and other vermin from getting to the fowls on the perch; and to this end the invention comprises a support of novel construction which constitutes a trap for the vermin.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention partly in section. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the support with the perch removed therefrom.

Referring specifically to the drawings, 5 denotes a perch having at each end a hanger 6. The perch-support comprises a plate 7 having holes for screws or other fastening means 8 whereby it is secured to the wall 9 of the poultry-house. On the face of the plate is an outwardly projecting arm or web 10 which carries at its extremity a socketed vertical stem 11, the upper end of which is enlarged as indicated at 12 to form a cup. In the socket of the stem 11 is seated a pin 13 having at its upper end a slot 14 in which the hanger 6 is placed.

A support as herein described is provided at each end of the perch. The device can also be employed to support a bracket or other device for supporting a nest on a wall.

When the cup 12 is filled with coal oil or some other liquid, the pin 13 is entirely surrounded thereby and therefore cannot be reached by the vermin which are thus prevented from getting on the perch. A short distance above the cup the pin 13 has a shoulder 15 which supports a disk 16 having a diameter slightly greater than that of the cup, and which serves as a cover or guard therefor to exclude dirt, straw, etc., which might otherwise fall thereinto. At the lower edge of the hanger 6 is a shoulder 17 which abuts against the pin and thus serves to prevent displacement of the hanger.

The support is simple in construction and can be cheaply produced, and it effectually serves the purpose for which it is intended. The perch and the disk can be readily removed from the pin 13 and the latter can also be removed from the socket 11 so that all parts are accessible for cleaning.

I claim:

The combination with a perch having at its ends a hanger, of a support comprising a plate carrying a socketed stem which is enlarged at its upper end to form a cup, and a pin fitting in the socket of said stem, and having a slot above the cup to receive the hanger.

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

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