

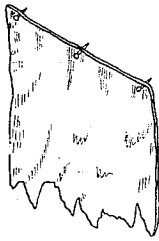
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*Bee Hive.*

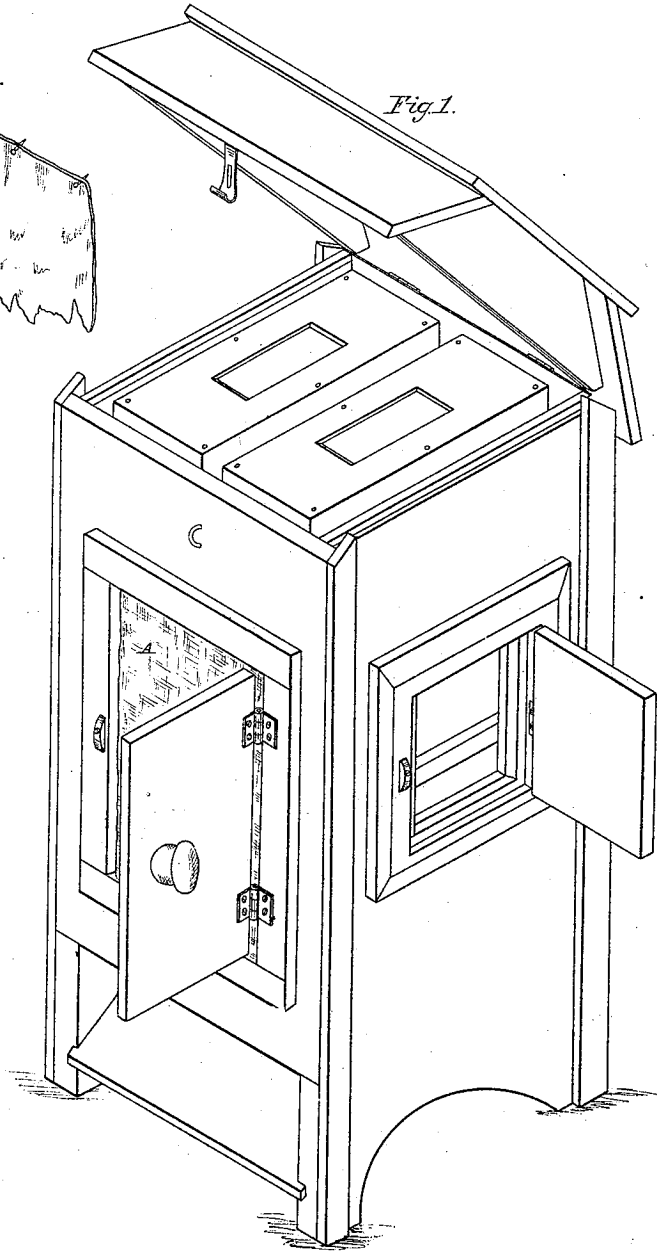
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BEE-HIVES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, MILLINGTON EASLEY, of Rush, in the county of Jo Daviess, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bee-Hives; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hive, provided at A with said improvement, consisting of the application of a piece of cloth, such as muslin or the like, stretched and fixed across the door-way or opening between the door and interior of the hive.

Figure 2 is a view of the cloth A detached. This cloth is to be attached by nailing, or otherwise, at the top, so as to hang down as a curtain.

To this cloth the bees may attach the honey-comb instead of to the door or to glass, and by opening the

door, the cloth may be raised from the honey-comb without injury thereto, such as is consequent upon opening the door or removing the glass to which the comb has been attached.

It will be seen that as the bees build from the top of the hive, so that the comb hangs down, it is liable to attach to this cloth as it would to glass or the door; but unlike either of the latter, the cloth may be taken hold of at the bottom, and lifted off the comb, without breaking or otherwise injuring it.

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

The application, to a bee-hive, of the cloth A, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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