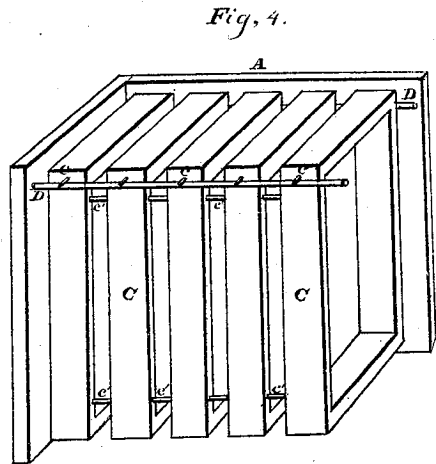
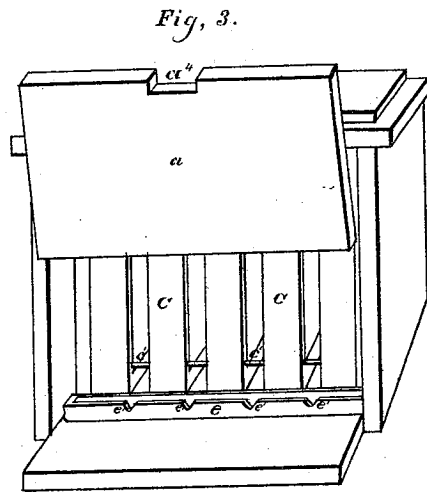
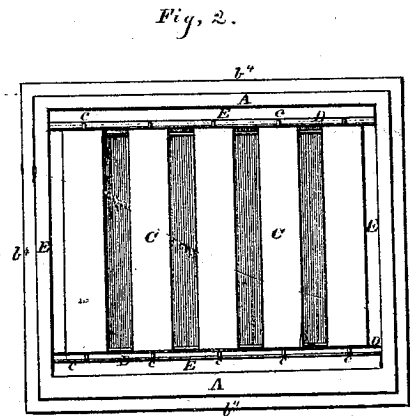
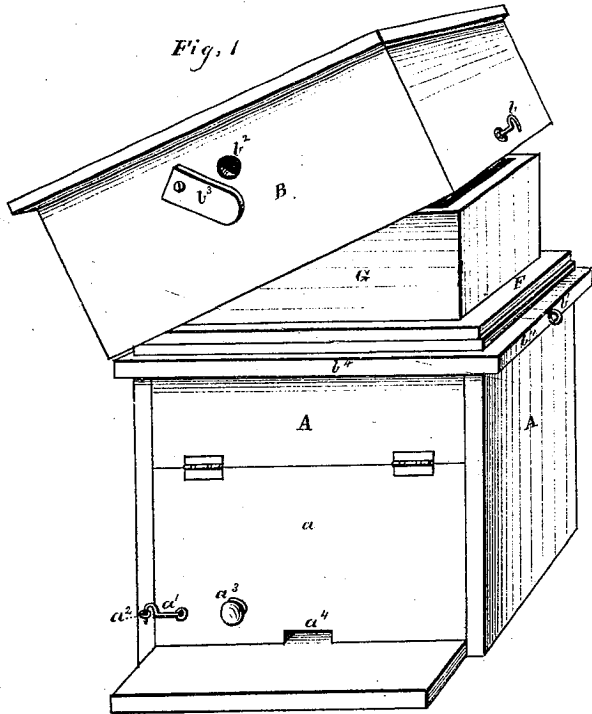


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In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates my invention, and forms a part of the specification thereof—

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Figure 2 is a plan view thereof, the said cover and "surplus"-box being removed;

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Figure 4 illustrates the manner of suspending the comb-frames, both in the upper and lower compartments of the hive.

The construction and operation of my invention are as follows, to wit:

A designates the casing of the hive, which is supplied with the door *a*, hinged to its front portion; and hinged to its upper end, at one side, is the cap or casing B, held down on said casing A by the hook *b* and eye *b'*, and having the ventilating opening *b²* and cover *b³* therefor.

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the hive, it will be observed that any one of the said frames may be removed at pleasure without molesting or withdrawing its fellow.

To keep the said comb-frames a suitable distance apart, in order to permit the bees to gather therein in separate or independent clusters, by which access thereto, and the removal of the same, may be facilitated, I use the right-angular projections or bars *c'*, *c'*, which are inserted, at one end, into the sides of the said frames, as plainly shown in figs. 3 and 4.

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Attached around the upper outer edge of the casing A is a flange, consisting of four strips of wood, *b¹*, *b¹*, for the purpose of supporting the cap or case B, resting thereon, when closed.

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G represents a bottomless box, termed the surplus-box, resting on the perforated board F, and supplied with a series of comb-frames, constructed similarly to the comb-frames C of the lower chamber of the casing or hive A, and having a similar arrangement of rods, as the said casing A, upon which rest projections, secured to the comb-frames of the said box G, said comb-frames being held apart at suitable distances by means of right-angular projections made and secured therein, as the projections *c'*, *c'* of the comb-frames C.

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