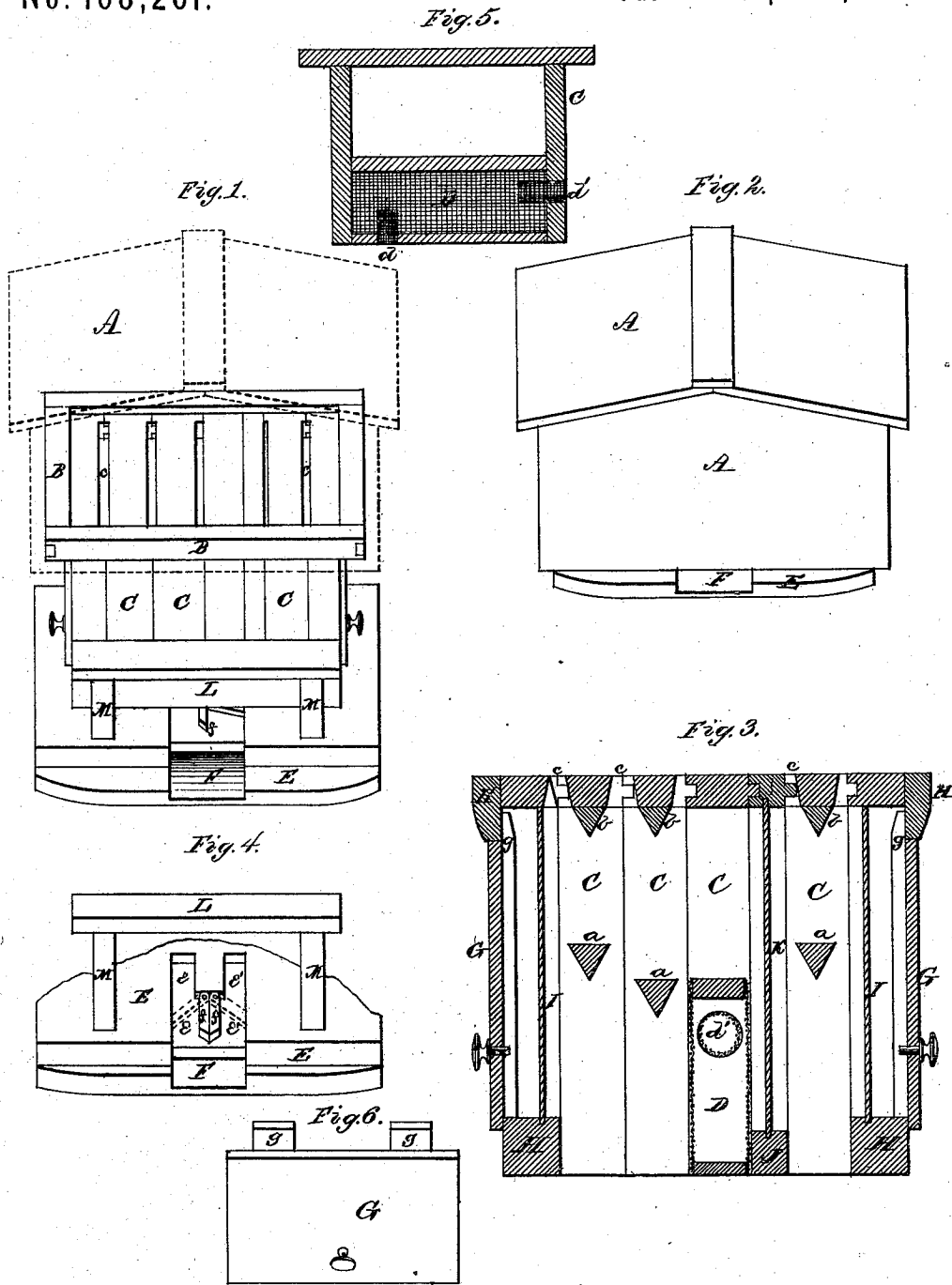


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having a glass partition, K. This frame J may be placed between any two of the comb-frames, thus dividing the hive into as small sections as desired, and any number of like frames may be used as well as any number of comb-frames, so that the hive may be expanded or contracted as large or small, as desired. The upper part of the frame C, having the trap D, may be provided with a feed-box of any known or desired construction, or may be provided with a comb-guide, the same as the other frames. L represents a shield, supported from the bottom board by the standards M M, said shield serving to protect the entrance F from rain, and also serves to retain the hive in position. In use, any one or more of the frames C may be removed without disturbing the rest, and other comb-frames inserted, or the hive moved together, to fill the vacancy, leaving the hive as tight as before, and, by the use of the sash H H, but one comb-frame may be placed between them, by which means the same is entirely inclosed, which will prove advantageous in raising queens.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The wire trap D, the frame C, provided with the wire tubes *d d'*, constructed and arranged as and for the purpose specified.

2. The comb-frames, tongued and grooved, as shown and described, so that the frames of themselves form a perfectly close hive, as and for the purpose herein set forth.

3. The sash H provided with the grooves, as shown, and the glass I, in connection with the end board G and frames C, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. The case A, combined with the detachable bars B B and frames C, so arranged as to provide a summer and winter hive, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of November, 1872.

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