

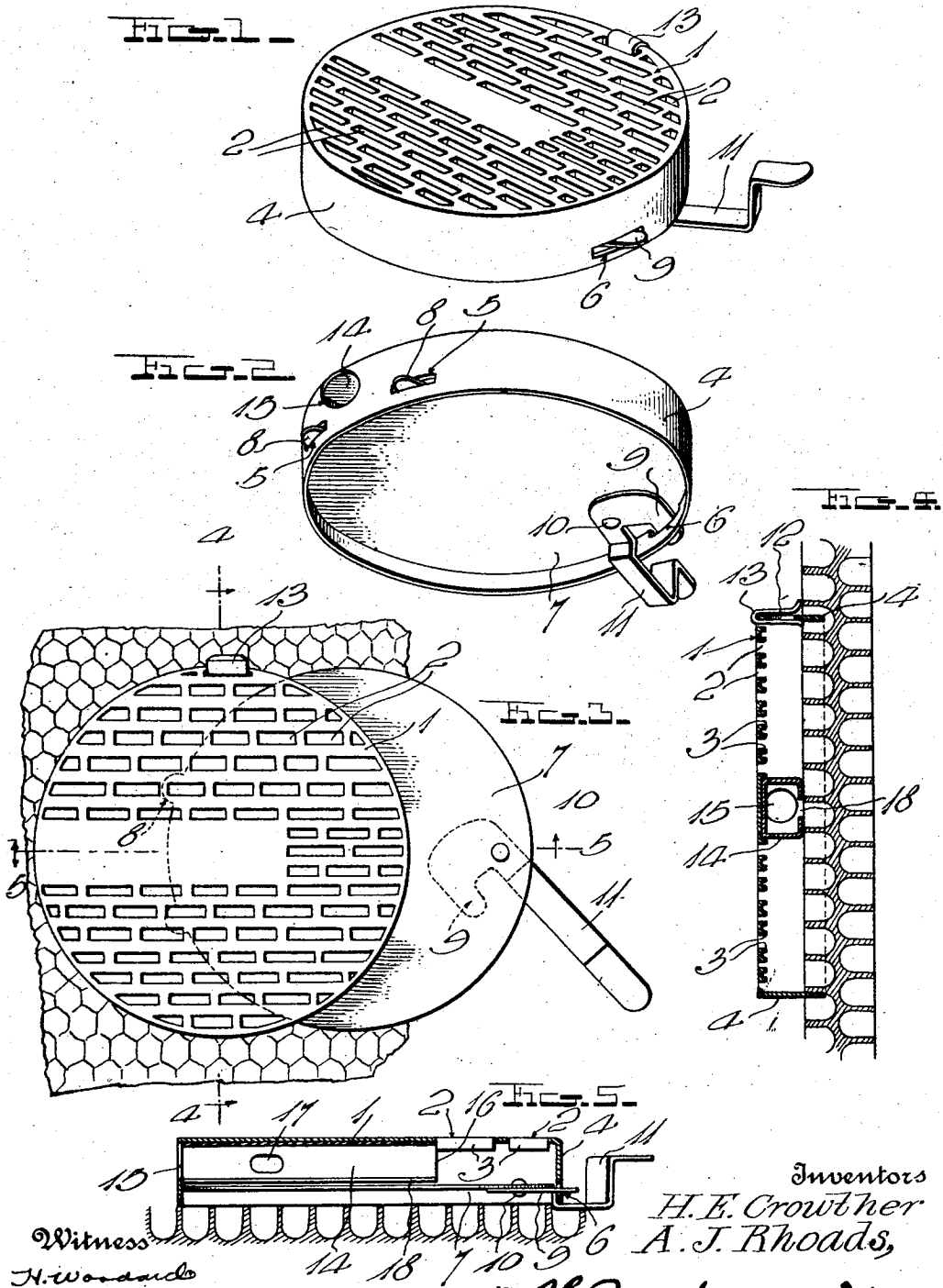
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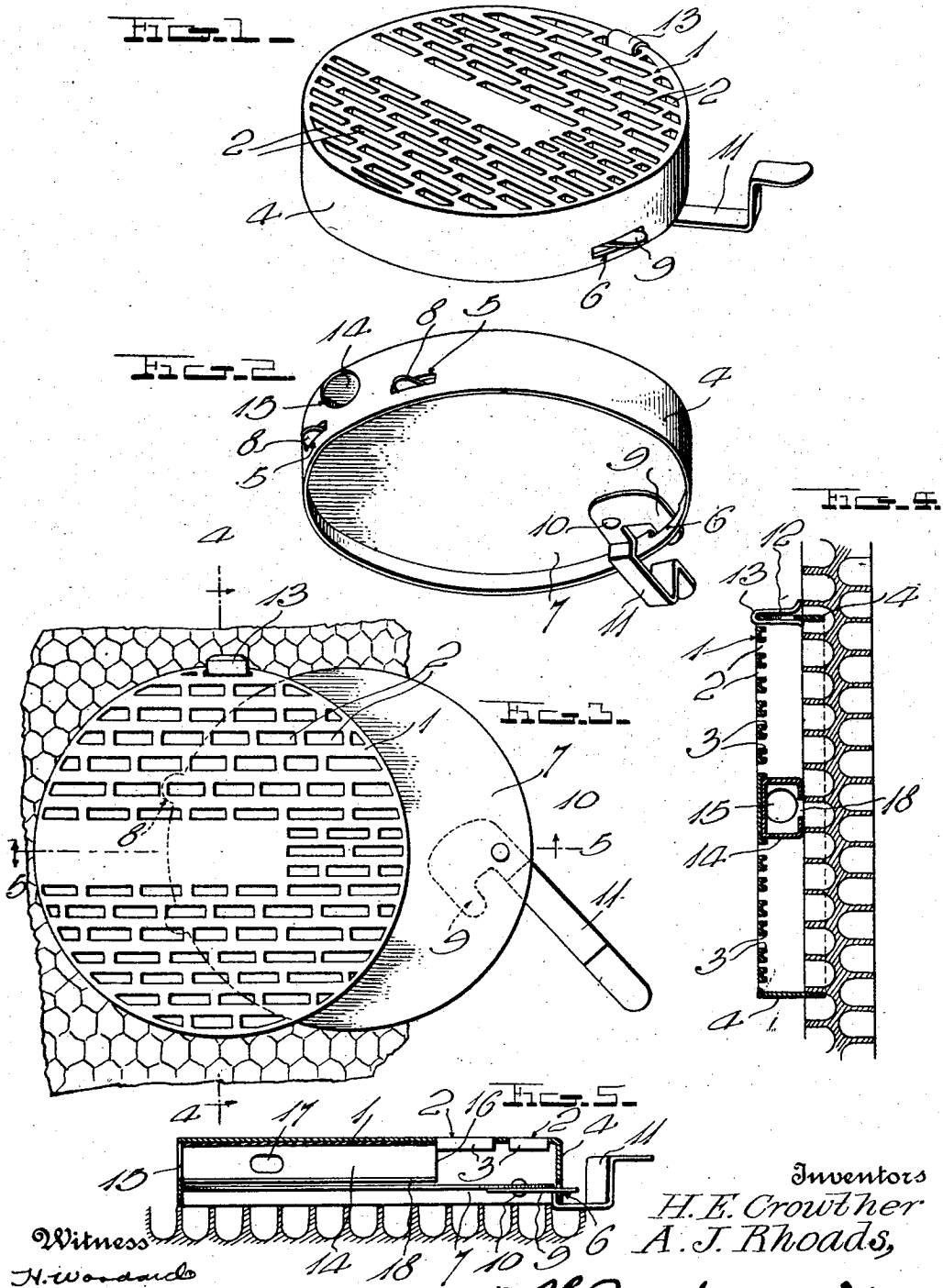
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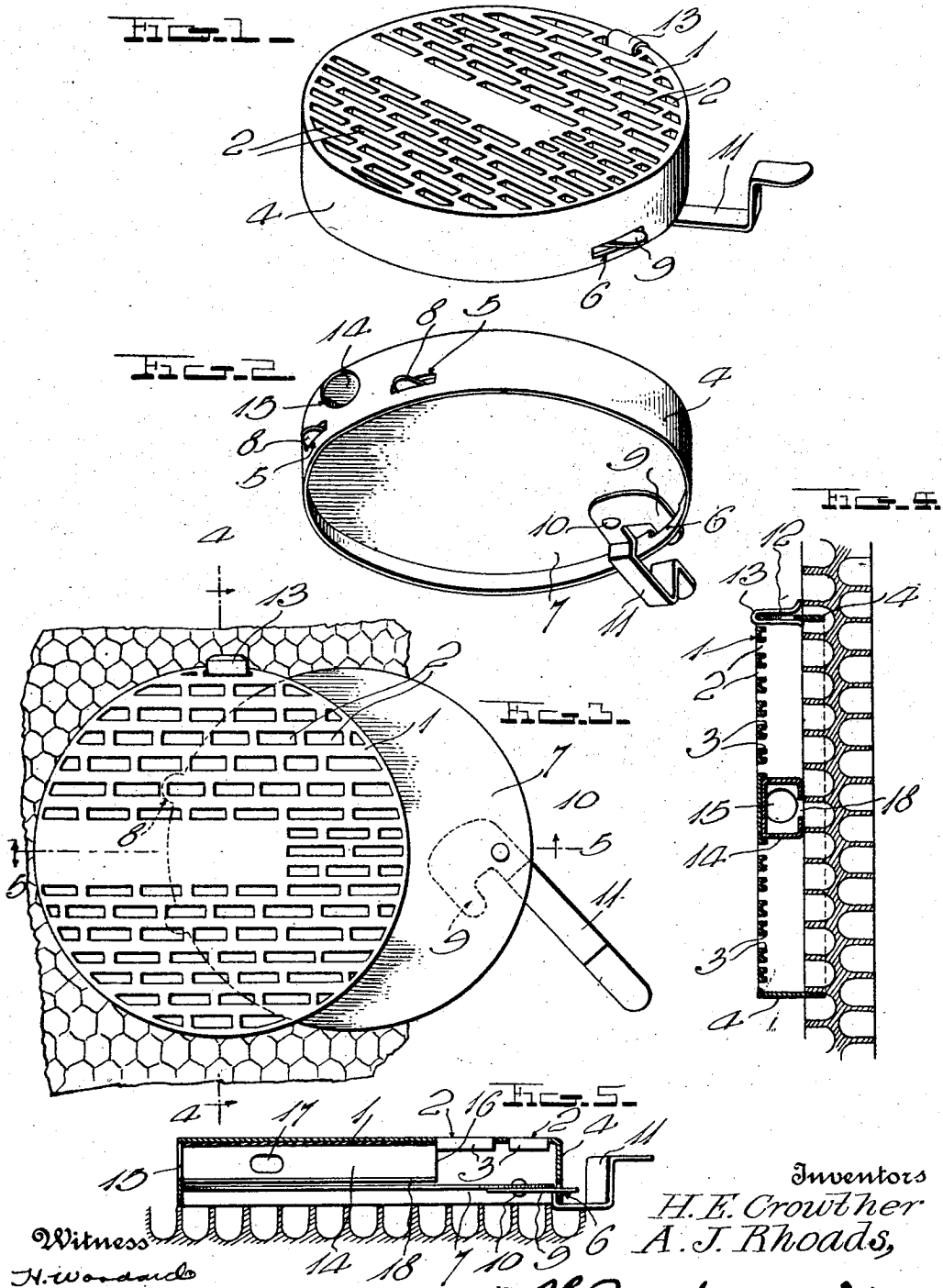
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with an open portion at the comb side of the cage and adapted to have said open portion spanned by the comb, whereby the queen may walk directly on the comb when she is permitted to leave the cage.

4. A queen-introducer comprising a cage having an open side adapted to be closed by a comb, and a queen-escape tube in the cage adapted to be normally closed by bee food, said tube having a longitudinal slot adapted to be spanned by the comb, whereby the queen may walk directly on the comb when she is permitted to leave the cage.

5. A structure as specified in claim 4; said queen-escape tube having a worker bee inlet spaced to one side of said slot.

6. A queen introducing cage comprising an open-work wall having an annular laterally extending flange adapted to be forced into a comb by pressure against and rotation of the cage, and a food-sealed queen-escape tube secured along the inner side of said wall, said tube being spaced inwardly from the free edge of said flange and having a longitudinal slot adapted to be closed by the comb, whereby the queen may walk

directly upon the comb when leaving the cage through the tube.

7. A structure as specified in claim 6, said tube having a worker bee inlet spaced to one side of said slot.

8. A queen introducing cage having a side member formed with openings and guard flanges along the edges of said openings to prevent the worker bees on the exterior of the cage from reaching and stinging the caged queen.

9. A queen introducing cage comprising an open-work wall, a continuous flange projecting laterally therefrom and adapted to engage a comb, said flange having substantially opposed openings, a removable side plate fitting within said flange and having a lug projecting removably through one of said openings, and a latch carried by the plate and engageable with the other opening, said latch having a releasing handle extending across the free edge of the flange.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures.

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