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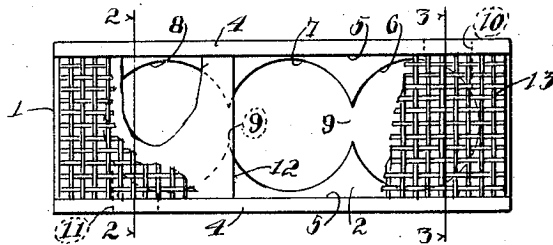


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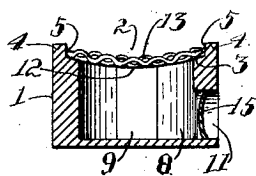


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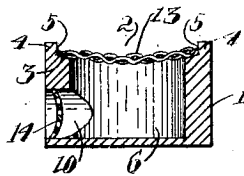


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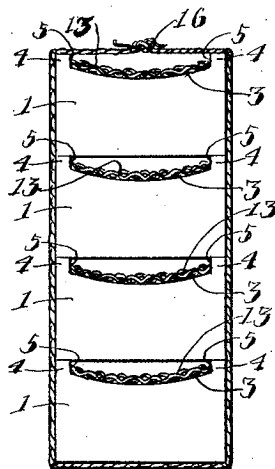


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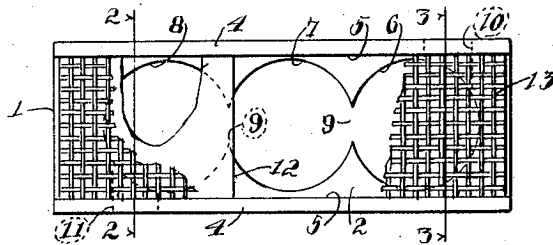


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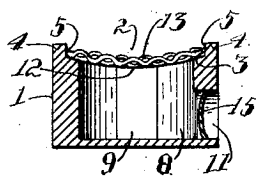


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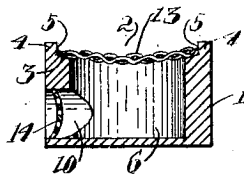


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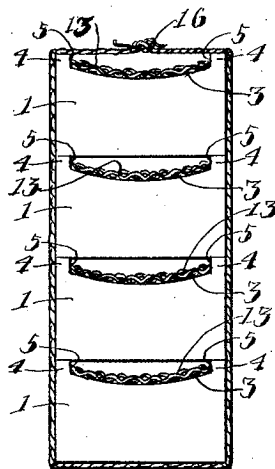


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accidental means. This screen holds the paper 12 in position, and functions as a ventilated closure for the top of the cage.

The bees are now introduced into the cage through the passage 10, and then the disc 14 is pressed into the passage to form a ventilated closure therefor.

By means of this construction a cage is provided that may be cheaply constructed, and easily assembled without the use of tacks, brads or similar fastenings. When the bees reach their destination they effect their liberation by eating through the disc 15.

Usually these cages are shipped in stacks, a number of the cages being placed one upon another as shown in Figure 4 and then secured in any suitable manner as by tying with a cord 16. When stacked in this manner the cages are still perfectly ventilated through the channels 2.

It is desirable that the cage be made of wood but it may be made of any material that will provide suitable engagement with the closures.

It is to be understood, of course, that while I have herein shown and described but one specific embodiment of the invention, changes in form, construction, and method of manufacture and assembly may be made within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A bee cage comprising an open topped receptacle having a concave channel formed in the top thereof, and opposed upstanding shoulders formed on either side of said channel, and a perforated resilient closure for said opening adapted to engage the concave top surface and having a mutilated edge adapted to engage the said opposed shoulders.

2. A bee cage comprising a receptacle having an opening formed therein, and a perforated closure for the opening insertable therein and having edges formed thereon adapted to engage and rupture the side walls of the opening to obtain intimate engagement therewith whereby to hold the closure in a fixed position.

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