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Bee Hive

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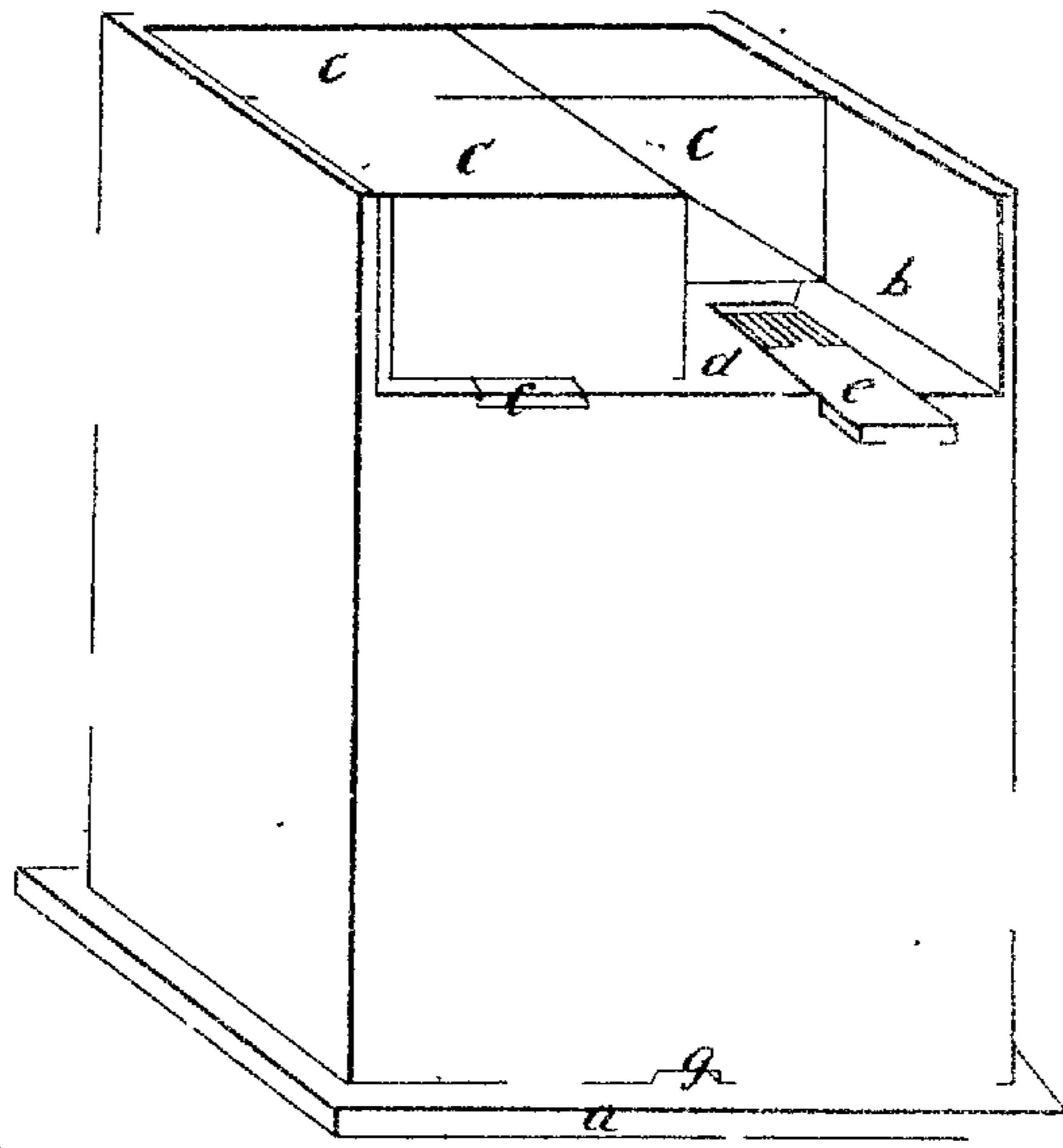
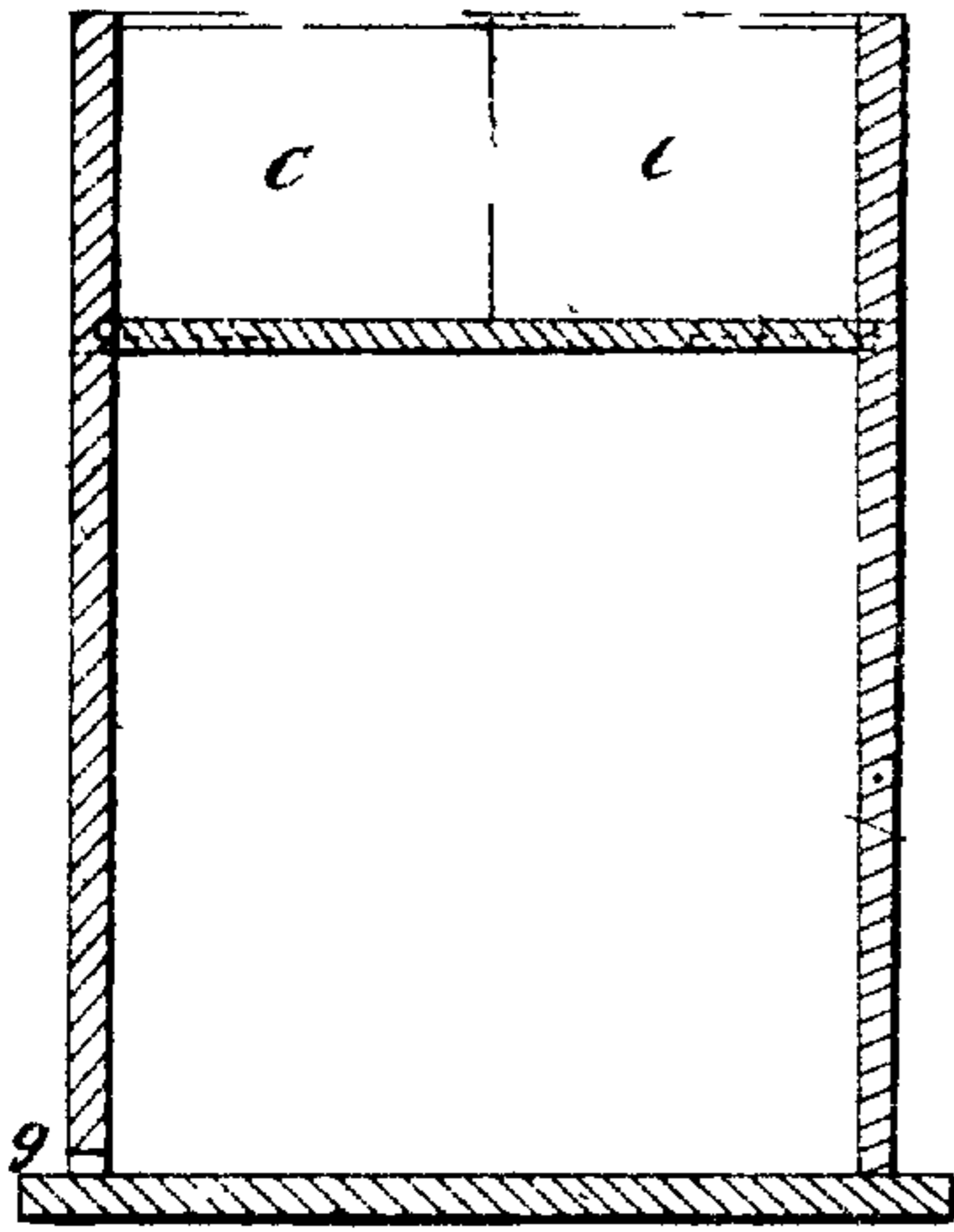


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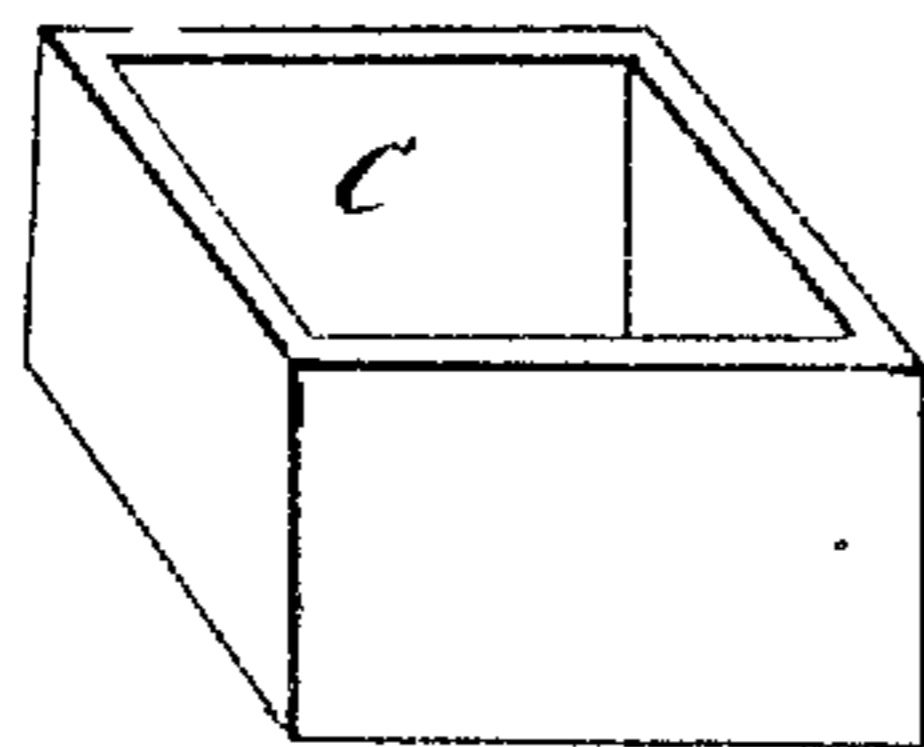
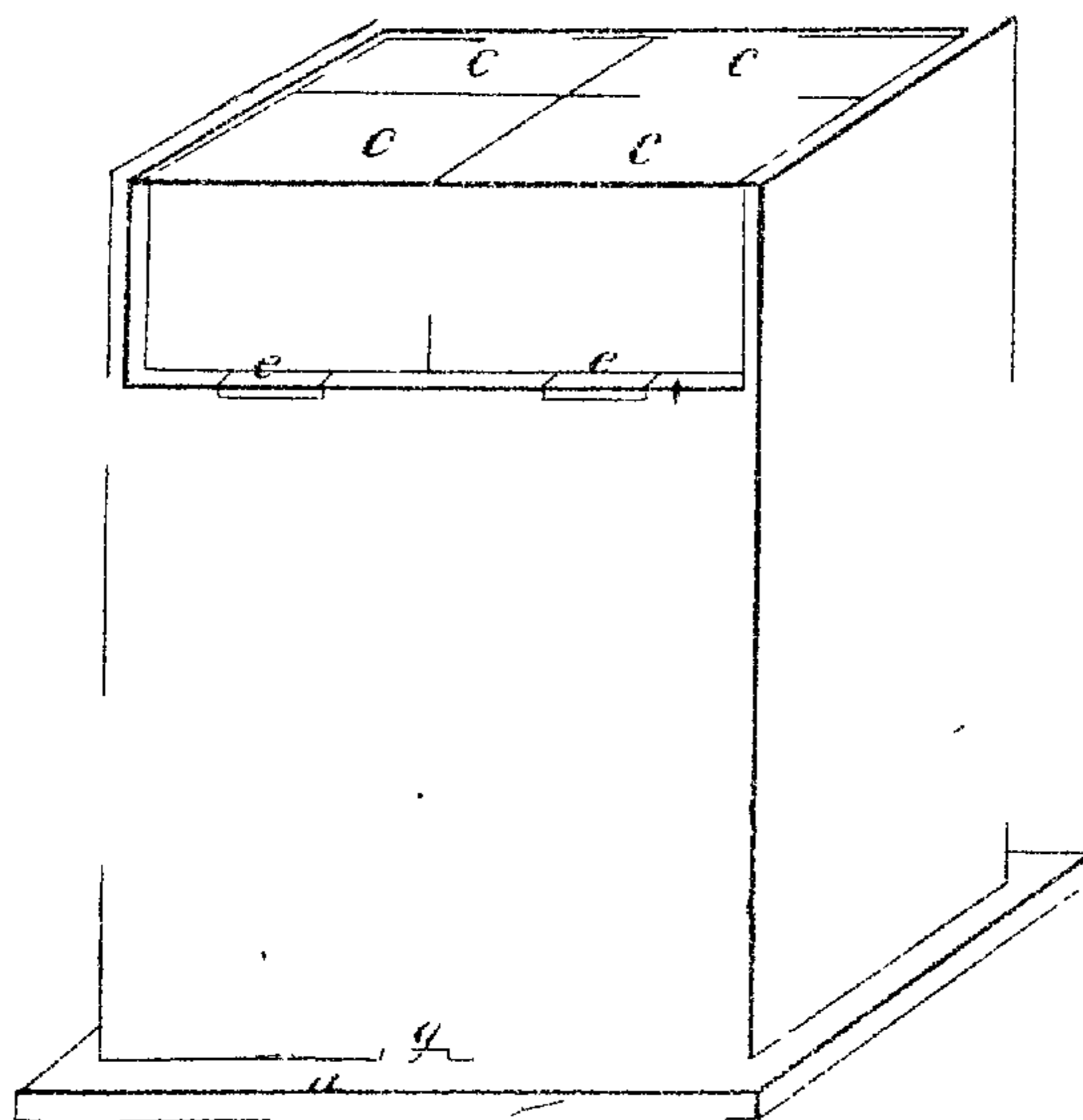


Fig: 4.



Ebenezer Beard, Charlestown, Massachusetts

Letters Patent.

The schedule referred to in these Letters Patent, and
maining part of the same, containing a description in the words
of the said Ebenezer Beard, himself of his improvement in the
art of making Bee Hives, called the Slide Bee Hive.—

To all persons to whom these presents shall come.



Ebenezer Beard of the Town of Charlestown, in the County
of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Mechanic
sends greeting. Be it known that I the said Ebenezer
Beard, have invented, constructed, made & applied to use
a new & useful improvement in the art of making Bee
Hives, called the Slide Bee Hive and specified in my
own words, viz, "The improvement of my said invention
consists in the construction, application & usefulness
of the slides for admitting the bees into, or excluding them
from the upper boxes, or departments at pleasure, I use
one or more of these slides as may be most convenient.
They are fitted into crevices made in the ceiling of the lower
hive.— To illustrate the use of my slides more fully it is
necessary to give a description of the whole hive to which
they are applied.— Nothing need to be said of the size of
the hive, only that it be in proportion to the swarm of
bees, which inhabits it. The bottom of the hive should
be square & its height about one third part greater than
its width, or length, for the purpose of making a chamber
in the upper part. In this chamber are fitted a number
of smaller hives, or boxes which can be taken out at
pleasure. They are open at the bottom so that the bees
may enter them by crawling thro' the crevices in the
ceiling

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 12th day of March 1850.

ceiling on which the boxes stand, which they readily do and seem to delight to commence their work there, when they have filled a box with fresh comb & honey it may be taken away without destroying or injuring any of the workmen, by first drawing in a slide which closes the aperture to the ceiling, & prevents any more bees from entering. Let it remain in this state a few hours & the bees in the box will become tame & harmless, in consequence of being shut out from their queen. The box may be then removed by lifting it out of the chamber & setting it by inverted, the bees will all crawl out & fly back to the lower hive, & leave the honey in a most beautiful condition. The box may then be emptied and replaced to be filled again. — Draw out the slide & the bees will enter and work as before.

In Testimony that the above is a true specification of my said improvement I have hereunto set my hand & seal this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & thirty.

Witnesses

John Baugh 
Augustus Peabody 

Ebenezer Beard 

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