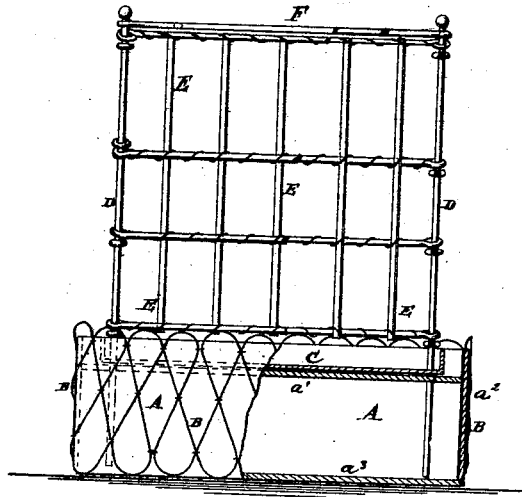


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BIRD-CAGES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, Miss DORINDA F. BURNS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bird-Cage, of which the following is a specification:

The figure is a side view of my improved bird-cage, part being broken away to show the construction.

The object of this invention is to furnish bird-cages—called by me “dissected bird-cages”—which shall be so constructed that they may be readily taken apart and packed in small compass for convenience in transportation.

The invention consists in a bird-cage formed by the combination with each other of the hollow or box base, provided with a hinged side, the detachable rods or posts, the detachable sides, and the detachable top, as hereinafter fully described.

A is the base of the cage, which is made of light sheet metal, and may be surrounded by an ornamental wire-work, B. The base A is provided, at a little distance below its upper edge, with a bottom,  $a^1$ , to receive the tray C. One side,  $a^2$ , of the base A is hinged at its lower edge, so that it may be turned down for convenience in putting in and taking out the tray C. To the base A, at or near its corners, are secured, by nuts or other conveniently-detachable means, the lower ends of four upright wires or rods, D. E are the sides of the cage, which are rectangular in form and are made of wire-work. The ends of the horizontal bars of the sides E project a little, and have eyes formed in them to receive the wires, rods, or posts D. F is the top of the cage, which is made of wire-work, is rectangular in form, and has eyes formed in its corners to receive the corner wires or posts D. The sides E and top

F are designed to be secured in place upon the rods D by ornamental nuts screwed upon their upper ends.

By this construction the rods D, sides E, and top F may be taken apart or dissected, and the said sides, top, and rods placed in the cavity of the base A beneath the bottom  $a^1$ . The base A may be provided with a second bottom,  $a^3$ , to keep the sides, top, and rods in place when packed within it; or it may be provided with a detachable bottom or cap, to be put on for this purpose.

The base, the tray, and other furniture of the cage may be made of any desired color, as taste may dictate, or to harmonize with the furniture of the room in which the cage is to be kept.

One of the sides E should be provided with a sliding or hinged door, which I prefer to place in the middle part of said side, as the birds will be less liable to escape through it when opened.

The central location of the door offers the greatest security against the escape of the bird, for it is a well-known fact that birds have the tendency to rush to the bottom whenever a hand is put into their cage.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A bird-cage formed by the combination with each other of the hollow or box base A, provided with a hinged side,  $a^2$ , the detachable rods D, the detachable sides E, and the detachable top F, substantially as herein shown and described.

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