

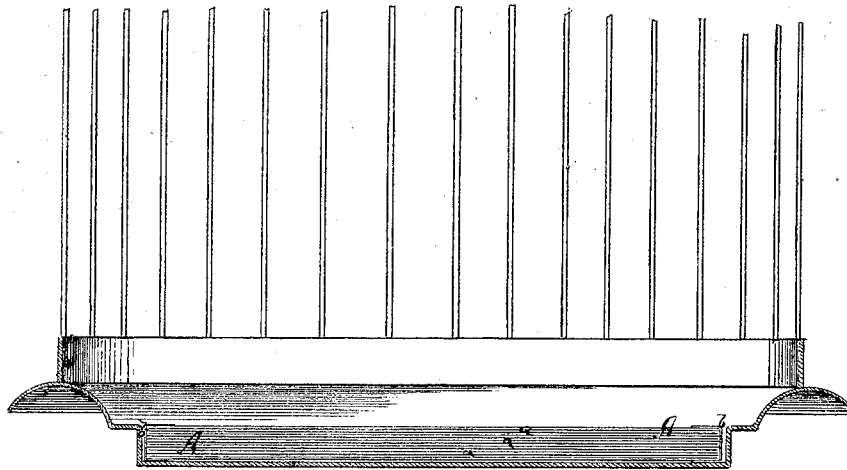
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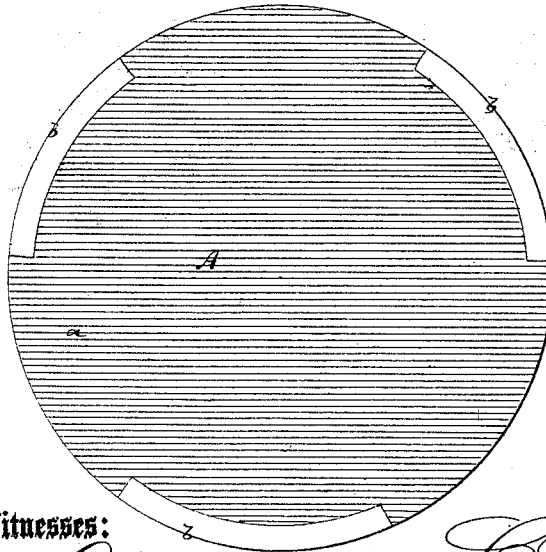
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BIRD-CAGE MATS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. SCHENCK, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Cage-Mat; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a central section of my improved mat, showing it applied to a cage.

Figure 2 is a plan or top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has for its object to provide bird-cages with clean water-proof bottoms, which can be cheaply and conveniently renewed, and consists in the construction of a compound mat made of a number of sheets of water-proof paper, connected at the edges, so that they can be successively taken off, when soiled.

A in the drawing represents my improved cage-

mat. It is made of circular or other form, according to the shape of the cage it is to fit. The mat is composed of a series of sheets, *a a*, of water-proof paper, pasteboard, wood, or equivalent material. The sheets are held together at the edges by pieces *b b* of thin paper or other fabric pasted over and against them. The mat is placed upon the bottom of a cage. As the upper sheet becomes soiled it is torn off and thrown away, the water-proof quality of each sheet preventing the sheet below from being wetted. In this manner bird-cages can easily be kept clean.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As a new article of manufacture, a water-proof cage-mat, composed of a series of connected sheets, as set forth.

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