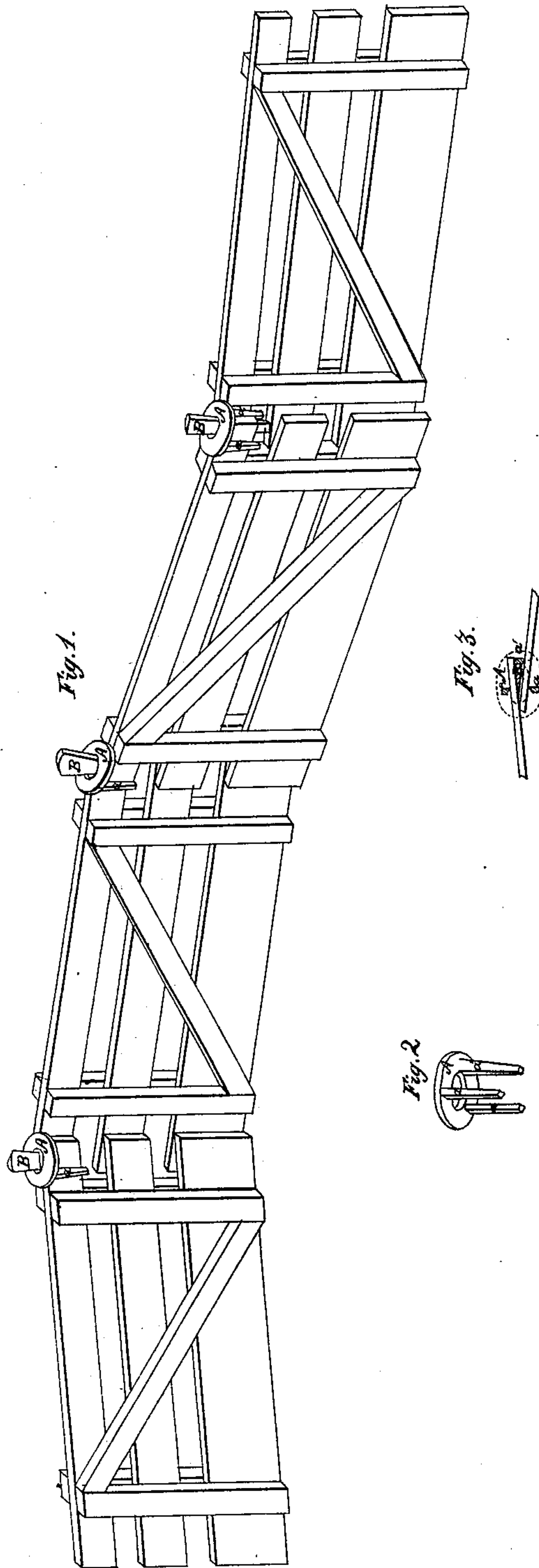


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER M. PURDY, of Haysville, in the county of Ashland and State of Ohio, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Fences; of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification, and in which—

10 Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of my improved fence, and Figs. 2 and 3, are views of the fastening disconnected therefrom.

My invention consists in a device for fastening the adjoining ends of fence panels together, which possesses the requisites of durability and cheapness, and can moreover
15 be easily applied to, and disconnected from the panels. I prefer to make fences of separate portable panels arranged with respect to each other, as represented in the drawing so as to form, when fastened together, a continuous waving fence, the
20 curves of which are sufficiently large to allow the ground to be plowed close up to its sides. Each panel is connected with the adjoining one, by a fastening of peculiar

construction, this is composed of a cast iron plate A, having three prongs, *a, a, a'*, projecting from its lower face, one of these
30 prongs, *a'*, is inserted between the adjoining extremities of two panels, and the other two, *a, a*, embrace their outer sides; an opening is made in the plate through which a wedge, B, is driven. This wedge causes the prongs
35 *a, a*, to bite into the outer faces of the fence panels, while the third prong, *a'*, against which the back of the wedge is driven, retains the whole in its position. The panels are thus firmly secured to each other. 40

When the fence is to be taken down the wedge is driven up, and the pronged plate is removed; the panels are thus loosened from each other, and can then be removed.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 45

Fastening together the panels of portable fences substantially as herein set forth by means of binding irons, and wedges.

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