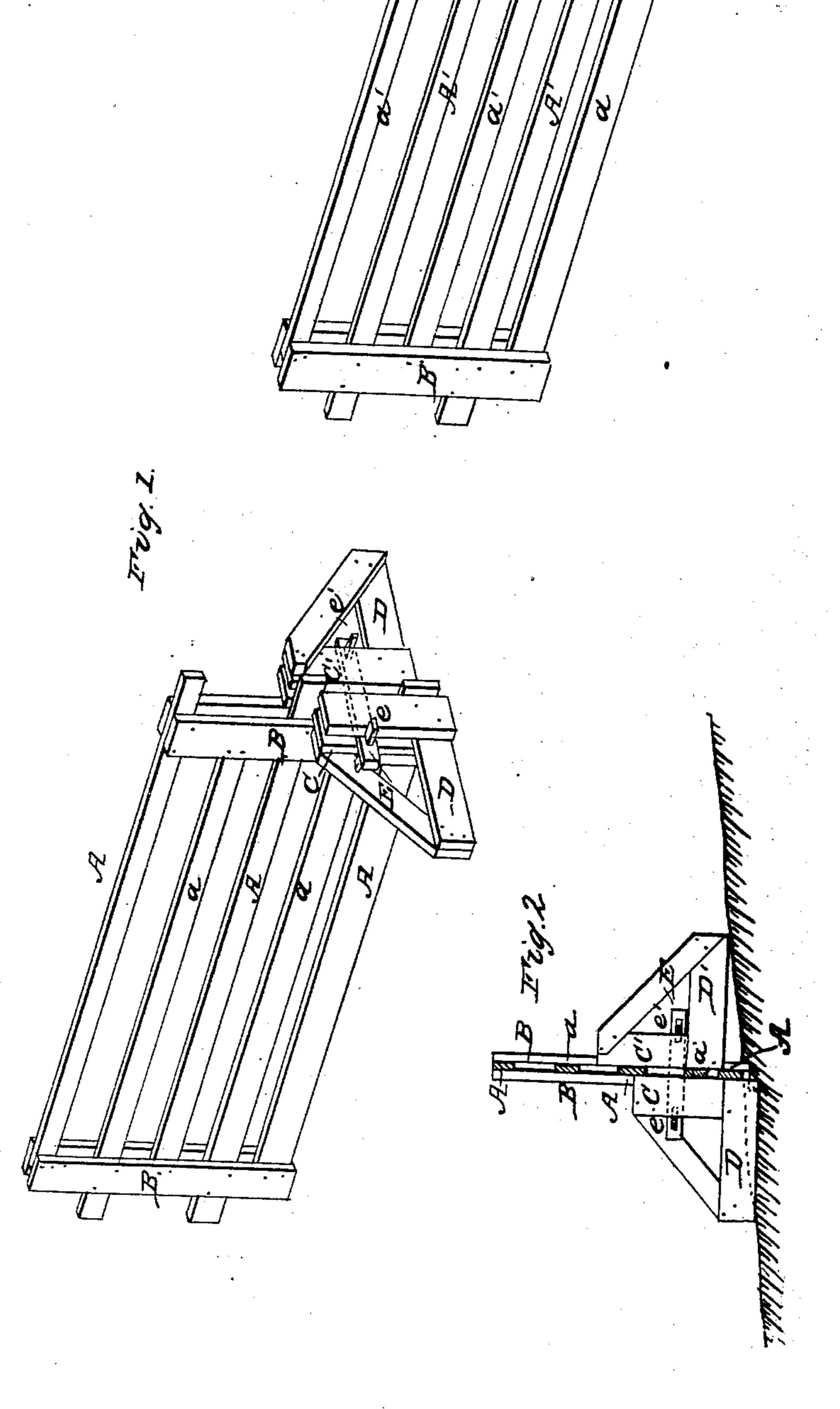
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## PORTABLE FIELD-FENCE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Thomas B. Page, of Laurel, Clermont county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Fences; and I hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

The nature of my improvement consists in a provision whereby the fence is adapted to stand vertically and firmly on unlevel ground.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 represents two consecutive panels somewhat detached in order to expose the chair or base. Fig. 2 is an end view of a panel and chair as applied to a side hill.

The successive rails A, a, A', a', of the consecutive panels are made to project and recede as shown so as to interlock alternately between each others end battens B.

The chair or base is formed in two principal parts C, D, or C', D', each consisting of a pair of upright battens C, or C', which inclose at their lower ends a horizontal piece or foot D or D'. The inner edges of these uprights C, C' abut against the opposite sides of the projecting rails as shown and are held firmly to their places by a link E, passed between them, and straining pins e, e'.

When the ground is "sidling" one mem-

ber (C D) of the chair is depressed previous to the final straining of the link, and the other member (C', D') elevated, as 35 shown particularly in Fig. 2. Then, a slight excavation being made in the ground for the heel of the lower member of the chair, the fence will stand as solidly as on level ground, free from the tendency to slide incident to 40 fences whose bases are thrown on a slant and avoiding at the same time the formidable amount of digging required in such situations, where the entire foot is in a continuous horizontal line.

This fence is believed to be of more economical construction than any other form of portable fence known. All its parts may be made of inch lumber, six inches wide. The pieces may be transported very compactly 50 either in detached form or when made up into panels, &c.

I claim as new and of my invention herein—

The base or chair composed of two members C D and C' D' in combination substantially as described with the panels A a B, A' a' B', and link E e, or its equivalent.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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