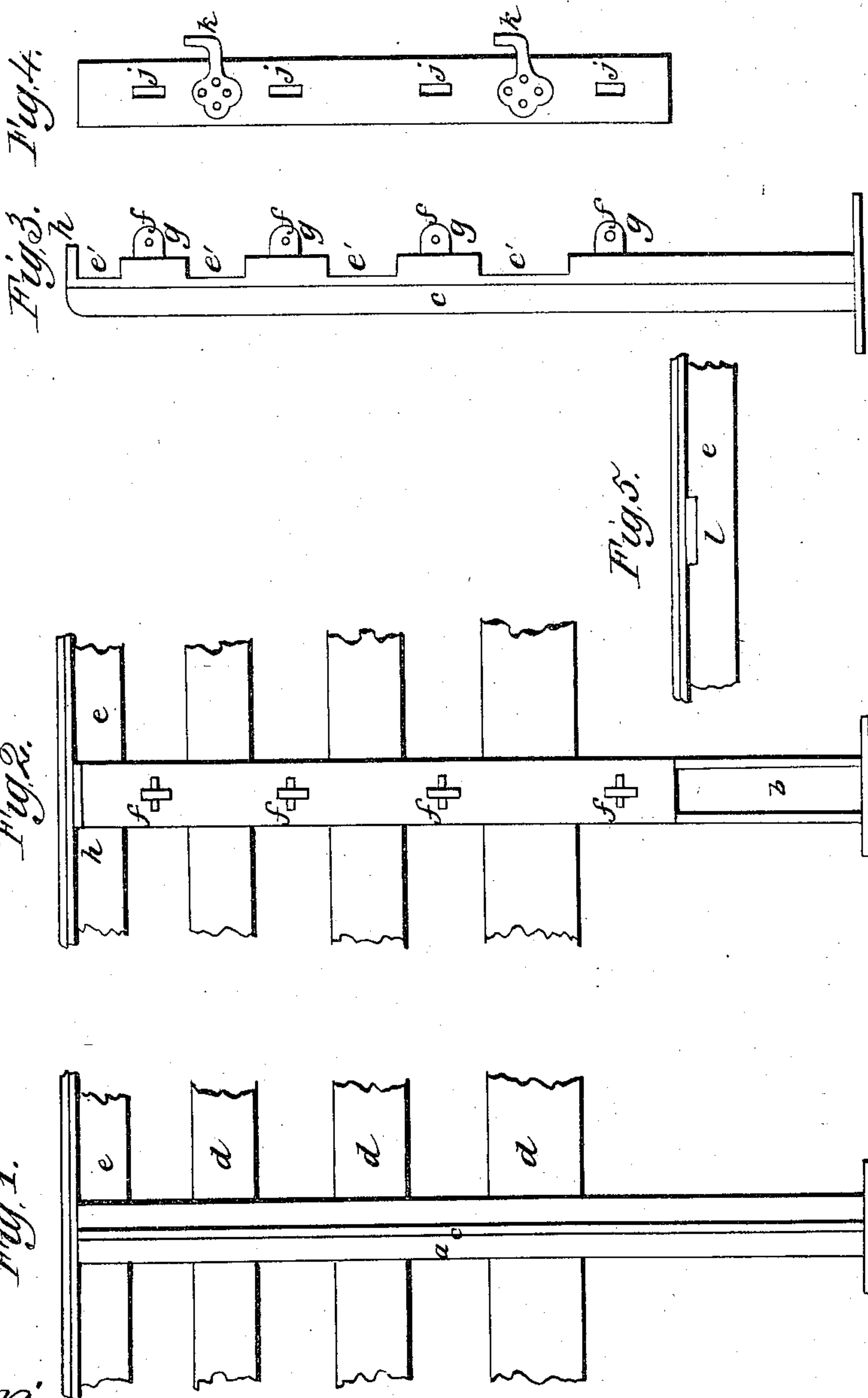


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METHOD OF ATTACHING CAPPINGS TO FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROGER S. CADWELL, of Andover, in the county of Ashtabula and State of Ohio, have invented a new and
5 Improved Fence-Post; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figures 1 and 2 are front and rear elevations, Fig. 3 a side view representing the solid or cast part (the same being of cast-iron) and Figs. 4 and 5 views of the batten and capping.

15 The same letters refer to similar parts in all the figures.

The nature of my improvement consists in the mode of securing the "capping" to the post by forming the top thereof with a projection, or tongues,—said tongue fitting into a mortise in the said capping, and secured by a batten, as will be explained. The following describes the construction of my said improved post: On the top
25 of a post of any ordinary form, such as shown in the drawing, I construct a projection, or tongue, *h*, which fits into the "capping" hereinafter mentioned. The "capping", Fig. 5, is formed by uniting the cap-piece with the top rail—having first cut a notch in the upper edge thereof previous to fastening the cap-piece thereto, thus forming the mortise *l*.
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The manner of using the above described post is as follows: After the solid or cast 35 portion is properly placed in the ground the rails are put into the notches, supported by their ends, or middle, as the case requires, the "capping" is then put on by slipping the projection *h* through the mortise *l*—the bat- 40 ten, as shown in the drawing, closing over the said rails and capping by passing the arms *f* through the mortises *j* and securing it by pins or keys placed in the holes *g*.

The above description relates to the com- 45 mon form of horizontal board or panel fence—for a banister fence, or for those of wire construction, the notches in the post are located so as to retain the rails in any horizontal position for the reception of banis- 50 ters or otherwise—the mode of securing the "capping" being the same in all cases.

Having described the construction and use of my said improvement, what I claim therein as new and desire to secure by Letters 55 Patent, is the following:

I claim the projection, or tongue, *h*, formed on the top of the post, in connection with the mortise *l*, in the capping, for attaching the said capping to the post, and 60 securing it by a batten as described.

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