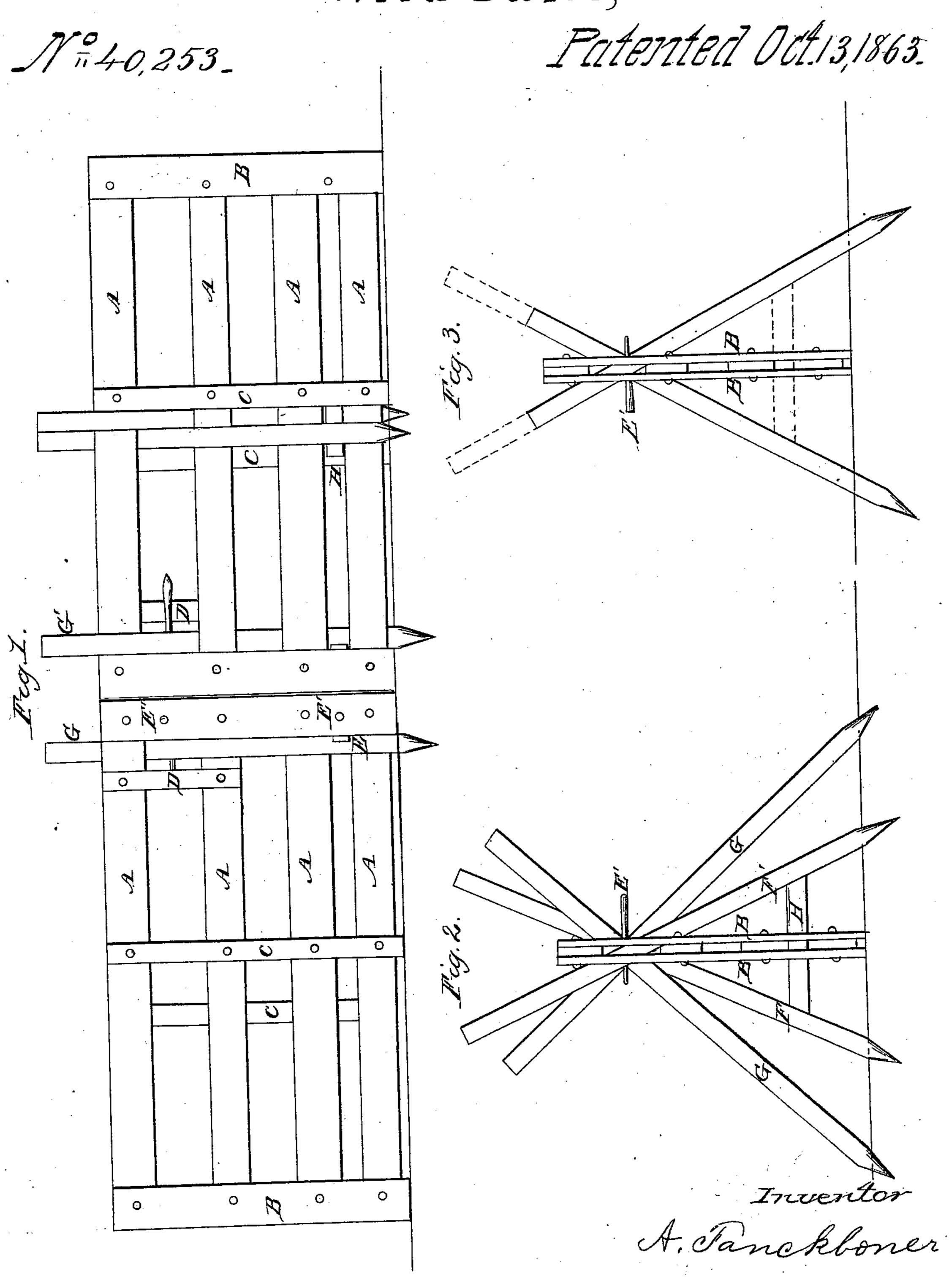
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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 40,253, dated October 13, 1853.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAM FANCKBONER, of Schoolcraft, in the county of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Field-Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and Figs. 2 and 3 are end views.

Like letters refer to like parts.

In Fig. 1, A A A A represent the rails. These consist of boards of suitable length, width, and thickness. Any number may be used. Four or five will answer in most cases. The ends of the rails are secured together by having an upright batten upon each side, which pieces are shown at B B, and these are nailed or otherwise secured to the rails. The middle of each panel is provided with battens C C', one of which is secured to one side of the panel, and the other to the opposite side, leaving a space of about five or six inches between them. At D is shown a short batten secured to the first and second boards at the top of the panel at the distance of about three inches from the end piece, B. Two panels are secured together by means of a short stud or arm, (shown at E,) which is passed in between the two pieces B, and secured to one panel by nailing and to the other by a pin, E'. These pieces are placed both at top and bot-

tom. In this manner any number of panels can be joined end to end. The fence thus formed is supported in an upright position by means of stakes or braces F F' and G G'. The braces F F' cross each other between the battens C C' at such an angle as to press firmly against the lower edge of the top rail and the upper edge of the second rail, as shown in Fig. 3. These stakes are driven into the ground, as indicated by the dotted lines shown in Fig. 3. A cross piece, H, notched in the middle to fit the upper edge of the bottom board of the panel, to prevent the bottom of the fence from moving out of line. The stakes G G' pass down obliquely in opposite directions at the ends of their respective panels. All the stakes are made of sufficient length to admit of their being driven into the ground two or three times, as they decay at the lower end, where they are exposed to moisture from the ground.

This fence can be taken apart by removing the stakes from the ground and the pin E'

from the arm E. What I claim as my improvement, and de-

sire to secure by Letters Patent, is-

The rails A, battens B, C, and D, in combination with the arms E and stakes F F' and G G', the several parts being constructed and arranged as and for the purpose specified.

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