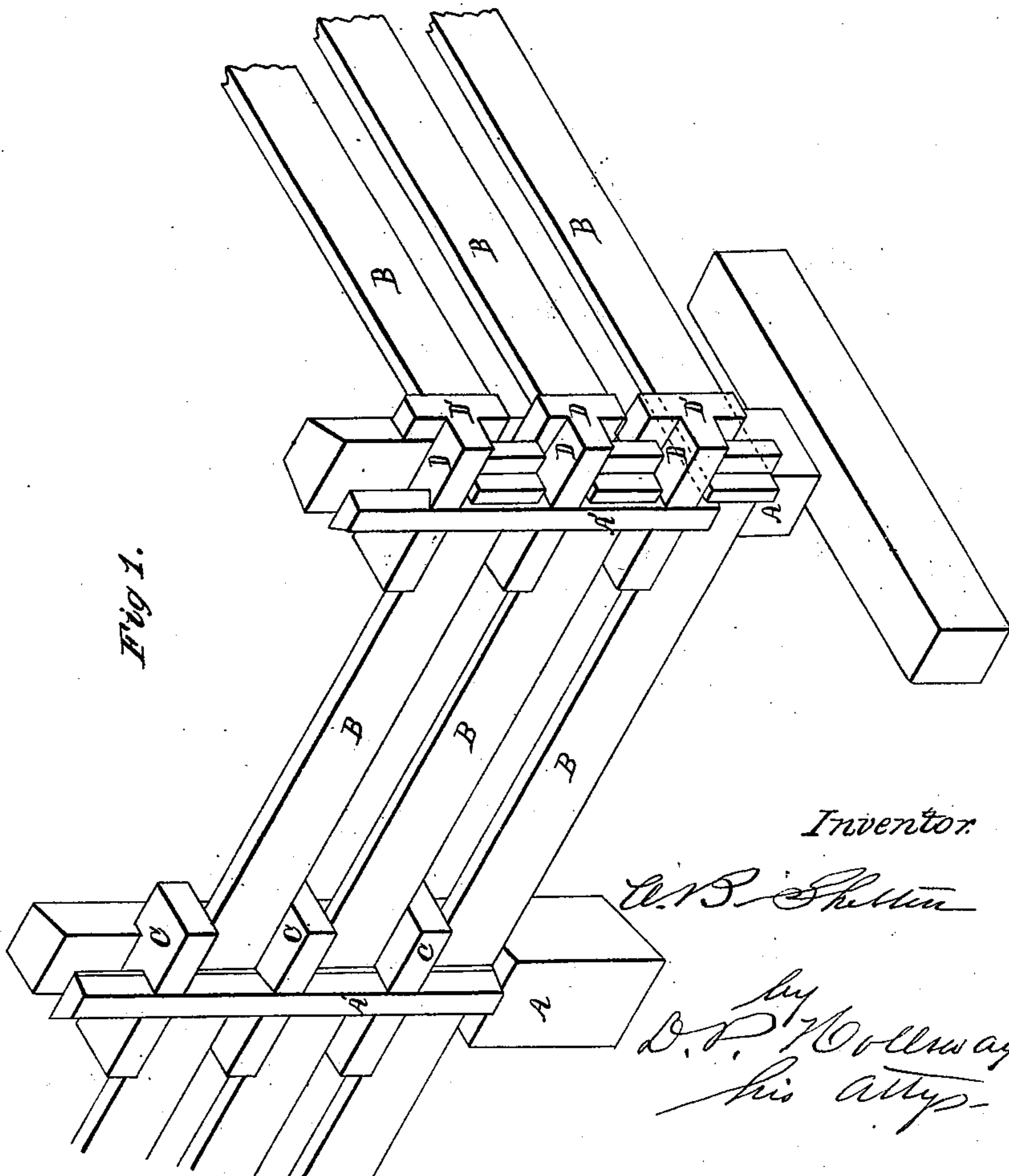
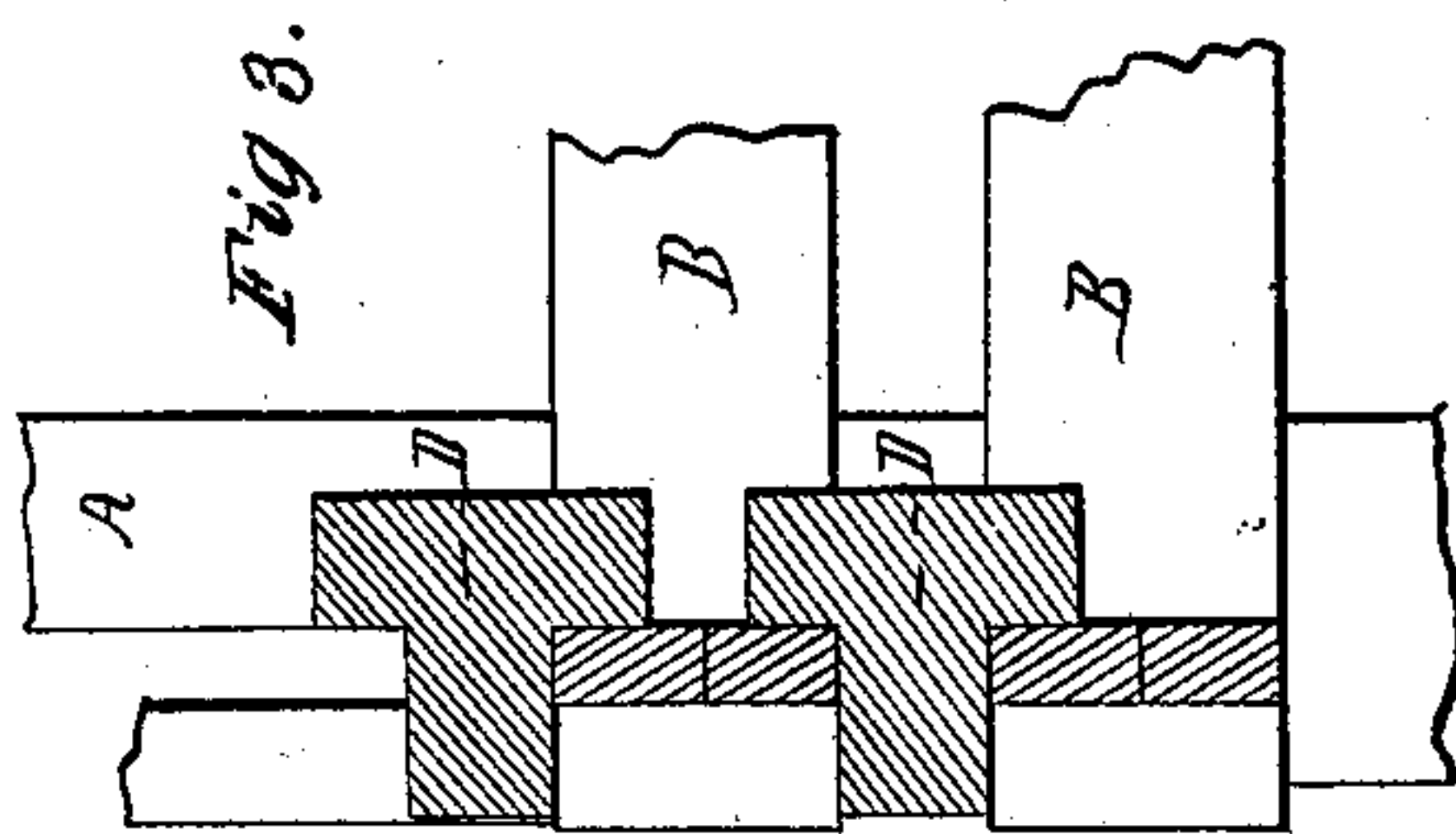
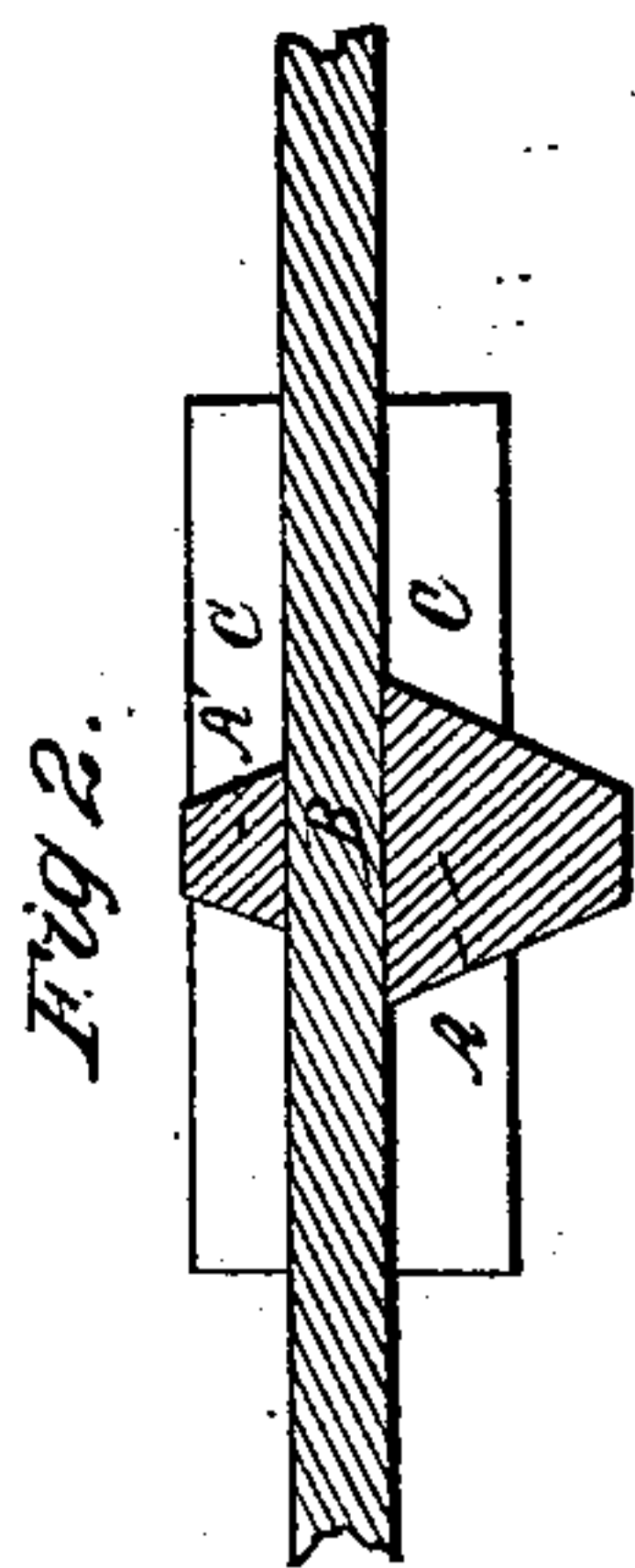


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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, W. B. SHELTON, of Congruity, in the county of Westmoreland, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Construction of Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2 is a section of board and post.

Figure 3 is a vertical section, showing the mode of forming the corners.

The same letters are employed in the indication of identical parts.

A is the post, the face of which is smooth, and the sides cut with inclined faces, forming an acute angle with the face and an obtuse angle with the back of the post. B are the boards, which are placed against the face of the post; the strip A', shaped like the post, but smaller, is set upright opposite to the post and against the other side of the board B. The clamp C is now slid down upon the top of the board. This clamp is cut with notches in the opposite edges conforming to the size and shape of the post and strip A'. The boards and clamps are put in successive order until the fence is made to the requisite length. At the corners, the boards project beyond the post A. A single piece, A', holds the boards on one side of the fence. The projecting ends, and the ends of the connecting boards, are respectively notched to one-half their width, so that when interlocked the two boards have on their upper edges the same bevel. The clamps D, used at the corner, are formed like the clamps C, but have also, on one end, flanges, D', forming, as the clamp is seen from the end, a T. The inclined side of the corner posts is cut away to give a flat surface to the boards applied on the side, which are held by the notches, and between the post and flanges D' on the clamps D. The fence is thus constructed without resorting to the use of nails.

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

1. The combination of the posts A, strip A', boards B, and clamps C, constructed and arranged substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2. The mode of forming the corners by means of the post A, strip A', boards B, and clamps D, respectively, constructed substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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