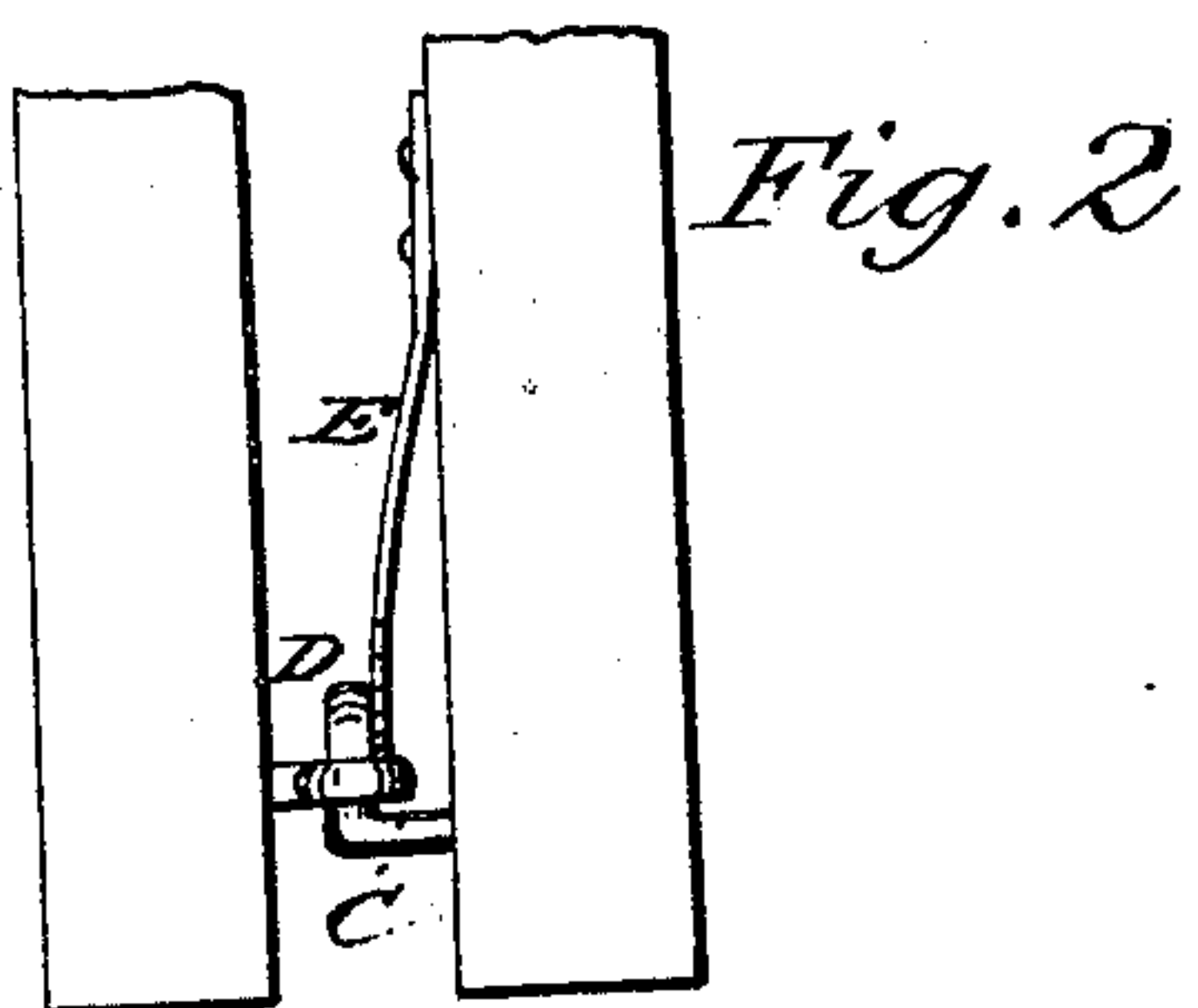
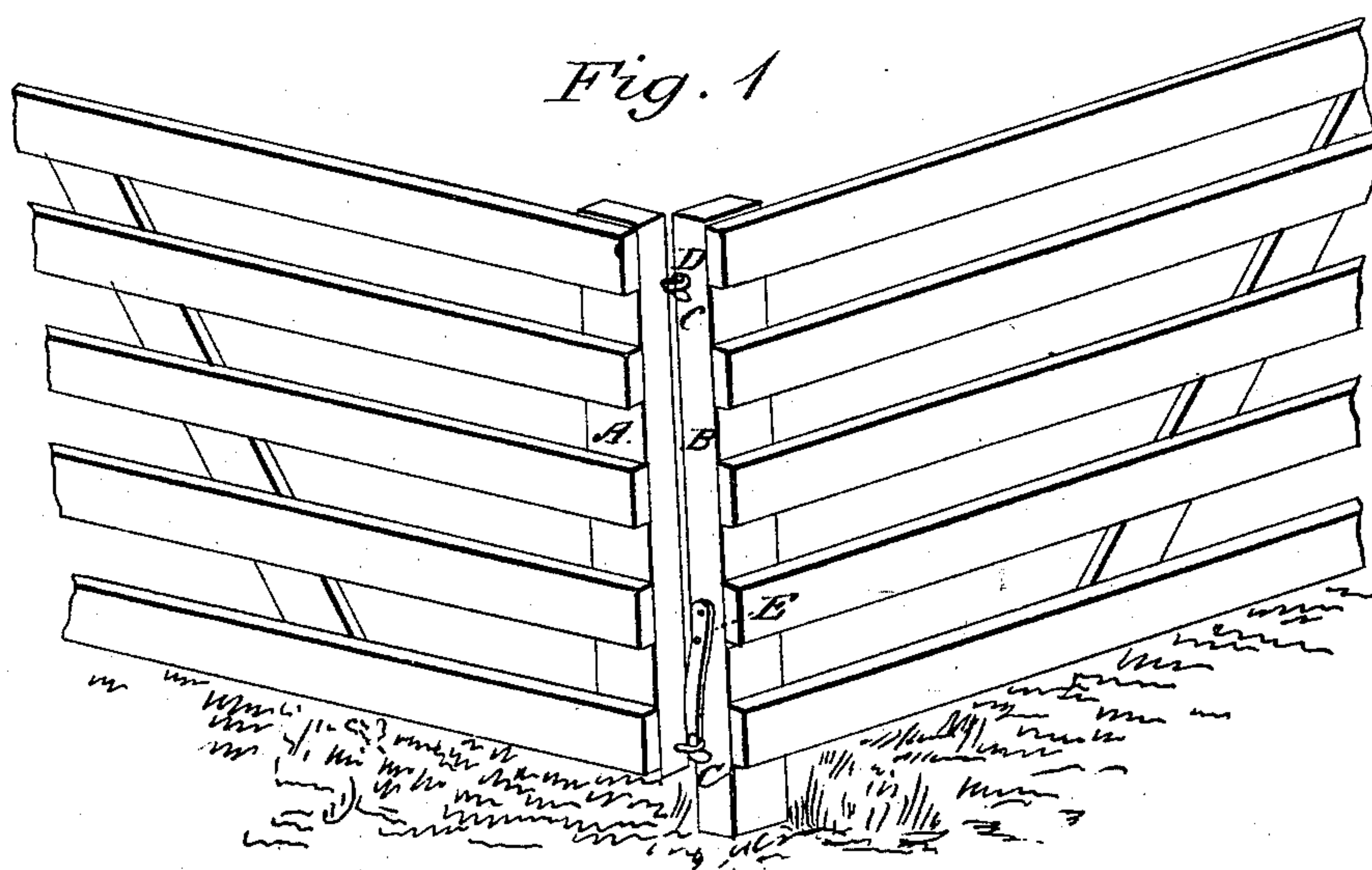


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Fence.

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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCE.

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN AUGSPURGER, of Trenton, Butler county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Fences; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making part of this specification.

My invention relates to a light, portable fence, easily moved from place to place, and quickly set up and connected, when desired, without the labor of digging post-holes, while it forms a firm fence, and cannot be lifted or disconnected by swine to get under, nor pushed over by cattle, nor easily blown down by the wind, but may be quickly and easily separated and removed by the proprietor when desirable.

Figure 1 represents a portion of two panels of my fence, showing the mode of connecting them.

Figure 2 is an enlarged view of the details of the connecting mechanism.

I construct my fence in panels, as light as consistent with proper strength, consisting of two posts connected by five (or any other suitable number of) rails, with a brace, either diagonal or vertical, about the mid-length. The post A, at one end of each panel, is only of sufficient length for the attachment of the rails. At the other, B, it is longer, leaving a foot to support the panel, above the ground, of such length as may be necessary, one foot being thus furnished at every joint. These panels are connected by hooks C C' and eyes or staples D D'. Above the lower hook D' is a spring, E, which, giving way to allow the eye to engage, afterwards, by means of its end, made square for that purpose, holds the eye down upon the hook so that it cannot be lifted to disconnect the panels by hogs forcing themselves through under the fence. The panels are set upon the ground in a worm or zigzag shape, each panel thus serving as a brace for those adjacent, and securing the firmness and rigidity of the fence. In case of high water the spring E serves to hold the panels together, and will be the means of saving much loss in fencing from the same floating away loosely, so that if one end can be secured the whole may be drawn from the water or anchored safely. At the foot of each long post B, where it rests upon the ground, may be attached a block to serve as an anchor, by being placed beneath the surface, the post being made somewhat longer when this plan is adopted.

I claim herein as new, and of my invention—

The construction of a light and portable fence, in lengths or panels, with one short and one long post, substantially as shown and described, to be connected in a worm or zigzag shape by means of the hooks C C' and eyes or staples D D', in combination with the spring E, as set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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