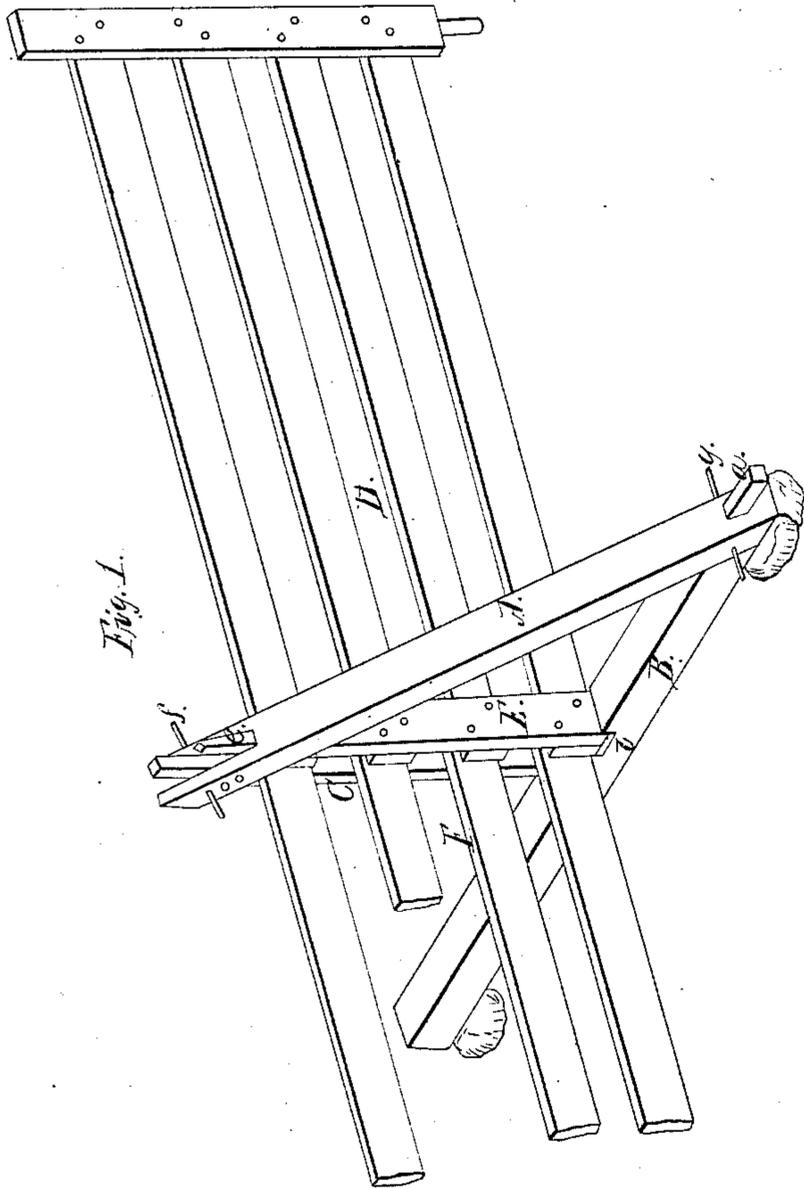


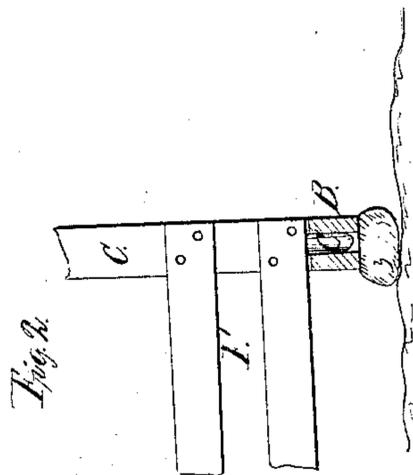
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## PORTABLE FENCE.

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, M. F. GIBBS, of Livonia, in the county of Livingston, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful "Improvements in Portable Fences;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention.

Figure 2 is a transverse section of the bed-plate showing the manner of pivoting the foot of the end battens into it.

Like letters indicate like parts in both figures.

This invention consists in providing a lateral support to the sections of a portable fence, consisting of a bed-plate or bar, to one end of which a brace is attached, which connects at the top with the end battens of the lengths or sections in such a manner that each alternate section or panel may be swung around and used as a gate, if desired, by simply removing a locking-pin at the top.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will describe its construction and operation.

I make the transverse bar B of any suitable size, and work a tenon on one end to enter the mortise in the end of the oblique brace A; I then bore a hole through the centre of it to receive the tenon *c*, fig. 2, formed on the lower end of the batten C. The upper end of this batten is also tenoned to enter the open mortise in the upper end of the brace A. The bar B is notched at *i* to receive the lower edge of the panel or section D, the batten E of which also has a tenon, *e*, at the top. The sections D and F may be made the same as for ordinary portable fences. There may be one or more battens placed between the end battens E and C, if desired. In setting up the fence there may be a block or stone placed under each end of the bar B to raise it slightly from the ground, and when the sections D and F and the brace A are placed in position, as shown in fig. 1, they are firmly locked together by means of the pins *f* and *g*. There may be a pin put through the tenon *c* of the batten C, if desired. By taking out the pin *f* from the brace at each end of any section, that section may be removed from the line; or, by only making the batten at one end of any length or section to enter the bar B, and providing a separate key or pin to drop into the hole in the bar at the other end, and on the opposite side of the sections from the brace, that section could be used as a gate by simply removing the pin *f* at that end, and the said clamping-key, which would permit that end to be swung around similar to any gate. This style of fence may be used along a hill-side by using longer braces.

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

Locking the two vertical stakes or bars C and E together at the bottom by means of pins *e*, or their equivalents, entering the bed-plate B, and at the top by passing the ends *e* through a suitable mortise in the diagonal brace A, the foot of that being similarly locked to the bed B, as and for the purposes set forth.

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