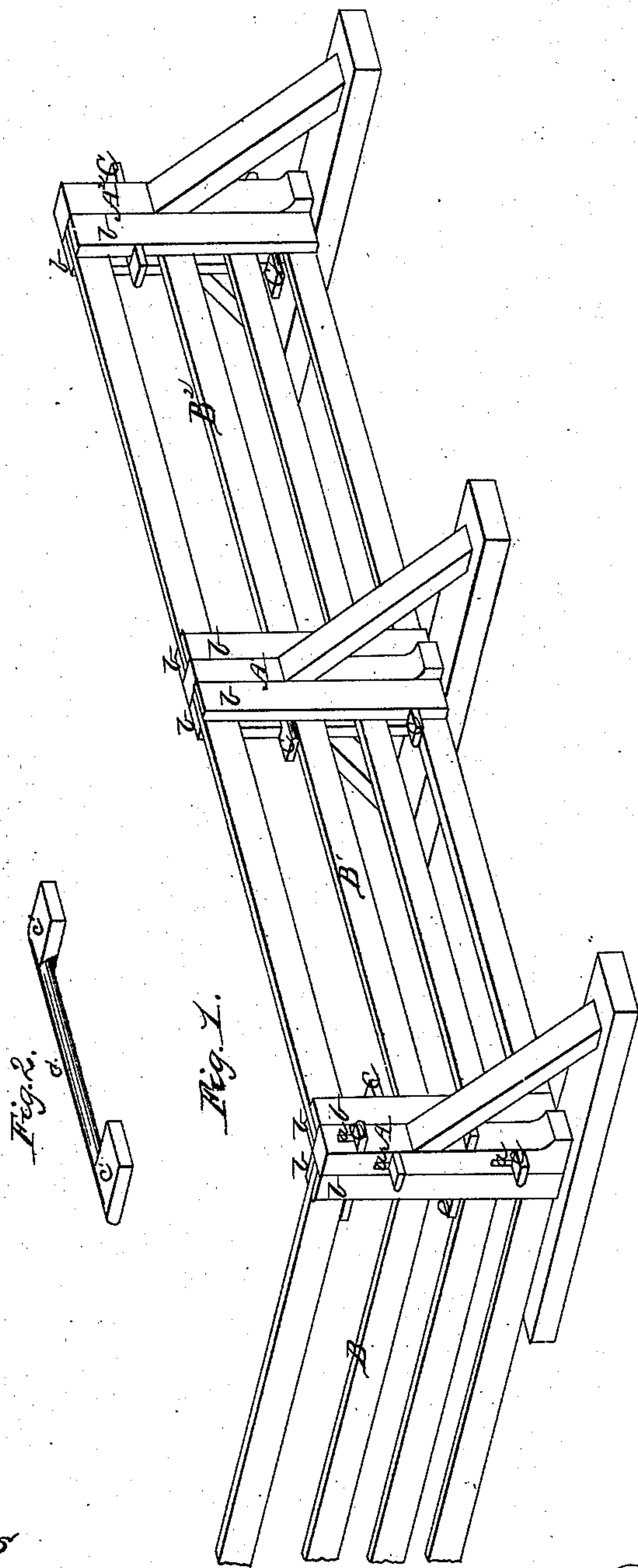


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCE.

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, PETER CHANDLER, of Olney, in the county of Richland, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are made part of this specification.

This invention consists in attaching the different panels of a portable fence to their respective posts by keys or gibs so constructed as to brace the fence both laterally and longitudinally. In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence embodying my improvement.

Figure 2 is a similar view of one of the keys or gibs.

A A¹ A² represent the posts of a field-fence, supported on sills, and strengthened by lateral braces in the usual way; B B¹ B², the panels, and C the keys or gibs by which the posts and panels are connected, the posts being provided at proper heights with slots *a*, corresponding with the ends of the key C and the panels, with double battens *b* at each end for the key to pass through and between. The key C is constructed, as shown in fig. 2, with a shank, *c*, and lips *c'*. The shank *c* is made round, (or nearly so,) so as to turn easily in the slot, and in length to correspond with the thickness of a post and two battens for the straight fence, (as shown at A¹,) and a post and one batten at the corners, (as shown at A,) the post A being slotted on all its sides to permit the attachment of the panel B at right angles with the others. The lips *c'* may be made of any desirable form, so that their inner faces are at right angles (or nearly so) with the shank *c*.

The panels being set on the sills in connection with the posts, the keys are introduced between the battens and through the slots in the posts, and turned so as to bring their lips at about right angles with the slots, and against the edge of one of the battens *b*, or the side of the post, when the attachment is complete.

By constructing a fence in this way one of the panels may be readily removed for repair, or be used as a gate, without impairing in the least the rest of the structure.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the keys or gibs C (constructed as described) with the slotted posts A A¹, and double battened panels B B¹, of a portable fence, as and for the purpose described.

To the above specification of my improvement in fences I have signed my hand this 23d day of April, 1867.

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