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## Fence Post.

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Fig. 2

Fig. 1.

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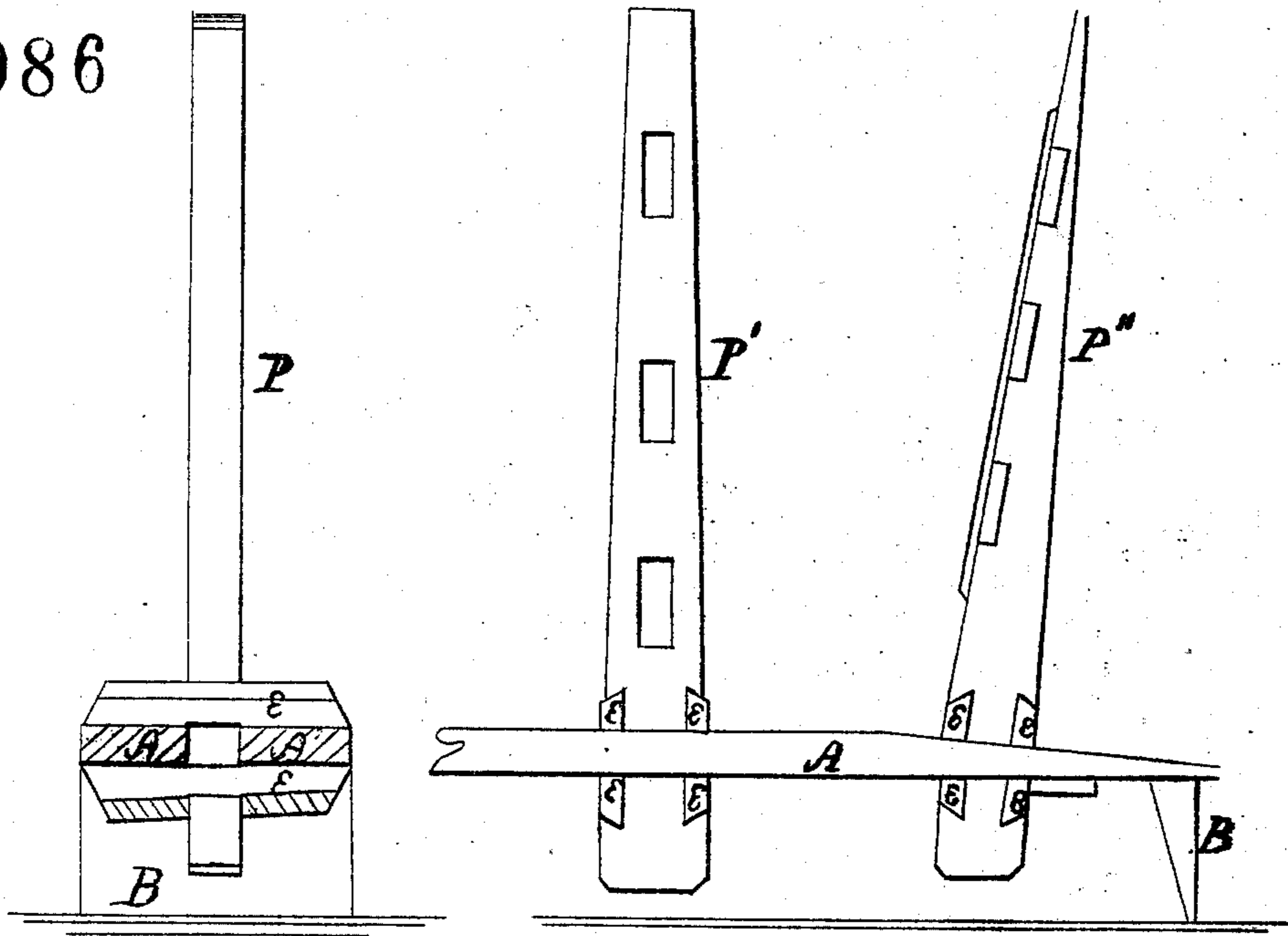
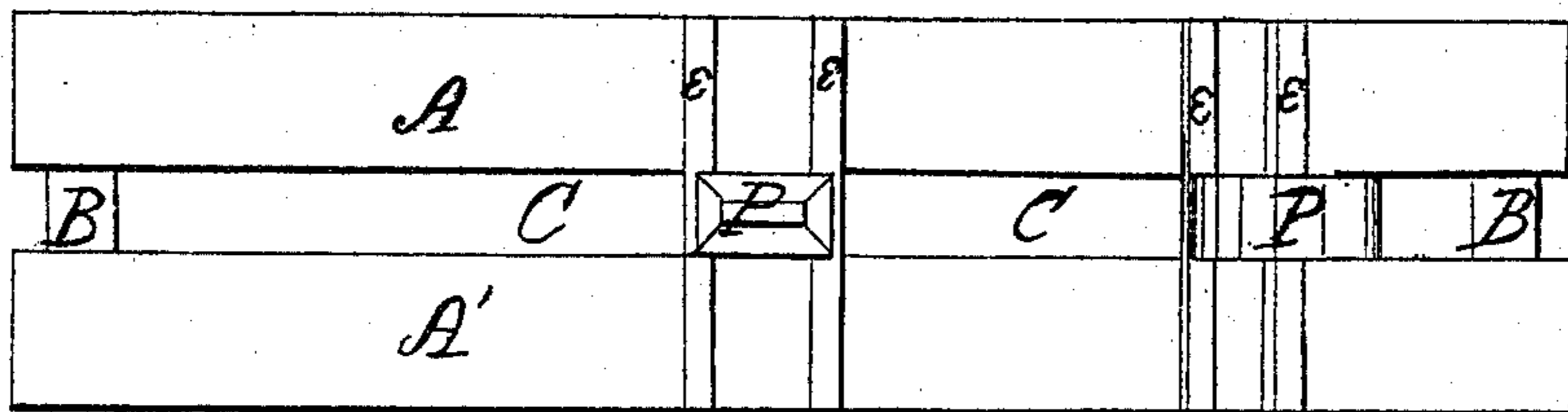


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

*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, ROBERT RAMSEY, of New Wilmington, in the county of Lawrence, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Fence-Post; 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, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my invention.

Figure 2 shows an end view of the same, and

Figure 3 is a top view of the same.

In this invention the bottom of the post is supported between two parallel sills, a short distance from the ground, the post being dove-tailed, and held by keys passing across the sills, and being adjusted high or low, and at any inclination, by making the keys larger or smaller or of different sizes.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

In the drawings, A A' represent the sills, supported upon brackets or pedestals B B, and placed in a position parallel to each other, so as to leave a narrow space, C, between them. The posts P P' P'' are stepped in the space C, and each one is confined in position by four keys *e e e e*, two above and two below the sills, the keys resting against the upper and under surfaces of the sills, and their cross-section being of the form shown clearly by the end view of them in fig. 1. At the point where these keys are designed to pass, a dove-tail gain is made on each side of the post, one end of the gain extending above and one below the sills. The keys *e e* fit accurately into these gains, and, when in place, hold the posts firmly in position, as shown in the drawings.

It is evident that each post can be set higher or lower by simply inserting larger keys above or below the sills, or the posts can be adjusted at any inclination by inserting a large key above the sills on one side of the post, and a large one on the other side below the sills, the other keys being made small. This method of adjustment is shown in connection with post P'', fig. 1.

A fence thus constructed is portable, and can be adjusted to any inequality or inclination of the ground. It will be especially useful on hillsides and other uneven ground, where fences, as at present constructed, are liable to fall to ruin in a short time. The posts may be mortised, as usual, or a series of gains, *i i*, may be cut in their sides, and a strip of board nailed to the side of the post, so as to cover them and produce the equivalent of mortise-holes, as shown in fig. 1.

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

The fence-post P P' P'', having dove-tail gains at its lower end, in combination with the parallel sills A A' and the keys *e e e e*, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

To the above specification of my invention I have signed my hand, this 28th day of September, 1867.

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