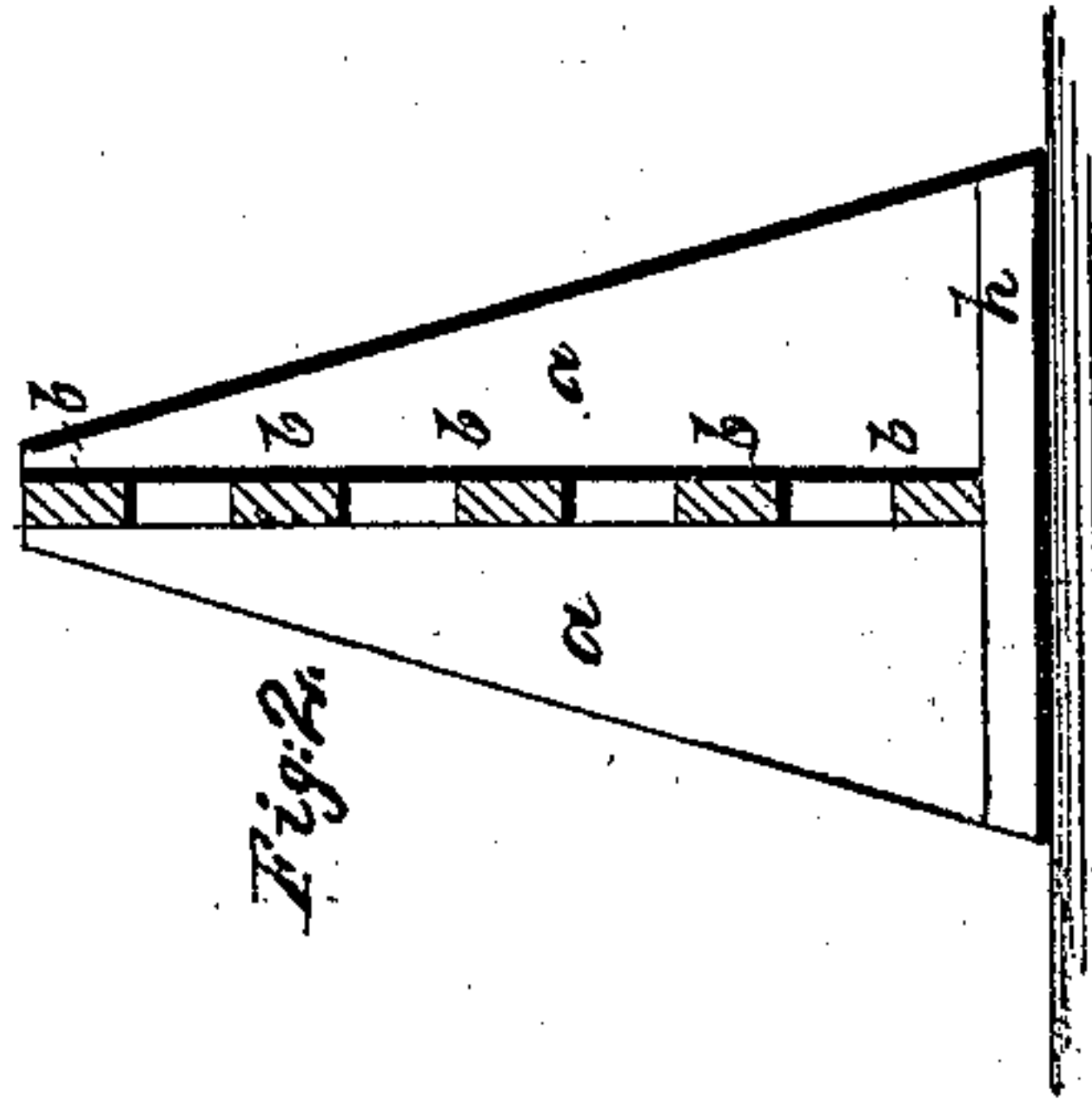
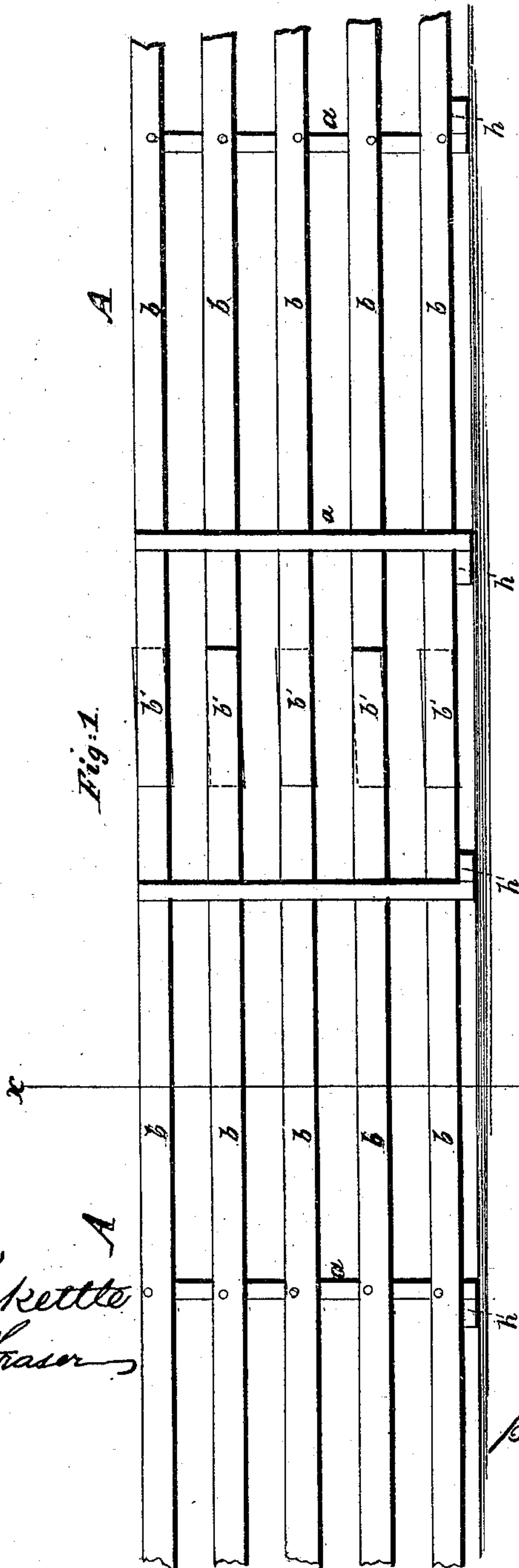


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Portable Fence.

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IMPROVEMENT IN PANEL-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, CHARLES W. SPROULL, of Rome, in the county of Floyd, and State of Georgia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Panel-Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the panels, showing the manner of attaching them.

Figure 2 is a cross-section of one of the panels.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists essentially in the manner of attaching fence-panels, as will hereinafter be more fully set forth.

In the drawings, A are the panels, consisting of horizontal boards, *b*, nailed or otherwise affixed to the uprights *a*, as shown.

The ends, *b'*, of the boards are made to project beyond the outer uprights of each panel, so as to accord a certain springing character to them, whereby the several panels may be joined together by the lapping of the said ends, as shown, for the alternate lapping of the ends in a contrary direction occasions the same to clamp or bear against each other, with sufficient friction effect to hold the panels firmly together.

This arrangement is obvious from the drawing at fig. 1.

By this device a fence is not only made portable, but is also capable of being laid over hills or rolling ground, for the lap-joint above described operates effectually, both when the ends are parallel, and when they lap each other at any reasonable angle.

Another feature of improvement consists in the base which supports the fence.

This base is formed of the base of the uprights, which are single pieces of plank, sawn in a triangular shape, as shown.

To the base of these uprights are nailed or otherwise affixed feet *h*, which project equally on both sides of the fence.

By this device a firm foot or base is provided for the fence, which is cheap, simple, and effective, and dispenses with braces and posts.

A fence made in the manner above set forth is extremely portable, and of small cost.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the projecting ends *b'* of fence-panel, the triangular uprights *a*, and feet *h*, all substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 21st day of December, 1867.

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