

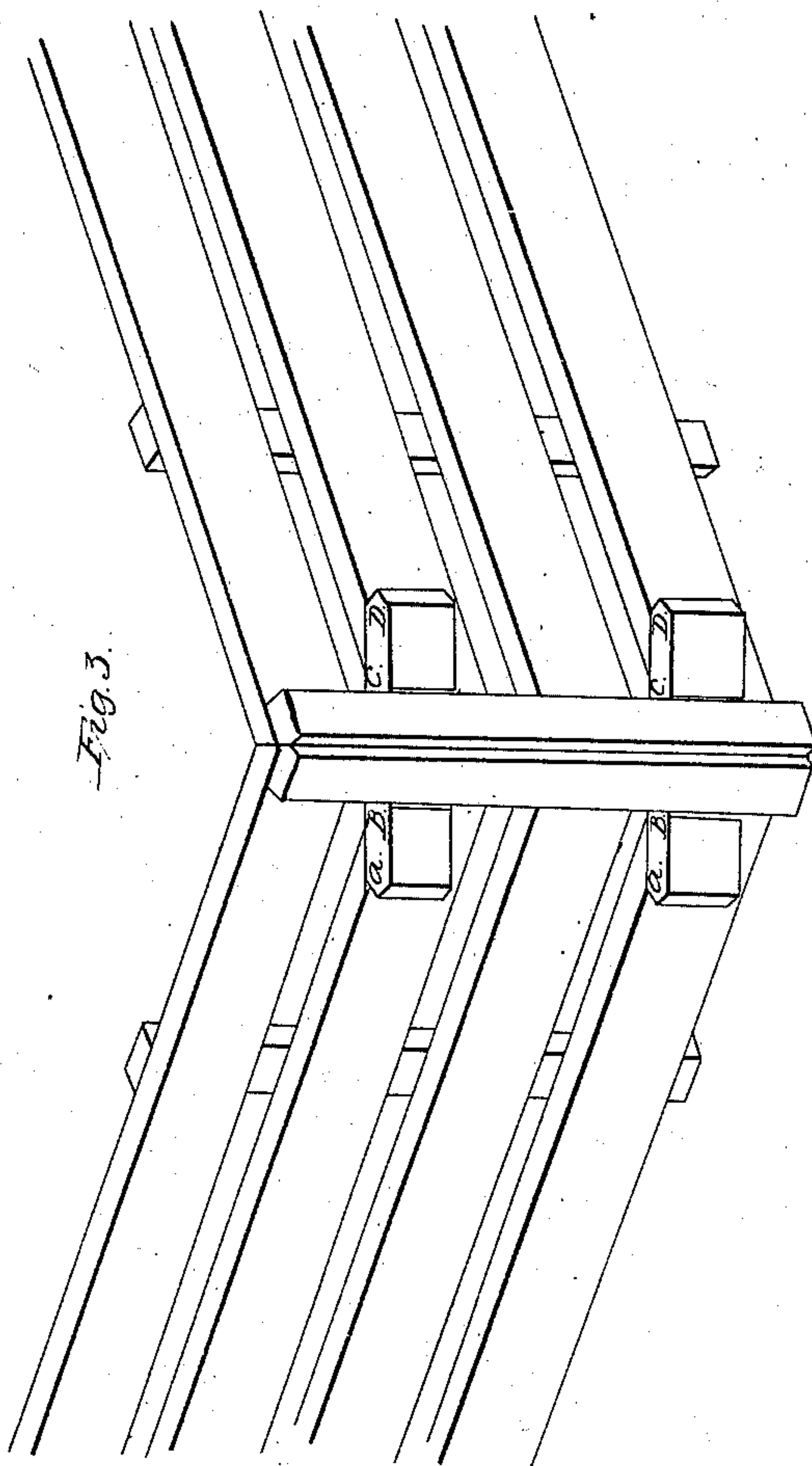
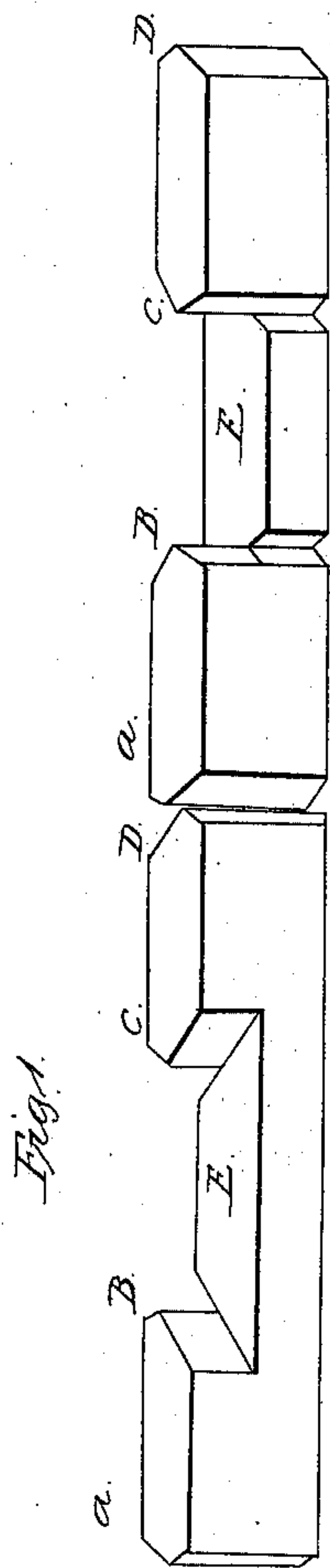
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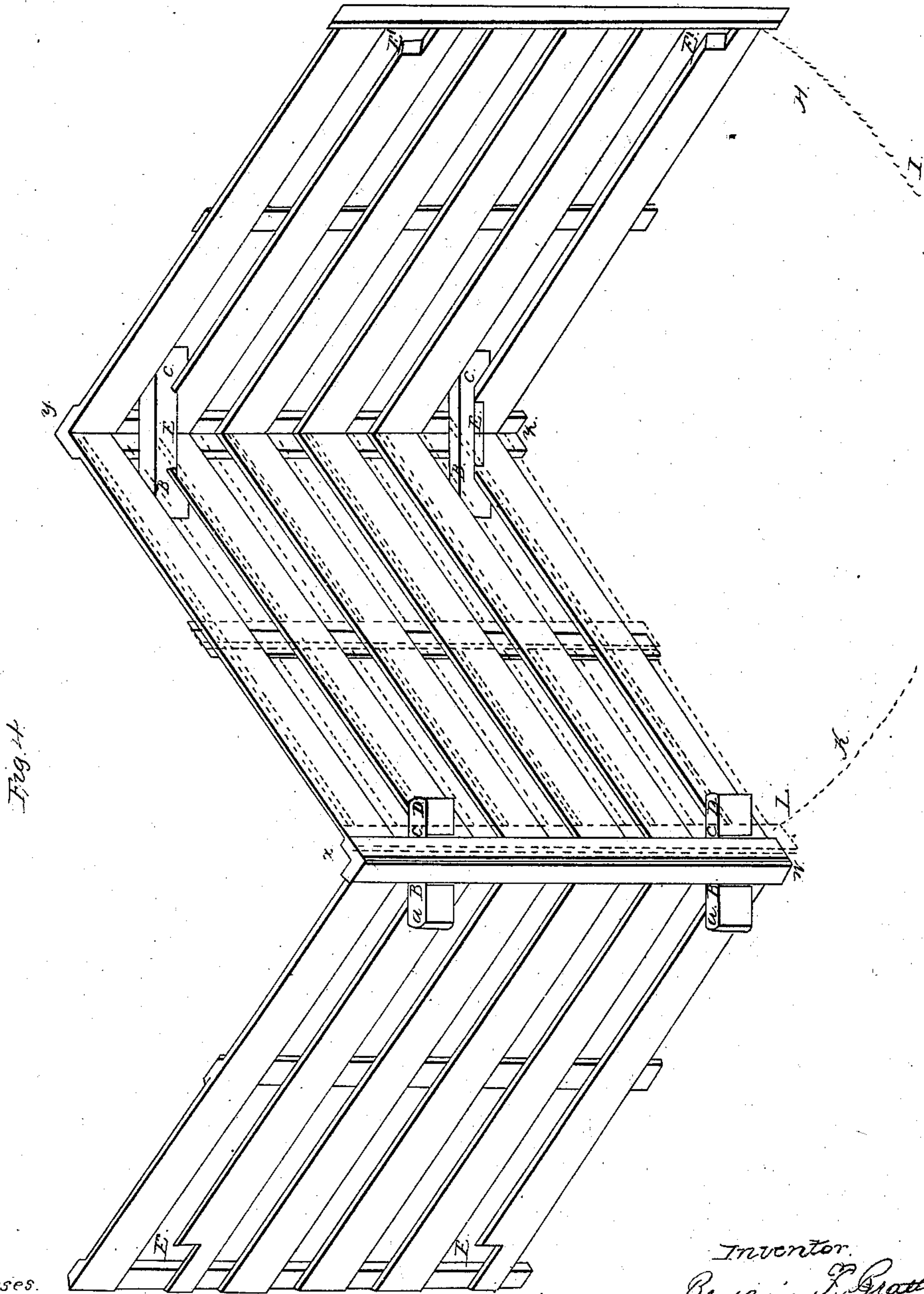
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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCE.

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, BENJAMIN F. BRATTAIN, of Noblesville, in the county of Hamilton, and in the State of Indiana, have invented an Improved Portable Fence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The nature of the invention consists in the use of a yoke, for the purpose of locking the panels of fence together, in such a way that the said yoke at once is a key and a hinge, and each panel of the fence is thereby arranged so that it can be used as a gate, said yoke to be made of wood or any other suitable material.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my said invention, I proceed to describe it more fully, as follows:

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings is a front view of the said yoke.

Figure 2 a back view of the same.

Figures 3 and 4 are perspective views, showing the fence in position.

E' E' E' E' of fig. 4 are intended to represent the notches into which the said yoke fits.

A D of figs. Nos. 1 and 2 of the accompanying drawings represents the said yoke, which is to be constructed in manner and form as there represented, with the V-slots B and C. The panel of fence for which it is used is represented by figs. 3 and 4 of the accompanying drawings.

To use the said yoke, the panels are first set up in such a way as to form a worm-fence, the yoke is then put in so that the slot E will reach over one plank of each panel, and the yoke itself will rest in the notches E' and E' provided for it, and the slots B and C will rest against the upright posts, in manner and form as represented, respectively, by their appropriate letters in said Nos. 3 and 4.

When the yokes are taken out of one end of a panel and loosened in the other end of the same panel, the yokes will, by reason of their peculiar shape, allow the loose panel to swing around the arc of a circle, as represented by H I K of said No. 4, until it rests against the adjacent panel, as represented by the outline W X Y Z. This converts the panel into open gate. When it is desirable to close it, the panel is drawn or swung back to its original place, and there made fast with the yokes. As the whole fence is alike, any panel may be in this way instantly converted into a gate.

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

The yoke herein described, when the same is constructed as aforesaid, in combination with a panel of fence, the rails of which are notched, as described and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing specification, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 28th day of September, 1867.

BENJAMIN F. BRATTAIN. [L. S.]

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