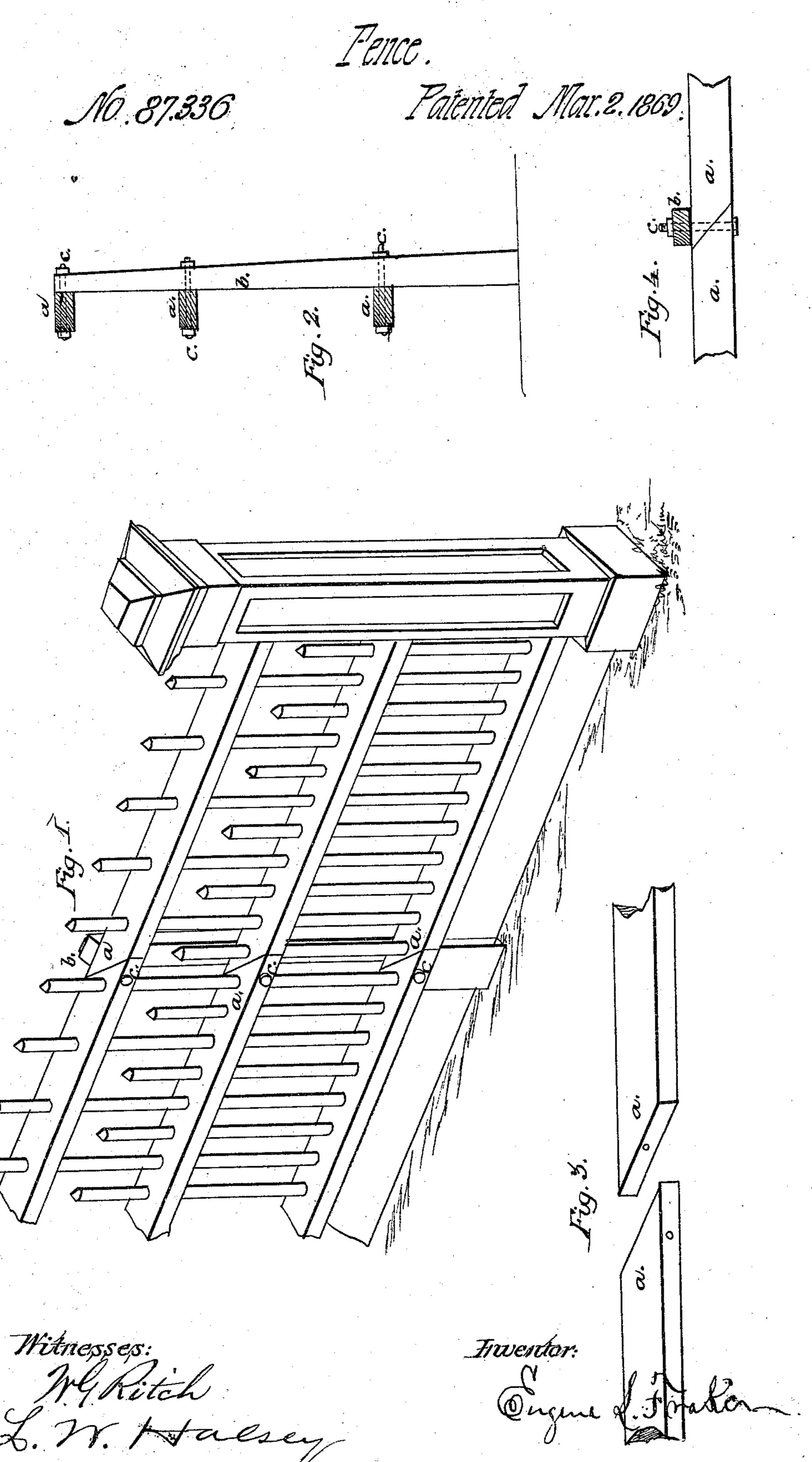
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Letters Patent No. 87,336, dated March 2, 1869.

## IMPROVEMENT IN 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, EUGENE L. FRAKER, of the city of Oshkosh, State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Device for Splicing Rails of Picket-Fence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Figure 2 is a vertical section. Figure 3 are fragments of rails.

Figure 4 is a plan of rails secured to the post. a a a are rails.

b is a post.
c c c are bolts.

The ends of the rails are kerfed, the one so as to match the other, and the two ends (as thus kerfed or mitred) are secured, with a bolt, to a post, the bolts passing through the kerfed ends of the rails and post, and the whole thus solidly secured, as seen in fig. 4.

By this means of splicing and securing rails, a device is provided for constructing fence in a uniform, convenient, and economical manner between corners, or between a corner and a gate-post, and the whole form a straight and unbroken line between casings.

I disclaim the mode of securing the rails to the post with wires, or with wires and nails, as set forth in the specifications of Conrad Seabaugh, whereon a patent was heretofore issued, August 28, 1866.

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

Securing the horizontal rails a to the post b, by means of the bolt c, when the said rails are spliced at their junction, substantially as shown, and for the purposes described.

EUGENE L. FRAKER.

Witnesses:

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