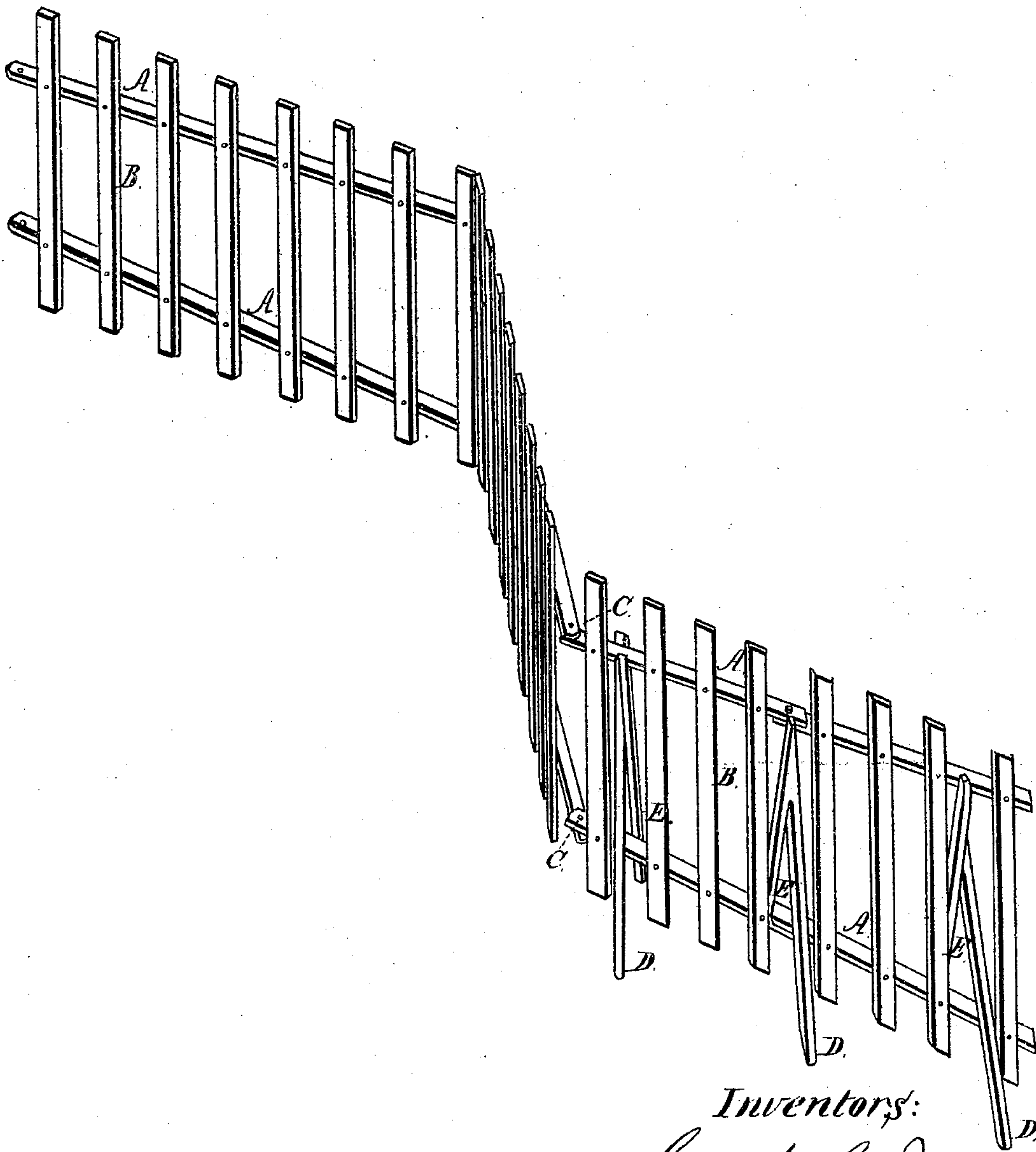


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE PICKET-FENCE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE W. C. JARVIS and CHARLES GRAVES, of Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Picket-Fences; and we do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and being a part of this specification.

The nature of this invention relates to an improvement in movable picket-fences, and consists in a peculiar arrangement of its rails, and in the method of sustaining the same.

A, in the drawings, represents the upper and lower longitudinal rails of a section of fence, to which the pickets B are nailed.

The rails of each section are so disposed at the back of the pickets, that the rails of one section will slide between those of the next, and to which they are secured by the pins C, driven through holes bored in the ends of all the rails, and are attached to the pickets B in such manner that at one end of the section these ends are nearer together than at the other.

Their ends are secured by means of the pins C, as described, and when the latter are removed, the rails of one section are placed upon those of another, in such manner that each rail shall be parallel to that on which it rests. They may then be pushed along until two sections occupy the same length of space as one.

D are stakes driven from behind the upper and in front of the lower rail of each section, into the ground, and E are similar stakes driven into the ground from the front of the upper and behind the lower rail, and, in the crotch so formed, the fence is supported by the upper rail resting in it, while the lower part of the fence is secured by the stakes embracing the lower rail.

These stakes are necessary only when the sections are employed to construct a fence upon a straight line, as when what is termed a "worm-fence" is to be set up, the sections may be turned upon their pivots C to the proper angle to render them self-sustaining, thus forming a cheap and durable portable fence of either description.

When used as a worm-fence, by removing two of the pins, any section may be swung around as a gate, to enter or leave the field at any convenient point.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement of the rails A, inclining toward each other in each panel, the pickets B nailed to said rails, the connecting-pins C, and the supporting-stakes D, constructed and operating as above described.

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