

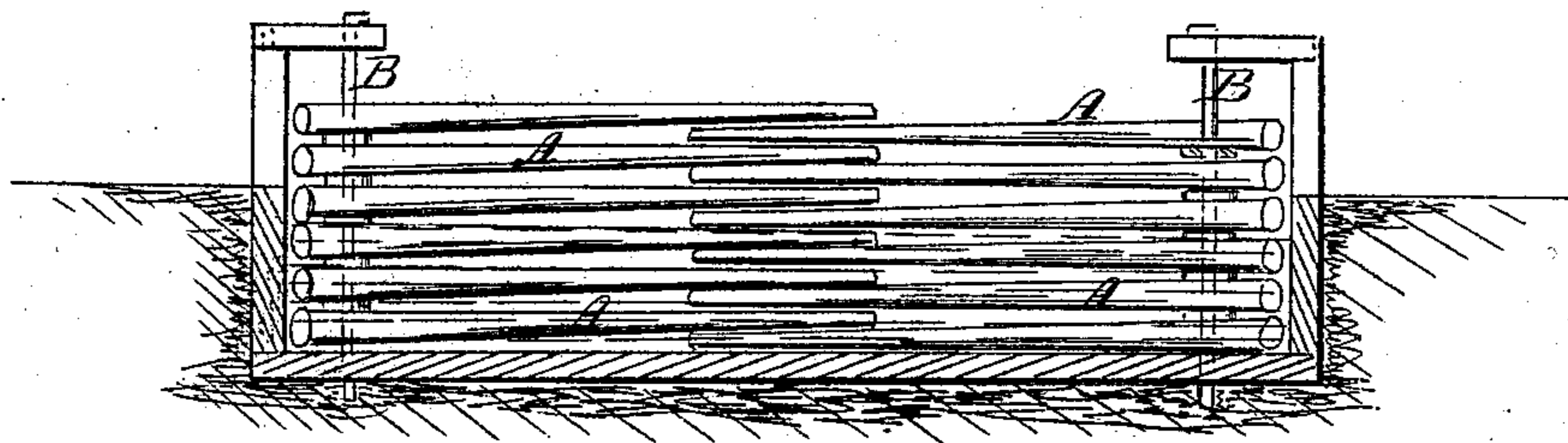
*W.C. Barber,*

*Flood Fence.*

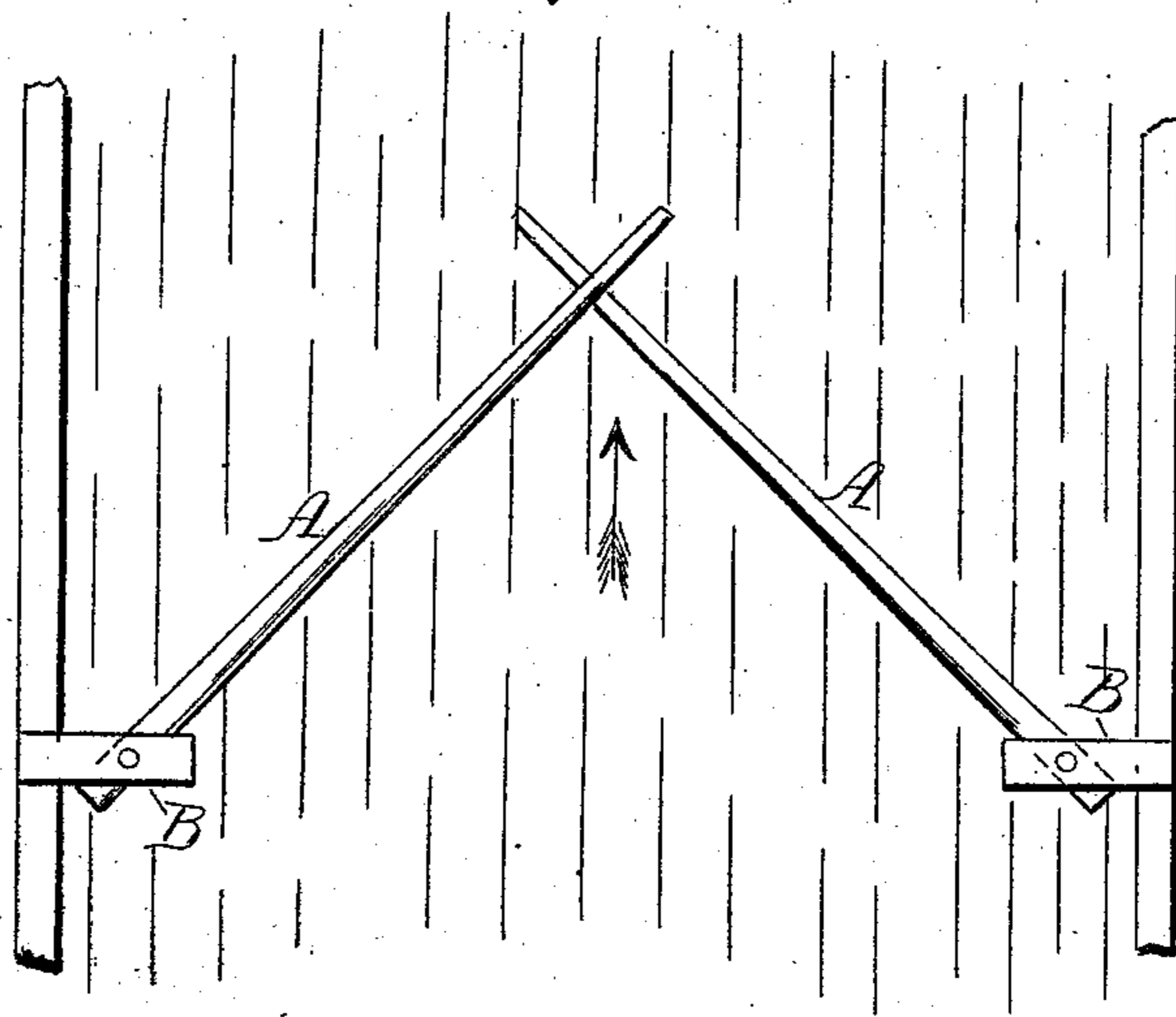
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FLOOD-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, W. C. BARBER, of Van Wert, in the county of Polk, and State of Georgia, have invented a new and improved Water-Fence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others 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 side view of my improved fence, looking down-stream.

Figure 2 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved fence for streams, and other places exposed to high water and freshets, which shall be so constructed and arranged as to open and allow the water and drift-wood to pass through, and which shall at the same time be strong, simple in construction, and durable; and

It consists in the fence, constructed as hereinafter more fully described.

A are the rails or poles, which should be of such a length as to reach a little more than half way across the stream.

The outer ends of the poles or rails A are strung upon wires or rods B, the upper and lower ends of which are secured to posts, trees, or other suitable supports.

The inner ends of the rods or rails A incline down-stream, and are laid across each other in the manner of the angle or corner of a worm-fence.

With a fence thus constructed, should there occur a rise of water or freshet, the pressure of the water and the drift-wood, or other drift that may be carried down by the water, will force the poles or rails apart, and cause them to swing toward the banks, leaving the course of the stream unobstructed. When the water subsides, the rails or poles can easily be laid up again.

In this way, lands subject to be overflowed can be fenced, by placing suitable supports at suitable distances apart, and connecting a set of swinging poles or rails with each side of said supports, so as, when the rails or poles are laid up, to form a continuous fence.

Having thus described my invention,

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

An improved water-fence, formed by stringing the outer ends of the poles or rails A upon wires or rods B, supported at top and bottom with suitable supports, leaving the inner ends of said poles or rails A free to be laid crosswise upon each other, in the manner of a worm-fence, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 13th day of May, 1869.

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