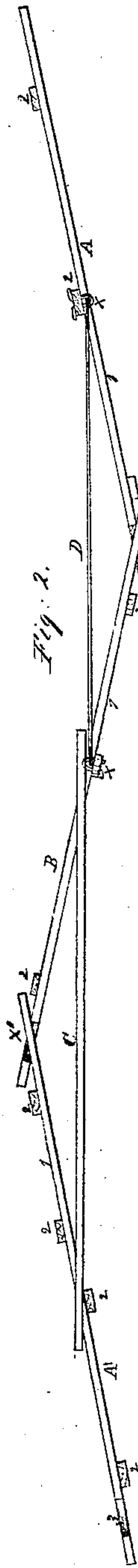
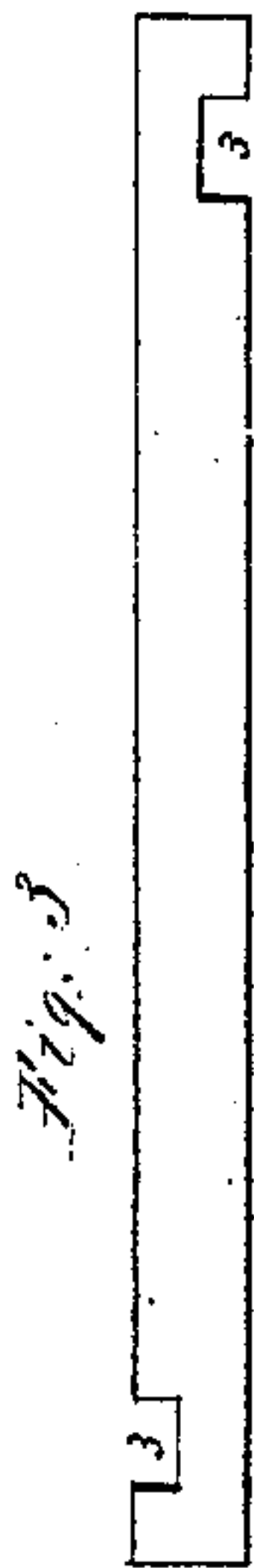
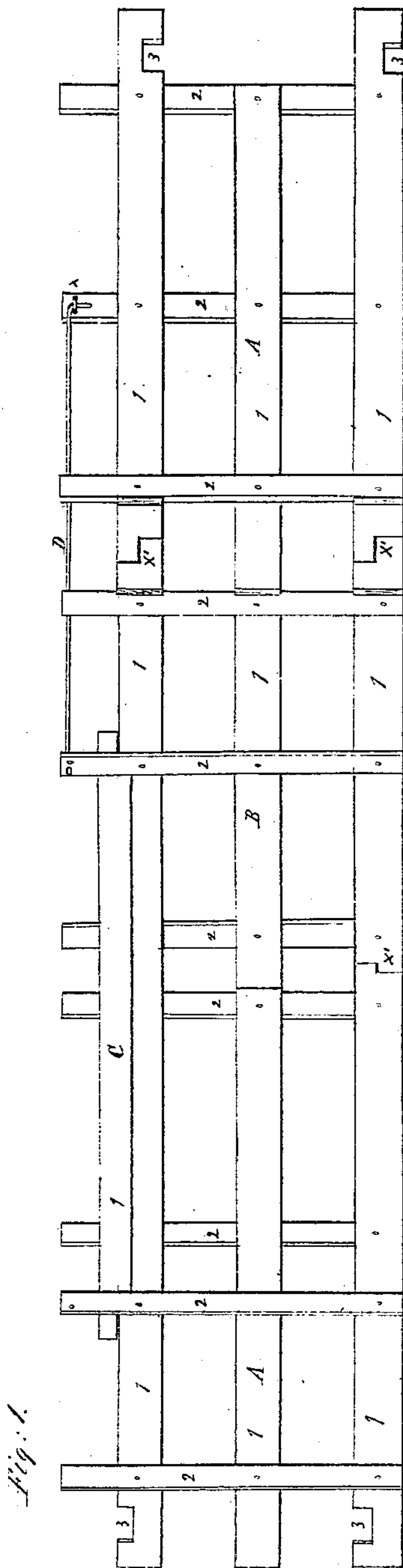


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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, THOMAS WESTERMAN, of Clinton township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in 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 to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in providing the panels of a zigzag fence with braces arranged with relation to the fence, as hereinafter described.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings, which make part of my specification—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improvement in fence, and represents the relation of the braces to the panels.

Figure 2 is a top view or plan of the same.

Figure 3 represents the form of rails used for forming the panels of the fence.

In the accompanying drawings—

A B A' represent three panels of a zigzag fence.

The panels are composed of posts 2 and rails 1. The rails are provided with notches 3, as represented in fig. 3. The rails 1 are secured to the posts 2 by means of nails, as in constructing ordinary board-fence.

The notches 3, in the rails 1, are used for the purpose of "looping" or locking the panels together, as shown at *x*, in figs. 1 and 2.

C represents a brace, which is secured on the upper

rails, extending across the angle formed by the junction of the panels.

The brace C is notched out at each end, so that it will extend down below the top edge of the upper rails of panels A and B, and is arranged with relation to the posts and angle in the fence, as shown in figs. 1 and 2.

The brace may be secured in position by nailing it to the posts 2, if it is so desired.

D represents a rod, with hooked ends, which hook into staples *x*, as shown in fig. 2.

The advantage of bracing the panels of a zigzag fence by means and in the manner herein described are two-fold: first, it forms a cheap and efficient brace, and holds the panels of fence, constructed as herein described, in a very firm and fixed position; second, it prevents cattle and other animals from "jumping the fence," which is a very great consideration with farmers.

I wish it clearly understood that I do not claim broadly notches in the rails of a panel-fence.

Having thus described the nature, construction, and operation of my improvement,

What I claim as of my invention, is—

Providing the rails 1 with notches 3, one notch being in the upper edge and the other notch in the lower edge of the rails, and used in combination with the braces C and D, for bracing the panels A and B, as herein described.

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