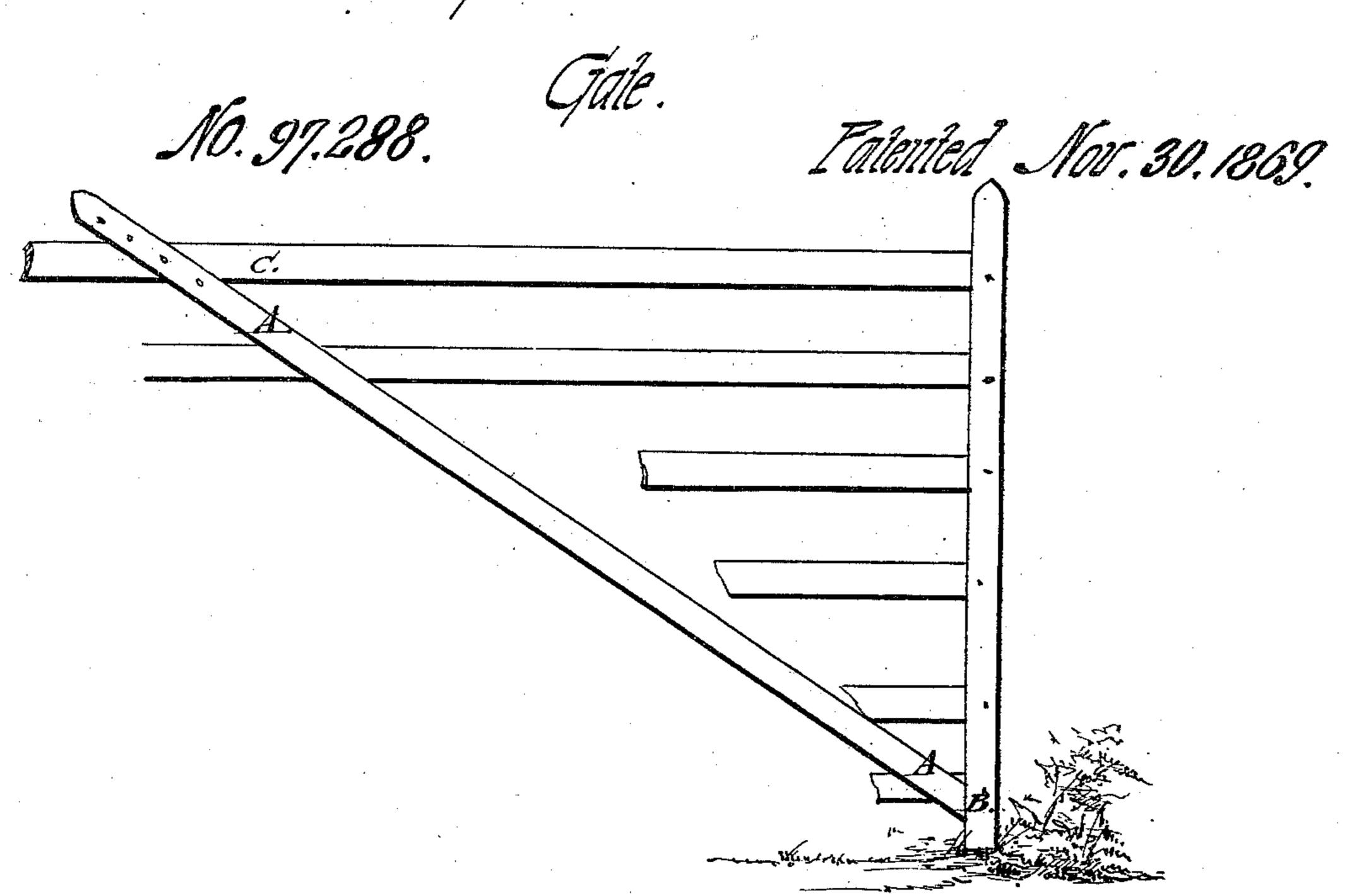
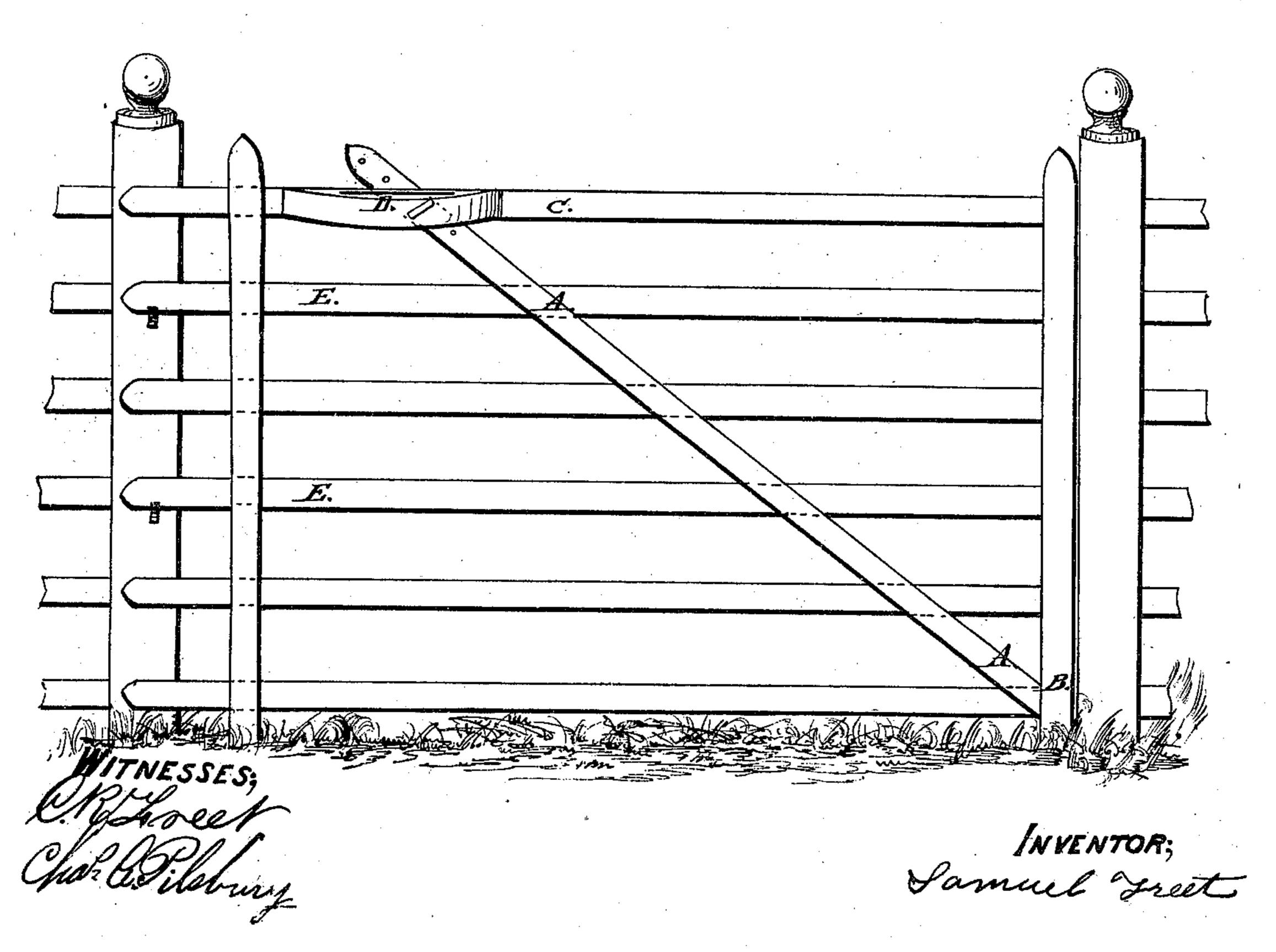
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## IMPROVEMENT IN GATES.

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, SAMUEL FREET, of the town of Upper Strasburg, in the county of Franklin, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Farm-Gate; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

I make a farm-gate either with oblong mortises in the posts, or two posts screwed together, so as to make the gate movable, to regulate it as the ground may require, and one or more rails, E, to have room enough to move up and down, to answer for a latch and rail combined.

The brace A is fastened to the post B at the lower end. The top of the brace A is placed in between the top rail C and piece D, with sufficient room to be moved up and down, the brace A having holes

through it, and a pin or screw to pass through the brace A, and a top rail, C and piece D, so as to hold the gate up at the front end, and prevent it from sliding on the ground, in case the gate should sink, as is often the case with gates.

The pin or screw running through the brace A, the piece D, and top rail C, can be moved out of one hole up into another hole, and the gate is prevented from sliding on the ground.

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

The movable brace A, mortised rail C, and latchrails E E, constructed, arranged, and combined as shown and described.

SAMUEL FREET.

Witnesses:

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