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Portable Fence.

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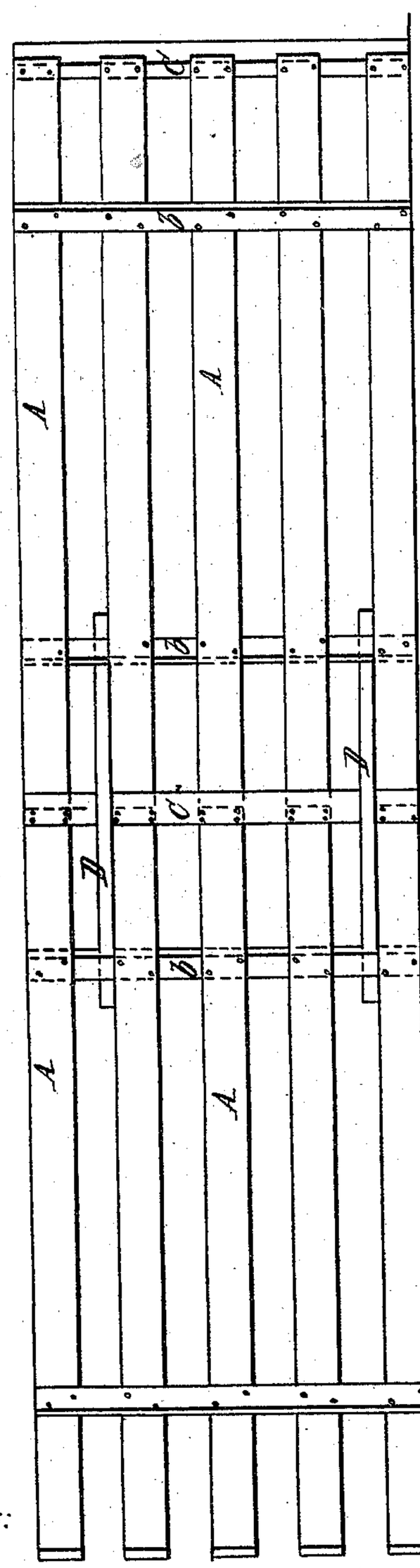

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE 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, ARTHUR LOVE, of Saxonburg, in the county of Butler, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, like letters indicating like parts wherever they occur.

To enable others skilled in the art to construct and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

My invention relates to portable fences; and

It consists in a novel manner of constructing the same, whereby it can be readily set up and locked together by a couple of notched bars, thus rendering it extremely simple and cheap, as hereinafter explained.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved fence, and

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the same.

In constructing my fence, I use ordinary fence-boards, and make them up into panels, by nailing on cross-pieces or strips, *b*, at short distances from each end, and on opposite sides, as represented in figs. 1 and 2.

Then, at one end of each panel, I nail on a triangular strip, C, this strip C being somewhat wider than the other strips *b*, and being attached by one of its inclined or bevelled faces, so as to project one-half of its width beyond the end of the boards A, as shown clearly at the right-hand end of fig. 1, and also in fig. 2.

The ends of the boards A, when the strip C is applied, are cut on a bevel, as shown in fig. 2, so that when the panels are brought together, in a zigzag form, the ends of the panels will abut one against the other, as represented in fig. 2.

I then provide strips, D, and cut a notch in one edge, near each end, at such distance apart, that when said strips are inserted, as represented in fig. 2, the cross-bars or strips *b* shall engage in said notches, and thus lock the strips D securely in place.

When the panels are prepared, and the strips D provided, all that is required to set up the fence, is to place the panels end to end, the ends of the boards A of one panel fitting into the angle or recess formed by the projection of the cleat or strip C, then swinging the opposite end forward until the locking-strip D can be inserted in front of the vertical strip C, and behind the strips *b*, and then carrying the end of the panel back, or straightening them out until the bar D is locked firmly in place; or, the panels may be placed as they are intended to stand, then the bar D be turned up edgewise and slipped in and turned down flat, locking it in position, and the panels together, as shown. By these means I am enabled to produce a fence that is extremely simple and cheap, and that can be set up or taken down with very little labor or trouble.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim, is—

A portable fence, consisting of panels having the strips *b*, and triangular piece C, secured thereto, and held together by the notched bars D, all constructed and arranged substantially as shown and described.

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