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Portable Fences.

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Fig. 1.

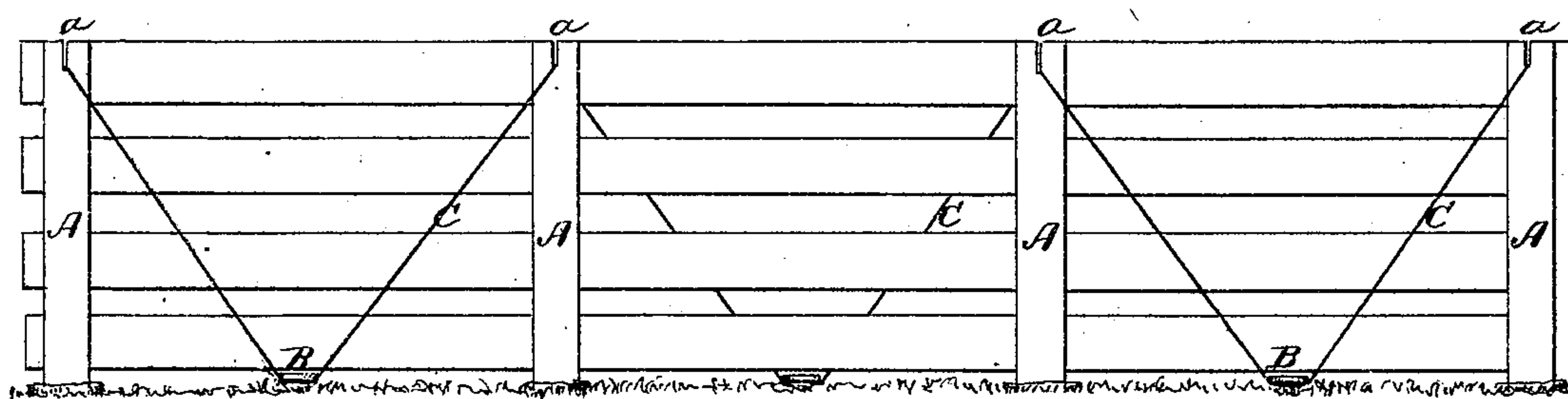
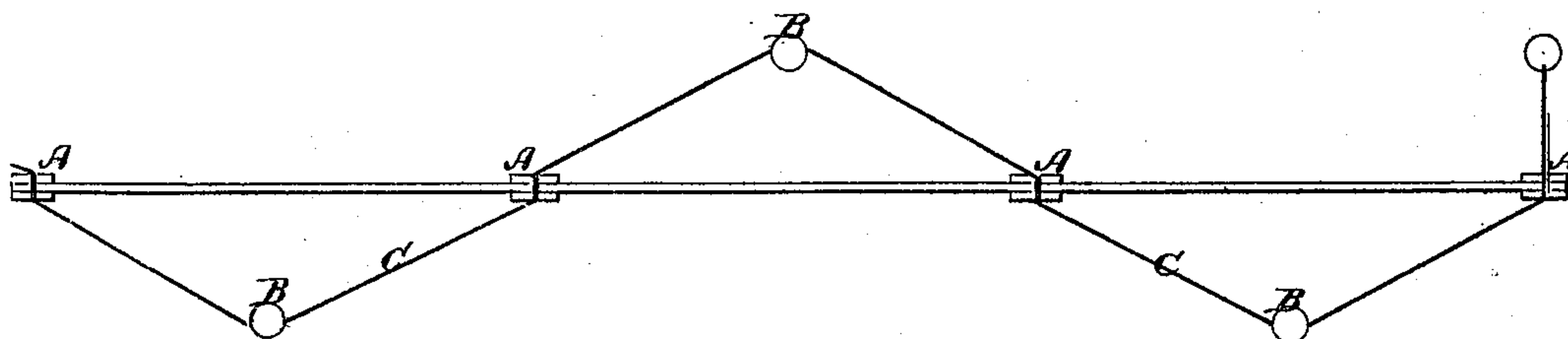


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN W. WESTBROOKS and ALVEUS J. CLEMMONS, both of Aberdeen, in the county of Monroe and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, and Fig. 2 is a plan view.

Similar letters in the drawing indicate the same parts.

This invention belongs to that class of portable fences whose uprights rest on brick, rock, or wooden foundations, and which are kept in a vertical position by means of wire stay-rods. The invention consists in the combination of such fence with stakes planted opposite the middles of the panels and stay-rods proceeding from the posts to the tops of the uprights, as I will now proceed to describe.

In the drawing, A are the uprights, consisting each of a pair of slats nailed to opposite sides of the planks or boards composing the panels. Opposite the middles of the panels are planted stakes B, from which run wires C, or a continuous wire made fast to the stakes in any sufficient manner, and extending in two inclined branches from the stake to the tops of the two nearest uprights A. A pair of these stay-rods is applied to every panel, but

they are on the same side of the fence for only every other panel, those for each panel being on the opposite side of the fence from those for the two panels next adjacent—in other words, the stay-rods proceed in regular zigzag order, first on one side of the fence and then on the other side.

In case the wire is continuous, it enters a notch, *a*, in the top of each upright and the top board. If not continuous, the stay-rods are made fast to the tops of the uprights in any sufficient manner. The stay-rods are inclined lengthwise of the fence as well as crosswise of it, and consequently brace it against both longitudinal and transverse strains in either direction.

When it is to be moved, it is only necessary to disconnect the stay-rods from the stakes B.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

A portable fence resting on foundations, with stakes B placed opposite the panels, and stay-rods C inclined both lengthwise and crosswise of the fence, and extending from the stakes to the tops of the uprights A, and placed alternately on opposite sides of the fence, all substantially as described.

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