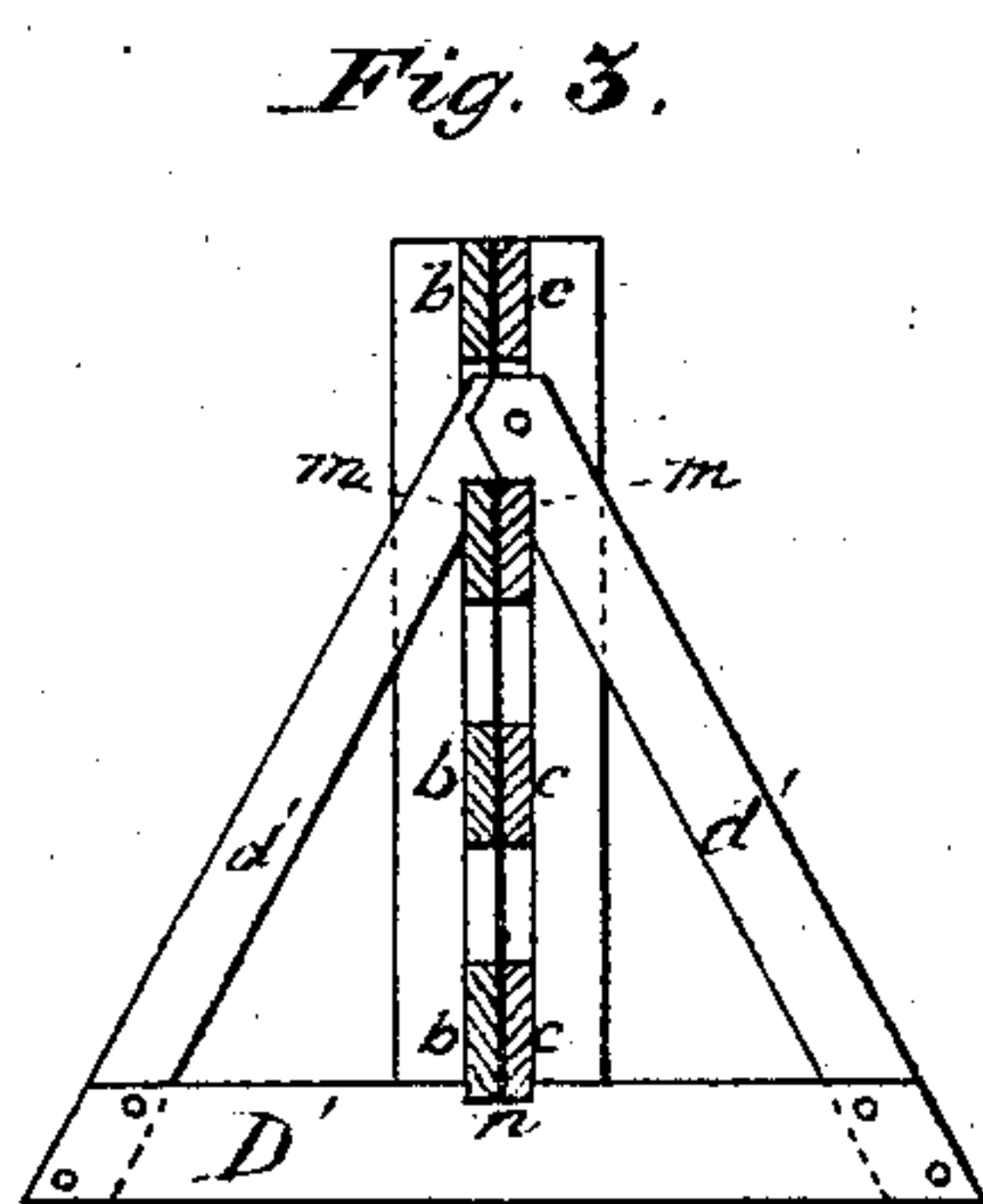
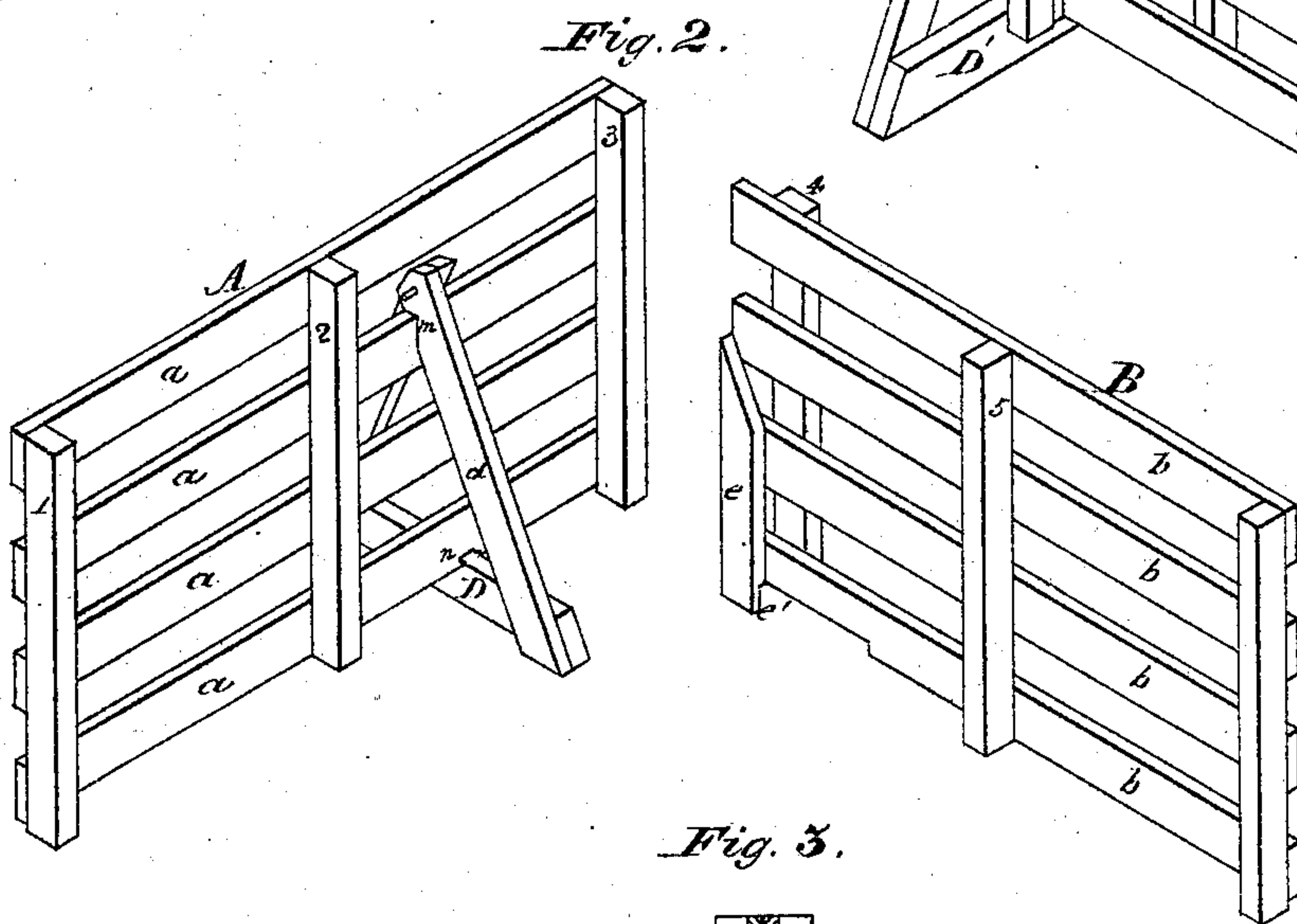
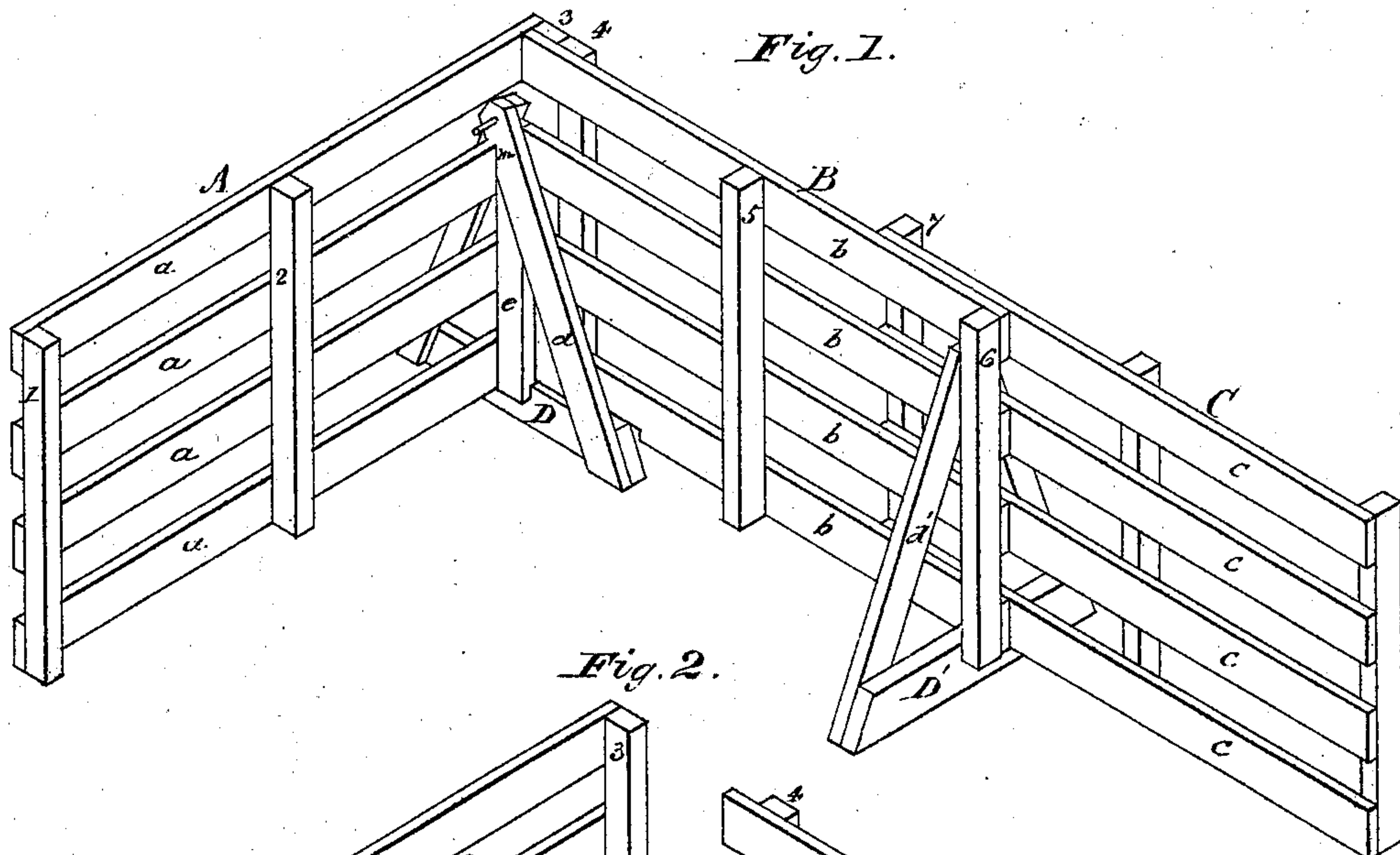


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE McQUISTEN, a citizen of Cardington, Ohio, have invented an Improvement in Portable Fences, of which the following is a clear and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing as a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of my improved fence; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of same detached at the corner; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section.

The nature of my invention consists in the manner in which I connect and secure the corners, and the means by which I sustain the panels and allow them to be shortened by sliding together.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe fully the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the drawing, A, B, and C represent panels of a portable fence secured to the posts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The boards *a*, *b*, and *c* are fastened to these posts in any suitable manner. D *d* and D' *d'* represent the supports of the fence. The base of the supports D and D' are cut away at *n* so as to allow the bottom planks to enter the groove and be held in position, thus steadying the whole fence. The inclines *d* and *d'* are also cut away at *m* so as to fit upon and over the plank snugly. The slat *e* is slanted at its upper end so as to fit exactly under the incline *d*, while the lower end of *e* is constructed with a shoulder or catch,

e', which fits over the base D, as shown in Fig. 1. When it is required to erect the fence, the panels A and B are brought together, as shown in Fig. 2. The support is slipped back a few inches from the post 3, the slat *e* is passed under the incline *d* until the catch *e'* passes over the base D. The support is then slipped up toward the post 3 until the ends of the planks *b* come in close contact with the post. The panels will then be securely locked together. To unlock them it will only be necessary to slip the support back a few inches and release the slat *e*.

The panel-support D' and *d'* not only sustains the fence, as shown in Fig. 1, but is constructed (see Fig. 3) so as to allow the panels to slide readily alongside of each other, and thus double up or fold, thus rendering it easy to lengthen or shorten a panel when desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The support D *d* in combination with the slat *e*, having the catch *e'*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The sliding panels B C supported by the brace D' *d'*, constructed as described, and operated as set forth.

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