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Fig. 1.

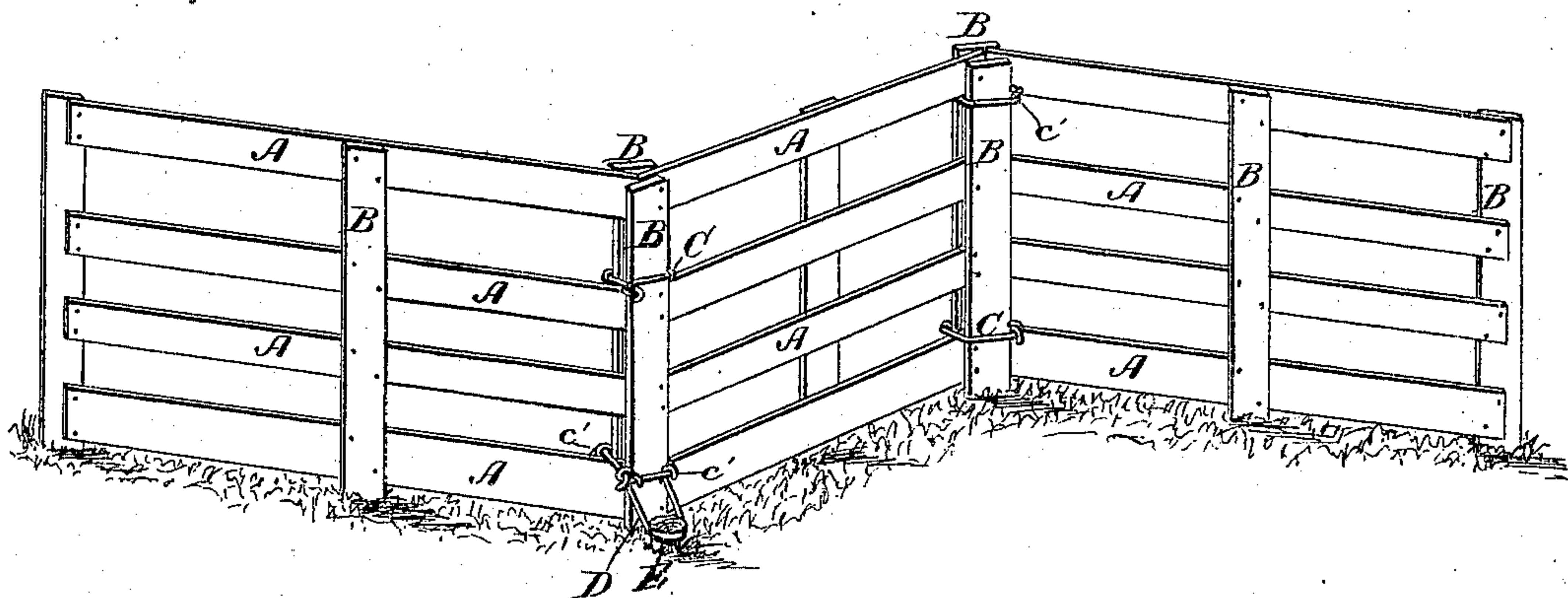
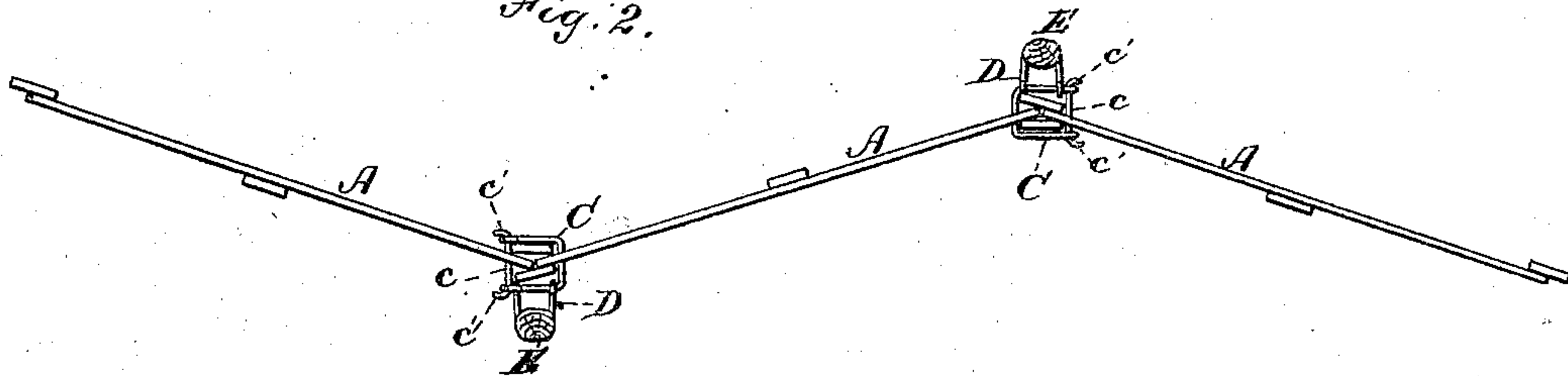


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALVEUS J. CLEMMONS and JOHN W. WESTBROOKS, 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 perspective view, and Fig. 2 is a plan view.

The object of this invention is to improve the construction of portable wooden fences in respect of the means of fastening the posts to the earth. To this end the invention consists in the combination of the fence-boards, slats, and frames with metal links attached to the frames, and stakes driven through such links into the earth.

In the drawing, A are the fence-boards, and B the vertical slats, which, when placed in pairs on opposite sides of the joints at the ends of the panels, constitute the posts. C are the metal frames, each of which is made in two parts, as shown, whereof the larger parts are put on so as to inclose the two slats near the top and bottom of each post, and the cross-bar *c* then passed across and secured

in the hooks *c'*. To each lower frame a link, D, made like the larger part of the frame C, is hooked, and through this a notched stake, E, driven into the ground till the notch draws the link tight, thus anchoring the fence.

The fence is first placed in a straight line. The end post of the first panel is then carried from this line to a certain fixed distance and anchored, in the manner herein described, on a brick, stone, or wooden foundation. The second post, which forms the end of the contiguous panels, is next carried to the same distance to the other side of the line and anchored in the same way, and this process is continued until the whole fence is arranged in zigzag order. This operation causes the fence-boards to act as levers, forcing apart the two slats which make up each post, and thus tightening the frames C.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, is—

The fence herein described, consisting of the vertical slats B, fence-boards A, frame C, link D, and stake E, all arranged as specified.

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