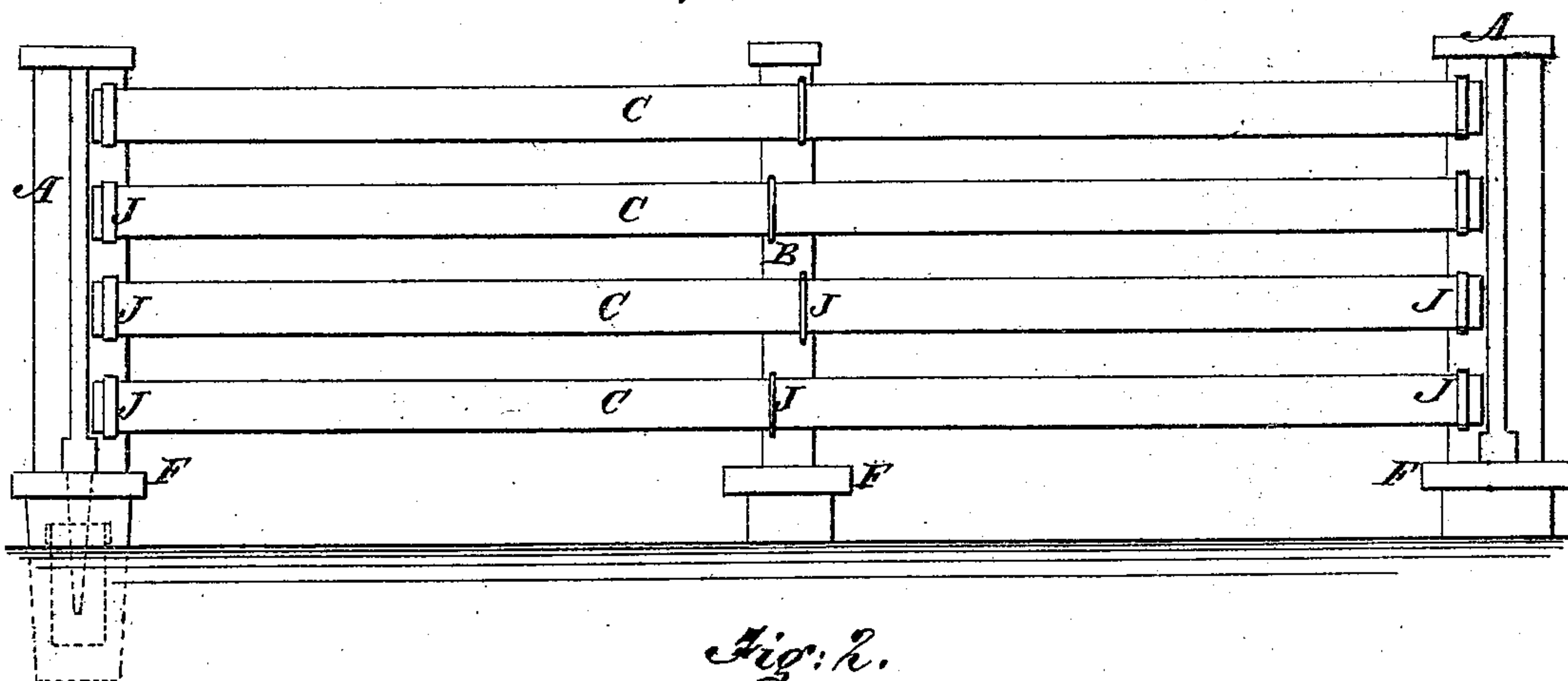


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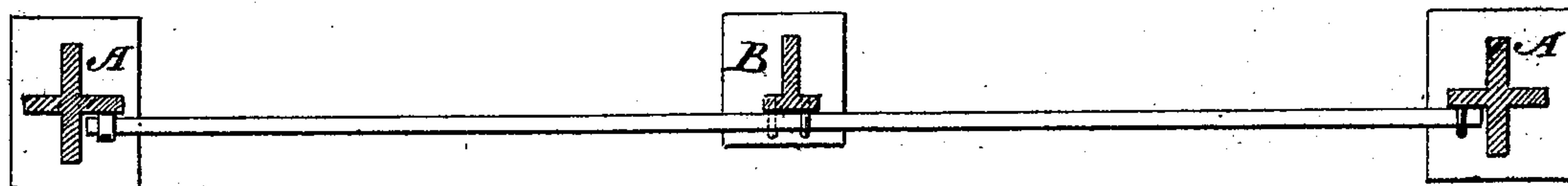
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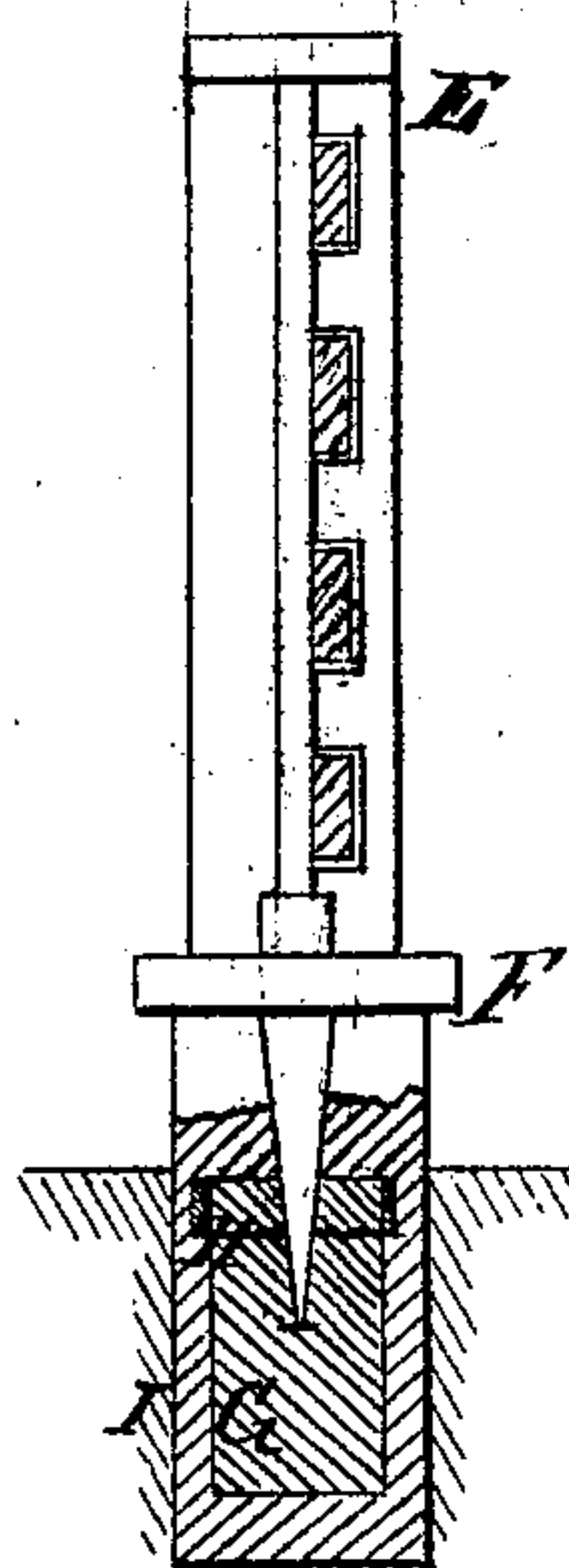
*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HOSEA O. ELMER, of Sand Bank, in the county of Oswego and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences, of which the following is a specification:

The invention consists in the improvement of fence-posts, as hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is an elevation of a fence with wooden rails or boards. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a partly sectional view of a post, representing the mode of setting it.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the main posts; B, the middle post; C, the wooden rails. The posts A are made of double angle iron, and the middle posts B of T-iron. The bottoms of all the posts are formed of wood and cement or artificial stone. F is a cap-piece of iron, which rests upon the top of the wood, through which cap the iron post passes and enters the wood, as seen in Fig. 3. G is the wood. H is a

band of iron around the top of the wood. I represents cement or artificial stone, by which the wood bottom G is protected. The iron, being firmly set in the wood, and the wood covered by the cap F and protected from air and water by the cement, renders the post indestructible. J represents iron clasps, by which the wooden rails C are confined to the posts.

By means of the iron clasps J the entire strength of the wooden rail is secured, while splinting by ordinary use is rendered impossible.

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

A fence-post having its upper part of iron, its lower of iron, wood, and cement or artificial stone, and provided with the intermediate cap F, as and for the purpose described.

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