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Picket-Fences.

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Fig. 1

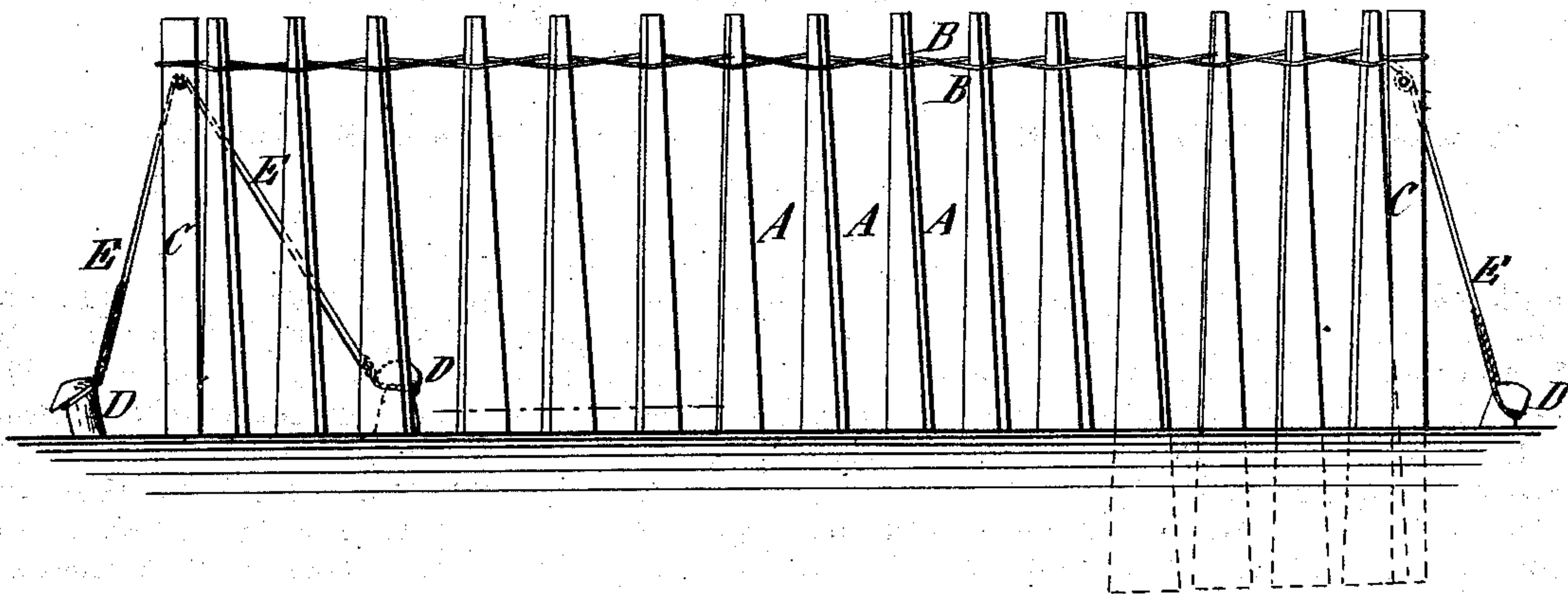


Fig. 2

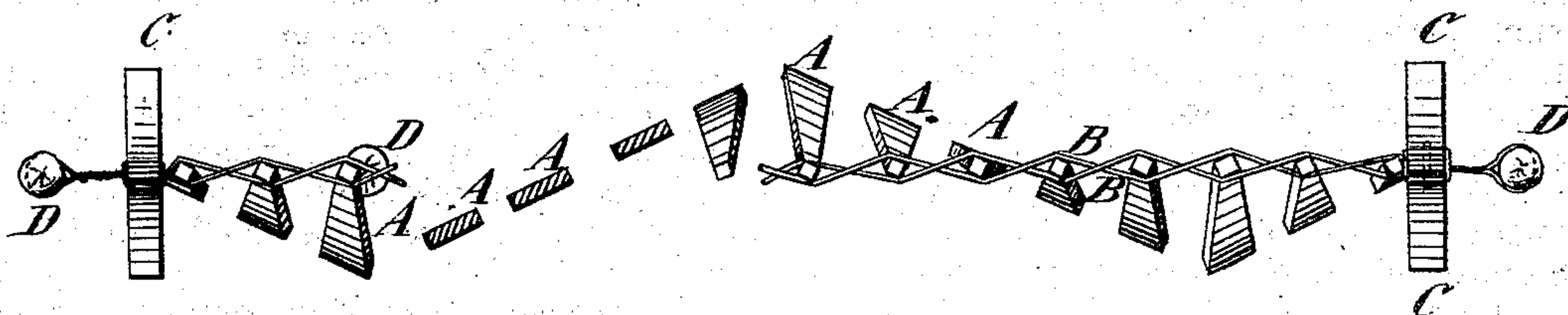
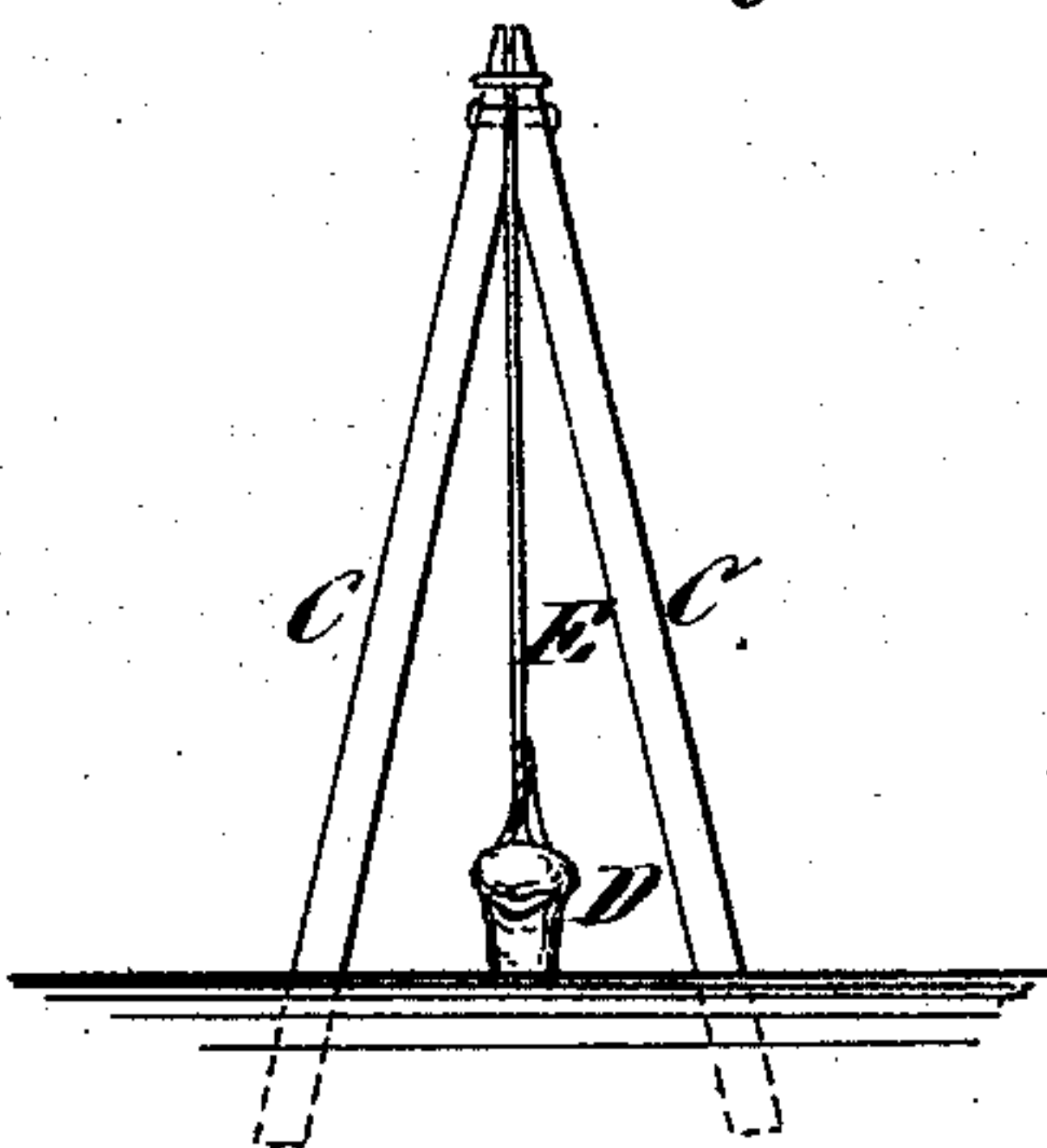


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN PICKET-FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. MCGINTY, of Moulton, in the county of Lavaca and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences, of which the following is a specification:

This fence is an improvement on that for which I obtained Letters Patent No. 143,632, dated October 14, 1873. The pickets composing it are set zigzag, with their upper ends brought in line, and are connected and supported by wires and posts in the manner hereinafter described.

In many sections of the country it is difficult to obtain long fencing-timber, and farmers and land-owners are obliged to make fences of such timber as can be readily obtained.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a fence constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is an end view, showing the bracing-posts.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This fence is mainly composed of posts or pickets set in the ground in zigzag form, with their upper ends brought to a straight line and secured by wires.

A represents the posts, pickets, or stakes. B B are the wires, by means of which their top ends are connected and supported. At certain distances—say, one hundred feet, more or less—are placed bracing-posts C C. These posts are placed in pairs, having their lower

ends spread apart and their upper ends beveled and brought together, and fastened by bolts or pins, or in any suitable manner. The supporting-wires B B connect with these bracing-posts. D are short stakes driven into the ground, from which stay-wires E extend and connect with the bracing-posts, as seen in the drawing. The wires B B cross each other between each two of the posts or pickets A, as represented.

The posts A being set zigzag in the ground are all, more or less, in an inclined position, so that they brace in opposite directions, and, being connected with the bracing-posts, the whole form a strong and durable fence, well calculated to withstand the pressure of the wind from either direction.

The quantity of material and the labor required to construct this fence render it cheaper than any equally durable fence now in use.

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

A fence composed of the posts or pickets A, set zigzag in the ground, with their upper ends brought to a straight line, and supported by the wires B B, the bracing-posts C, stakes D, and stay-wires E, arranged substantially as shown and described.

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