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Portable Fence

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Fig. 1

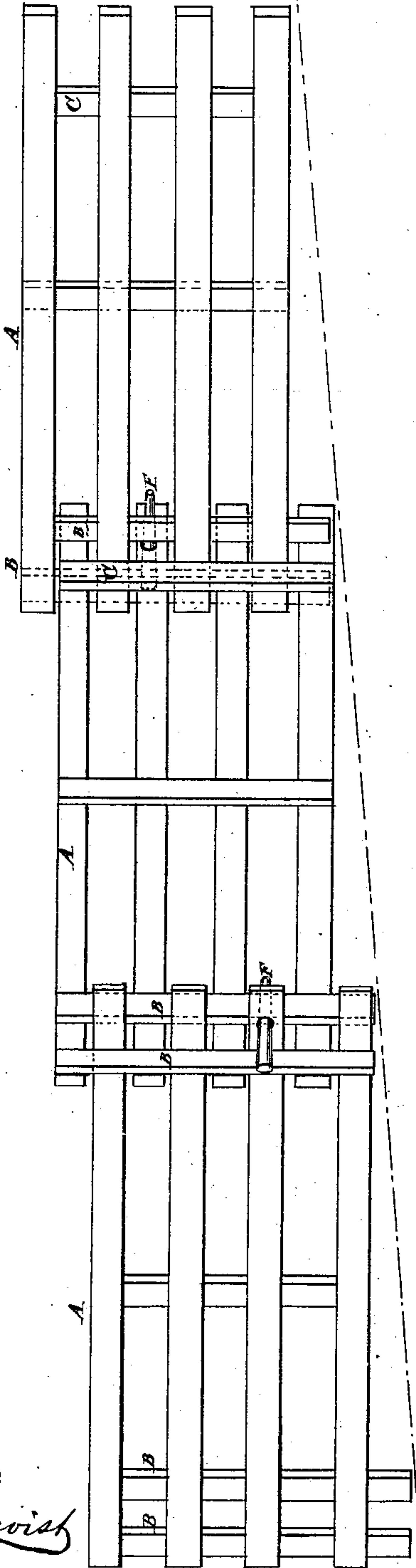
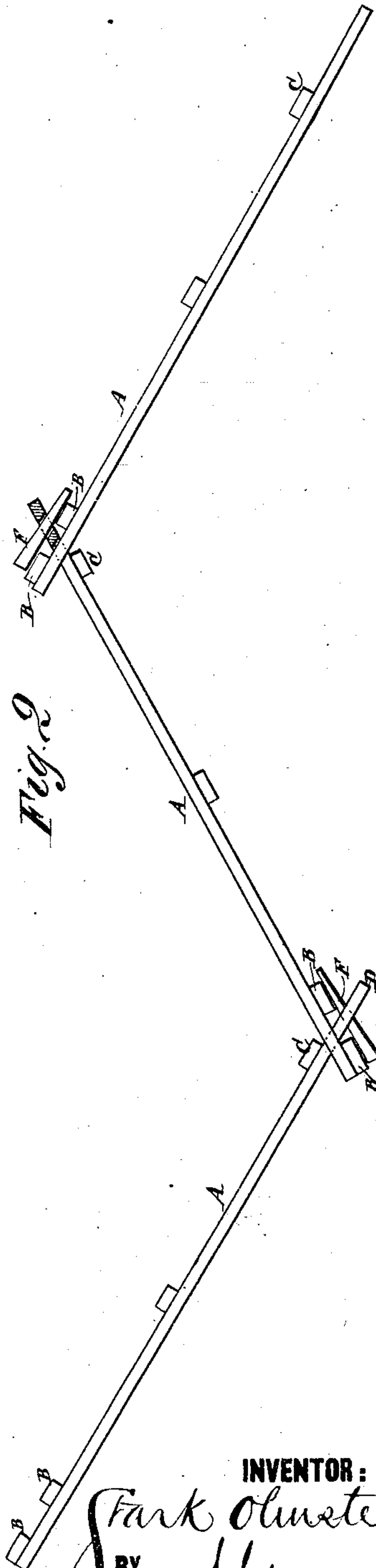


Fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STARK OLMSTEAD, of Brooks, Newton county, Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Fence, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and cheap portable fence, that can readily be put up without nailing or otherwise permanently fastening it, and will stand without posts or stakes. It consists of panels of sawed stuff, having two cross-pieces a little distance apart at one end, to form holes between the cross-pieces, and one cross-piece near the other end, but so that the slats extend beyond it, so as to be fitted in the holes between the two cross-pieces of another panel, and be locked and bound fast therein by adjusting the panels so connected as nearly in a straight line as may be, making a zigzag fence, which is enabled to stand upright without posts or stakes in consequence of that form. Besides the binding of the panels together by the coupling effect of straightening the line, a pin is driven diagonally through the projecting end of one of the slats against the cross-pieces.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a fence contrived according to my invention, and Fig. 2 is a top view.

A represents the panels, which are made of

slats and cross-pieces of sawed stuff of any approved size and form, with two cross-pieces, B, at one end, with a suitable space between, and one cross-piece at the other end, with projections D of the slats beyond, long enough to project through the slats between cross-pieces B, and receive a pin, F, in one or more of the slats, so that it cannot be drawn out lengthwise.

The panels are shifted toward a straight line as much as they can be, after being so connected, to bind the slats between the cross-pieces B, and thus fix the fence rigid and firm, making it self-sustaining without posts or other devices fixed in the ground.

The purpose of extending the posts B B, at one end of panel above and at the other end below the rails, is that they may receive between them the upper rail of one adjacent panel and the lower one of the other. Hence,

What I claim is—

A fence-panel having a pair of posts, B B, at each end of panel, the pair at one end projecting above and at the other end below the rails, as and for the purpose specified.

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