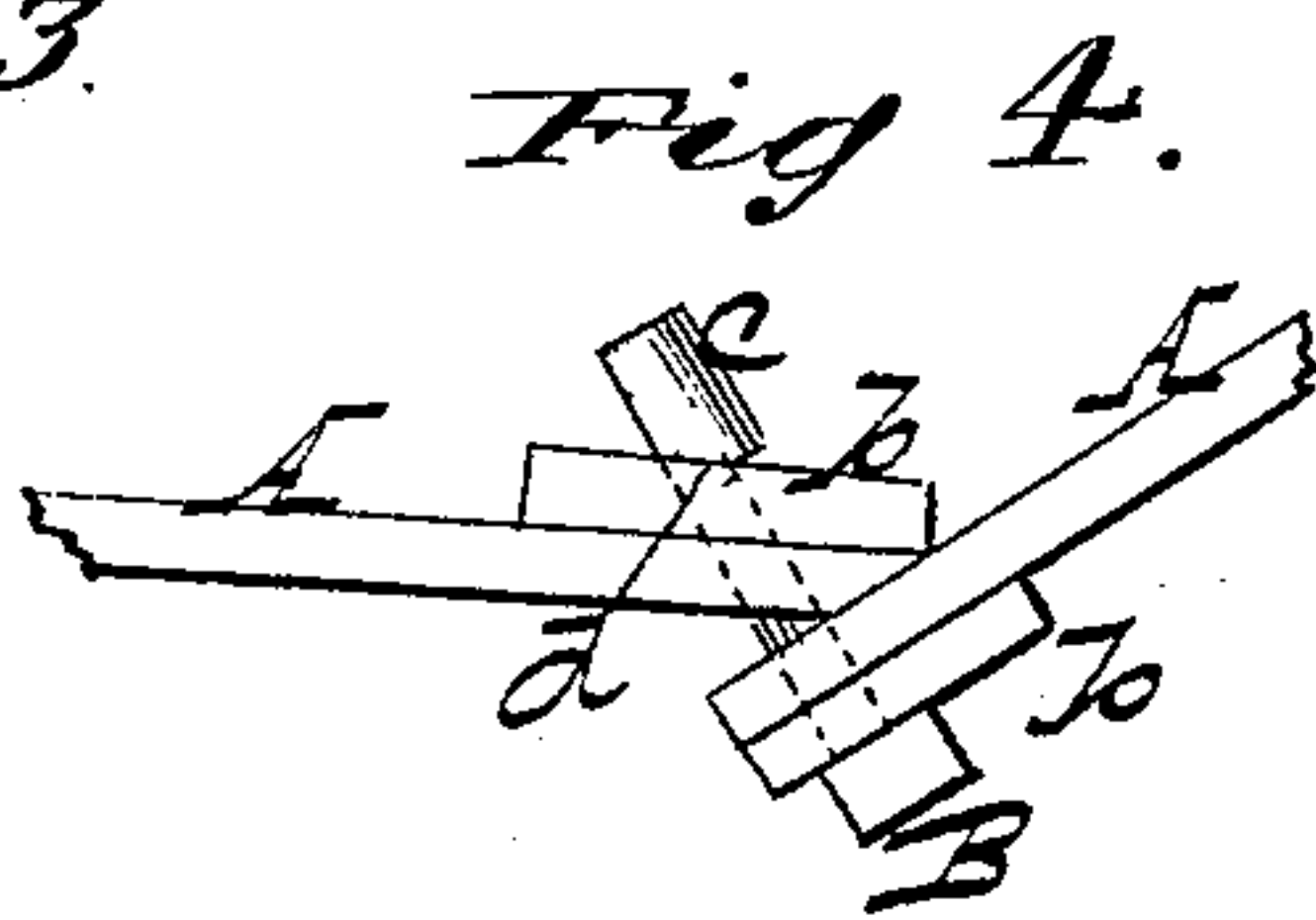
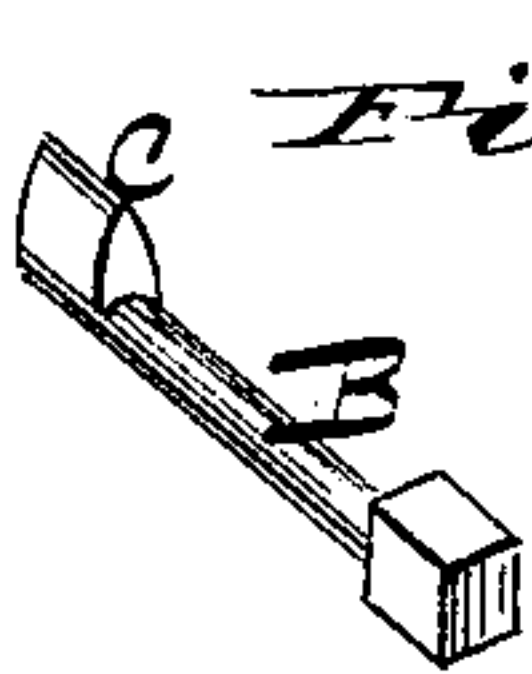
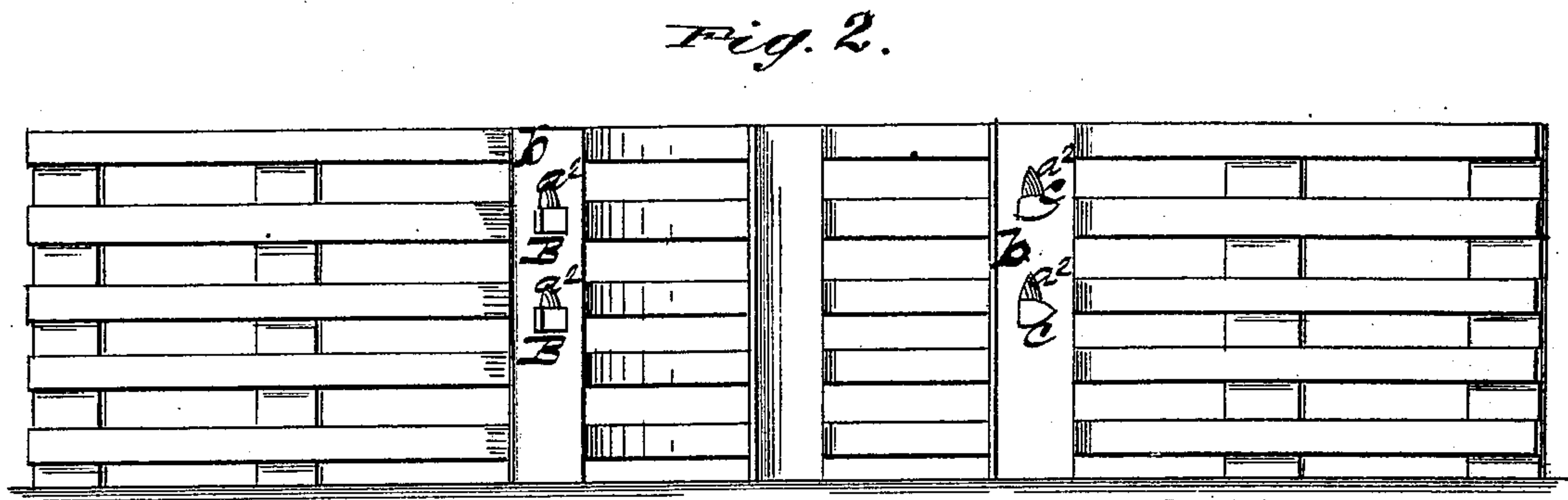
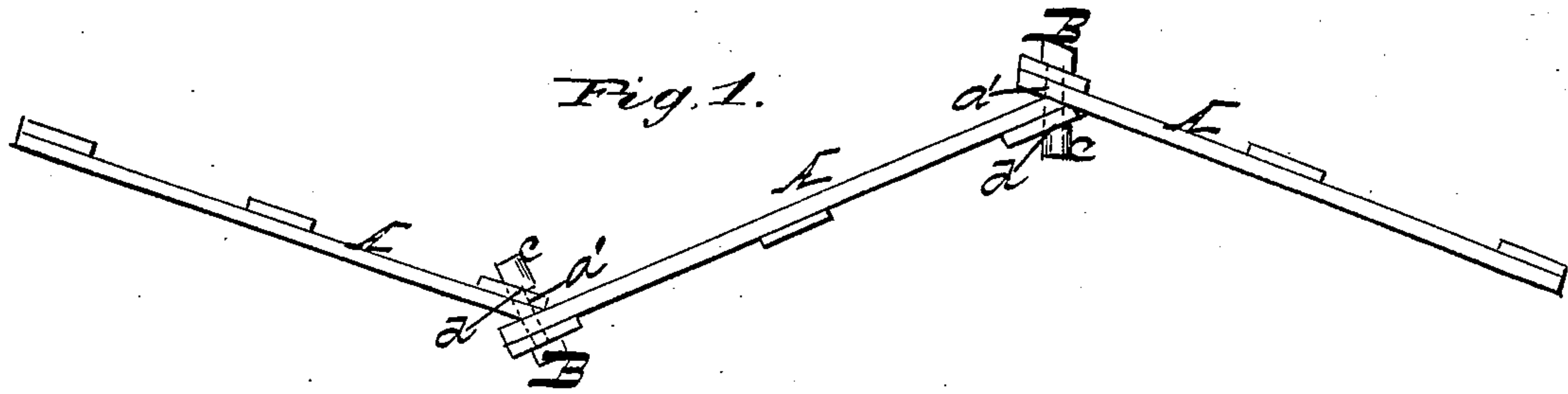


H. L. JONES.  
PORTABLE FENCE.

No. 184,712.

Patented Nov. 28, 1876.



Witnesses.  
D. C. Dutrich  
J. O. Foster.

Inventor  
Hugh L. Jones  
PER Lafayette Bingham

#8245.

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

HUGH L. JONES, OF MIRABILE, MISSOURI.

## IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **184,712**, dated November 28, 1876; application filed September 15, 1876.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUGH L. JONES, of Mirabile, in the county of Caldwell and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved fence; Fig. 2, a side elevation, and Figs. 3 and 4 detached views thereof.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are designated by like letters.

This invention relates to certain improvements in fences; and it consists of means for detachably connecting the panels or sections together, in combination with the said sections or panels, beveled or chamfered to alternately bring their ends and sides in contact in forming a zigzag or serpentine fence, substantially as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, A A refer to the sections or panels of fence, having one end, or rather their boards, beveled, as at  $a$ , to enable their ends and sides to alternately abut each other, to permit of their arrangement in a serpentine or zigzag shape, as seen in Figs. 1 and 4. Through the ends or boards of the said sections or panels A A, and adjacent their points of contact, are apertures  $a^1 a^1$ , passing

diagonally through the same, to enable the panels or sections to be united together, by means hereinafter described, at their desired angle. These apertures are slotted, as at  $a^2$ , and penetrate strengthening pieces or boards  $b b$ , transversely secured to the panels or sections A A. B B are keys, headed as shown, or otherwise, and having their opposite ends "feathered," as at  $c c$ , which, with the heads of the keys or pins, prevent the withdrawal of and lock the latter in position, the feathers  $c c$  being turned out of line with the slots  $a^2 a^2$  of the apertures, through which the feathers, as the keys or pins are inserted into said apertures, pass to the outside thereof, as seen in Figs. 1, 2, and 4. The apertures  $a^1$  are enlarged at their outer ends, or adapted to partially receive the feathers  $c c$  upon the keys or pins when in a locked position, as seen at  $d d$ , to prevent their turning and becoming unlocked.

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

In combination with the sections or panels A A, arranged as shown and described, and having diagonal flaring slotted apertures  $a^1 a^2 d$ , the feathered and headed keys B B, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

HUGH L. JONES.

Witnesses:

MARTIN V. GORDON,  
NOAH T. FREDERICK.