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FENCE.

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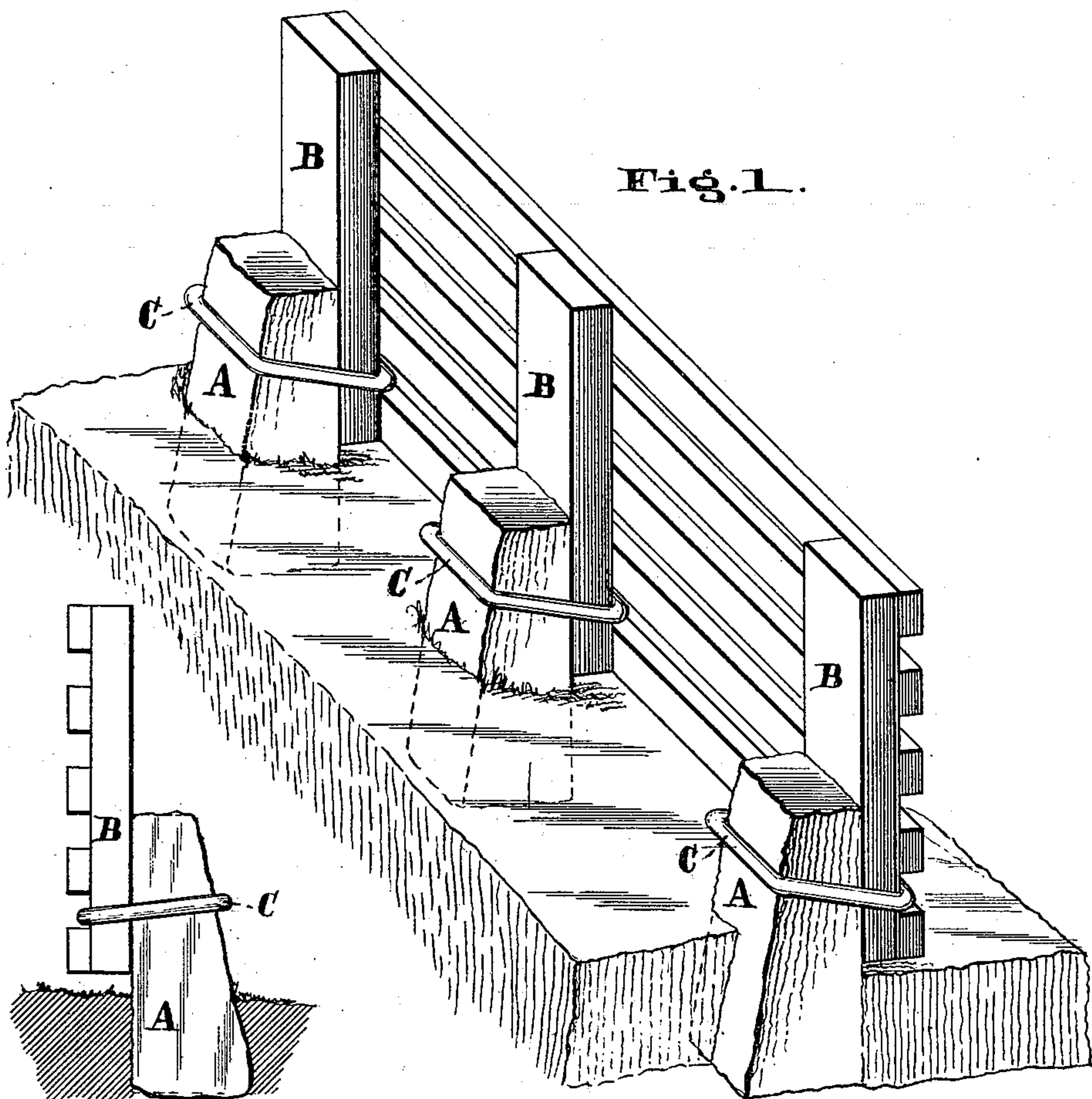


Fig. 1.

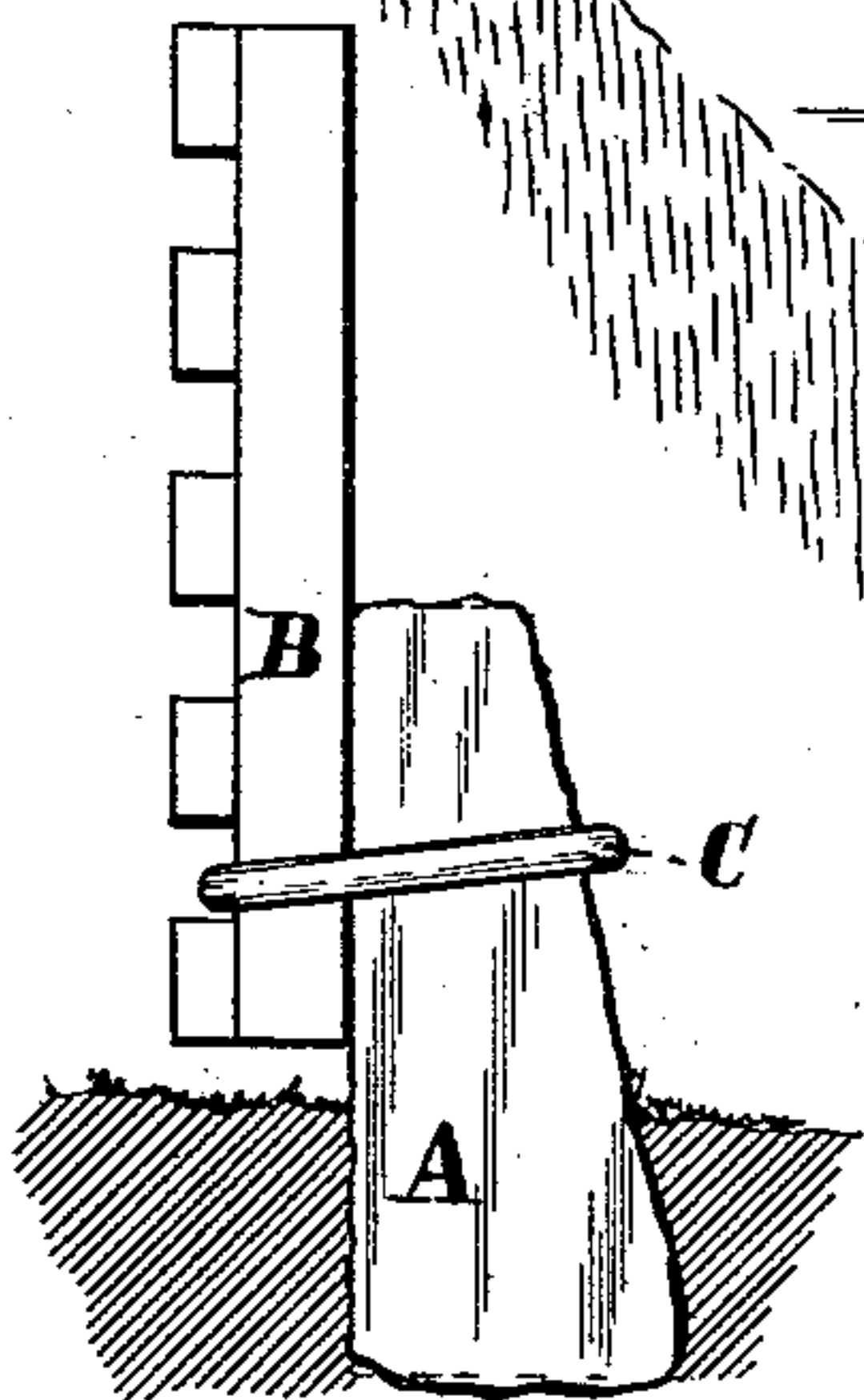
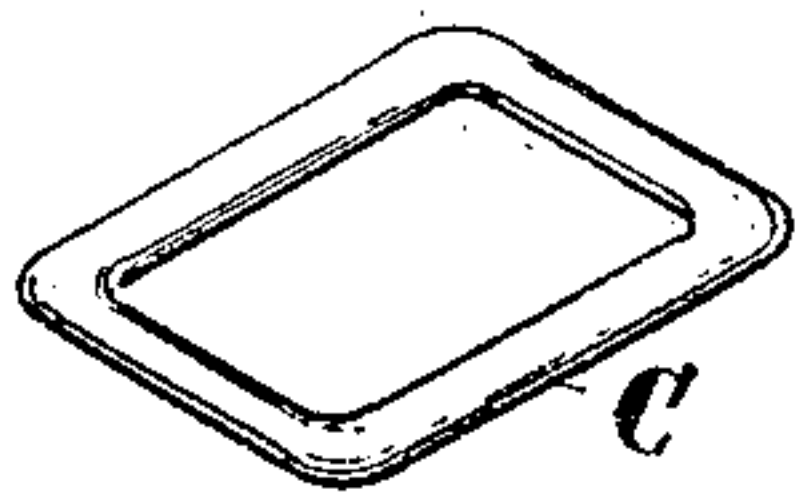


Fig. 2

Fig. 3



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **191,422**, dated May 29, 1877; application filed March 29, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER GOSNELL, of Downeyville, Decatur county, Indiana, have invented a new and useful Fence, of which the following is a specification :

My invention relates to an improved construction of those composite fences whose lower portions consist of stone, and whose upper portions consist of wood, firmly united to the former by means of metallic clamps.

Such clamps, so far as known, have always necessitated the use of bolts or keys to secure or tighten the clamping-bar, and more or less perforation of the wooden or stone member, or both, thus involving expense and labor too great for their practical or extensive use by farmers.

In addition to avoiding these defects, my fence has the advantage of being self-fastening, by the simple weight of the wooden or superincumbent portions of the fence, and, while proof against disturbance by animals, my fence possesses the advantage of being readily separated by human agency, so as to be, so far as its wooden portion is concerned, portable.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing a section of fence having posts constructed on my plan. Fig. 2

is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my link.

A represents a series of stones or rocks, which may be dressed roughly to an upward taper, as shown, or may be selected in the natural condition having sufficient approximation to the same form.

B represents ordinary wooden posts of a panel.

C represents iron links of rectangular form, which being engaged the stone A and post B, the weight of the latter with its rails operates to tightly bind or wedge the parts together, in the manner shown.

While preferring a rectangular transverse section for the members A and B, they may, nevertheless, be of semicircular or other form, the link being modified to correspond.

I claim as new and of my invention—

The composite fence composed of tapering stone base A, plain metallic link C, and gravitating wooden panel B, substantially as set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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