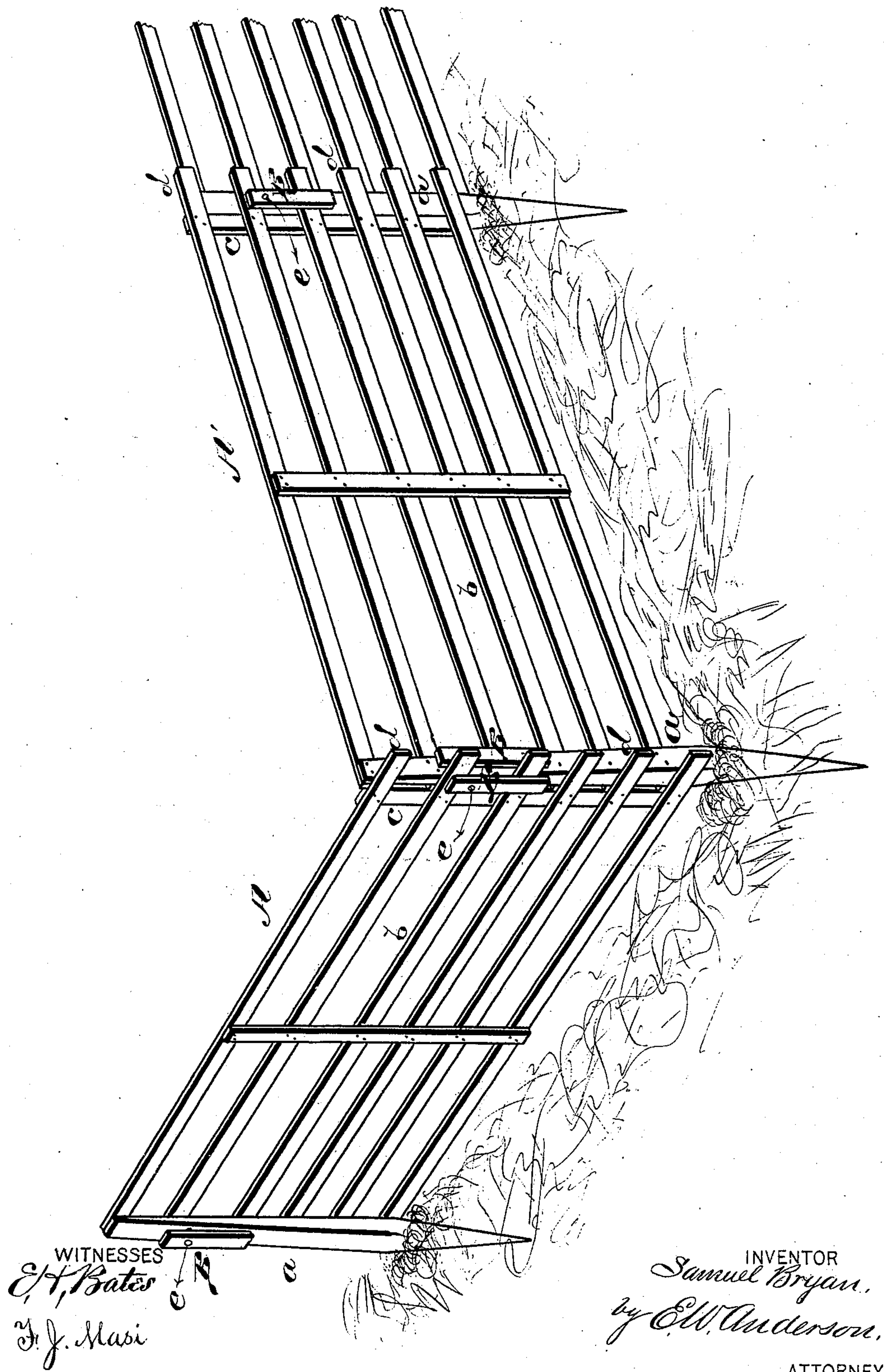


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL BRYAN, of Twin Grove, in the county of Green and State Wisconsin, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Portable Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The drawing is a representation of a perspective view of my improved portable fence set up.

This invention has for its object the improvement of portable fences.

The object of the invention is to devise a fence composed of panels that may be readily and expeditiously put up and taken down.

The nature of the invention consists in combining, with a panel having its longitudinal rails projecting beyond its end post or upright, an adjoining panel having a turn-button pivoted to its upright and adapted to be swung across the ends of two adjacent rails of the first panel, thereby clamping them together, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, the letters A A' designate two adjoining panels of my improved fence, each having at one end a post, *a*, and composed each of a number of spaced rails, *b*, and vertical tie-bars *c*. In each panel the rails *b* project somewhat beyond the end tie-bar *c*, as shown at *d*, and form a lap, by means of which the said panels are connected together.

B represents a turn-button, pivoted, by

means of a bolt, *e*, to each of the posts *a* upon the opposite side to the rails, and sufficiently spaced from the posts of their respective panels to allow the laps *d* of the adjacent panels to be passed in between them and the said posts. This space is first regulated approximately, and when the buttons are turned across the ends of the said laps, should they not bind upon them sufficiently to clamp the panels together, this result may be attained in a moment by setting up the said bolts or screws *e*.

In practice the buttons are longer at one side of their pivots than at the other, and adequate leverage is thus had to allow them to be turned with little labor across the laps and to maintain them in this position.

As the drive-spikes are forced into the ground as the panels are successively put up, and are thus incapable of endwise movement, the turn-button tie or coupling is very reliable and effective.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a portable fence, the combination, with the panel A, having the rails extended beyond its end tie-bar to form laps *d*, of the panel A', having posts *a*, and a turn-button, B, adapted to be swung across the laps of panel A, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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