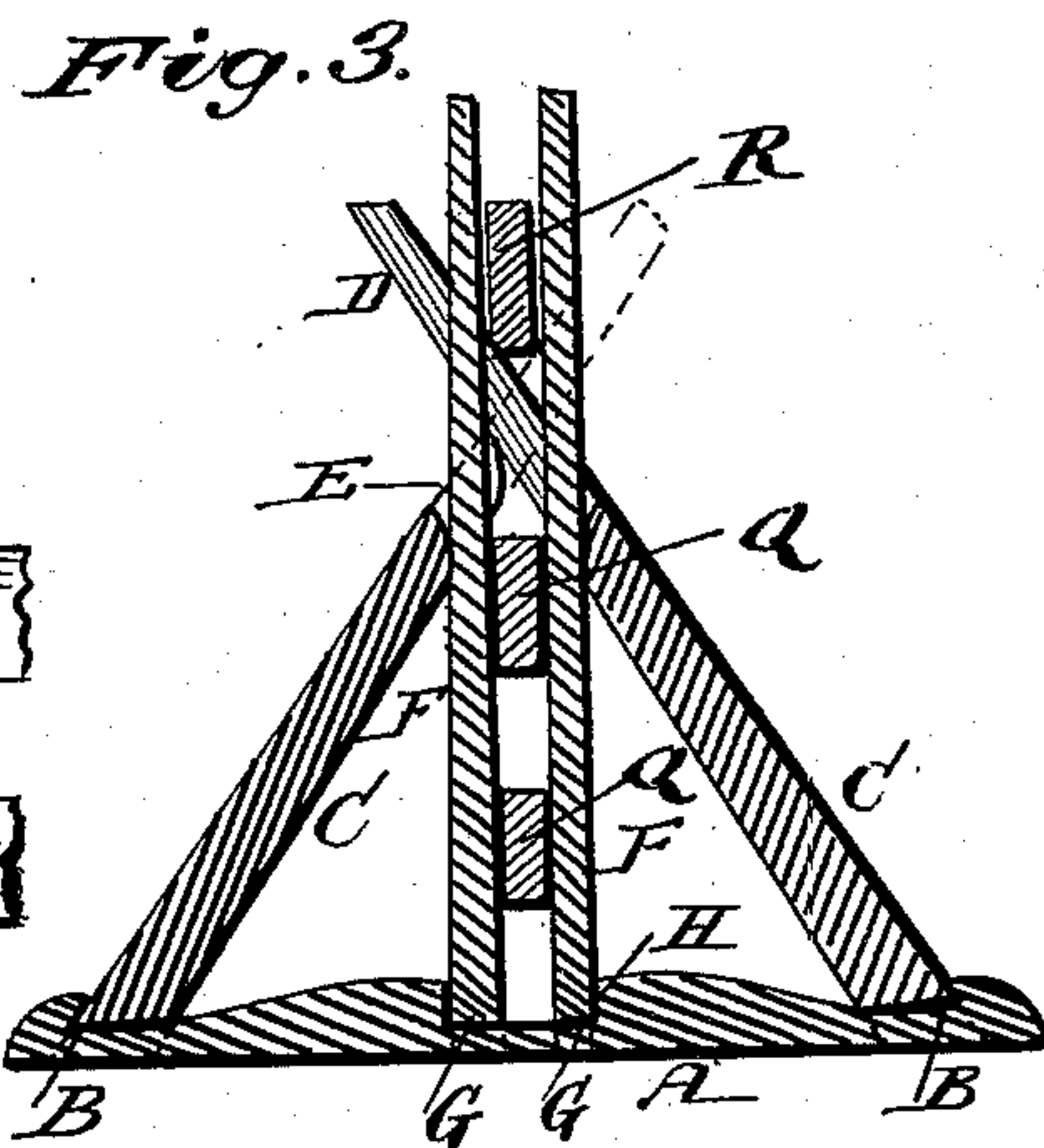
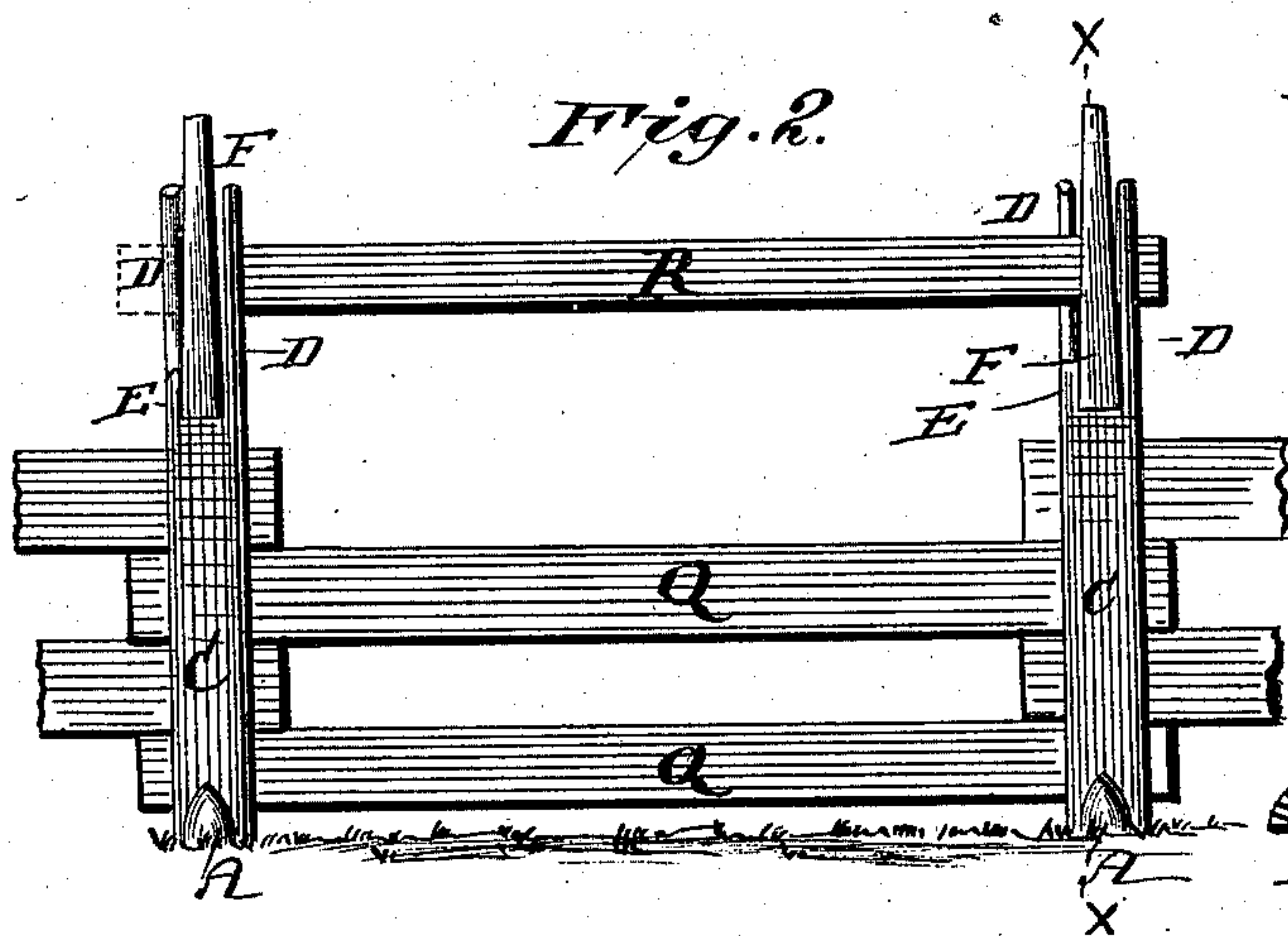
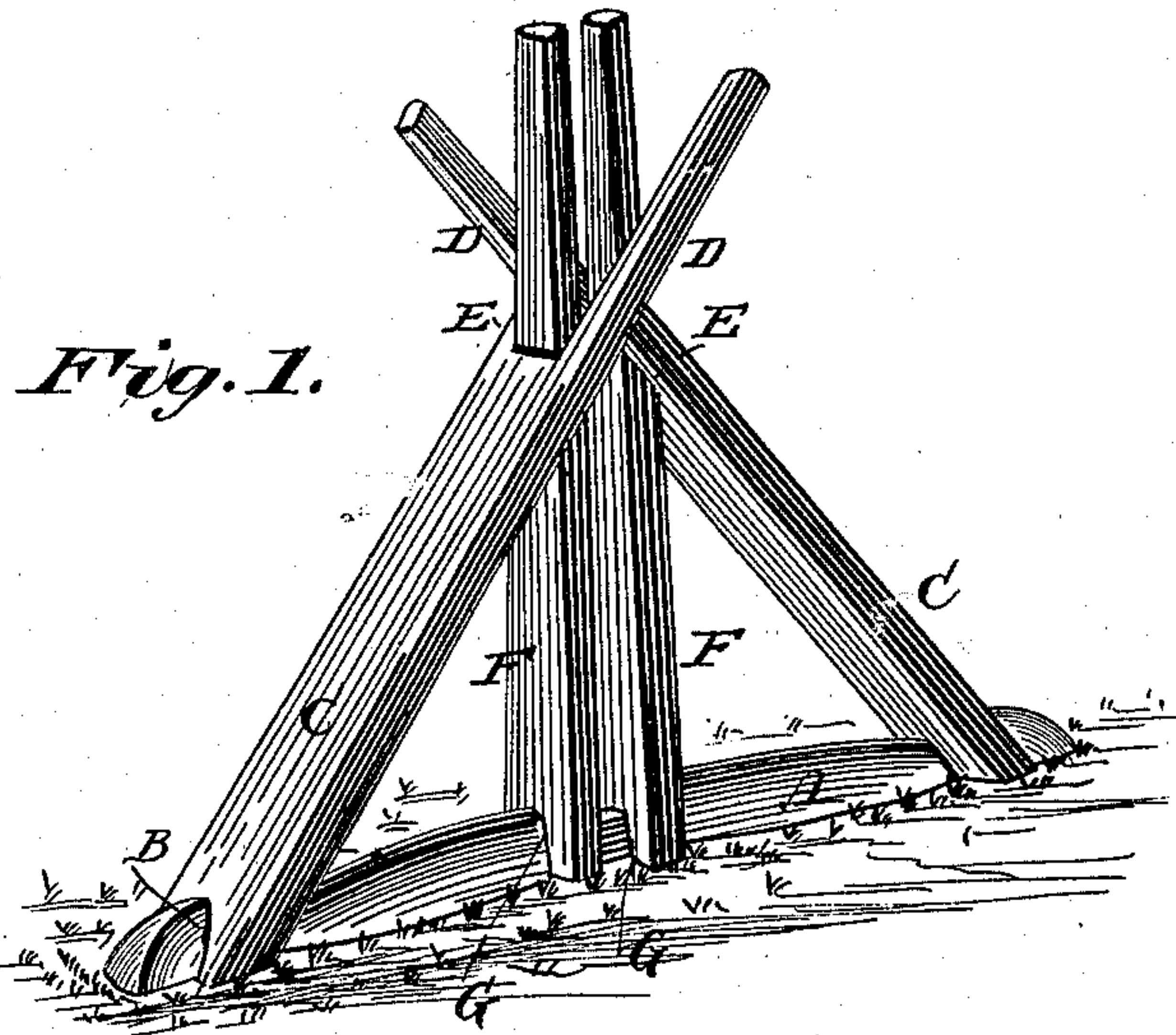


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. FLEMING, of Idaville, in the county of Tipton and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Braces; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fence-brace. Fig. 2 is a side view of a section of fence constructed with the same; and Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters of reference.

This invention relates to braces for portable rail fences; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, which will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings hereto annexed, A represents the base of my improved fence-brace, which consists of a rail or plank of suitable length provided at the ends with notches B B, to receive the lower notched ends of a pair of stakes, C C. The upper ends of said stakes are provided with long arms D and short arms E, which enable them to be nicely crossed on opposite sides of a pair of vertical posts, F F, provided at their lower ends with notches G G, by which they are adjusted in a central notch, H, in base A, upon which they are supported, as shown.

In operation the braces are arranged suitable distances apart, and the rails Q are then built up between the posts F F to any desired height. A binding rail or rider, R, is then placed in the crosses of the stakes C, thus se-

curing the latter and making a very durable fence.

By this invention the rails may be built to any desired height, a single one being sufficient, in conjunction with the rider R, to bind the braces.

The construction is simple and inexpensive, and a fence constructed in this manner may be put up or taken down in very short time.

Upright posts, between which the rails of a fence are secured, have been provided with beveled faces, from one side of which a long arm projected upwardly to form a standard, and from the opposite side a flange or short arm projected to form a recess, in which the brace for the fence rested. A sill or base has been notched to receive the lower ends of the upright posts, both of which features are shown in Patent No. 213,599, of 1879, and neither of which is broadly claimed herein.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. As an improvement in fence-braces, the combination of the base A, having notches B B H, stakes C C, having long arms D and short arms E and notches in their lower ends, and the posts F F, having notches G, all arranged and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The braces C, having long arms D and short arms E, when arranged and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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