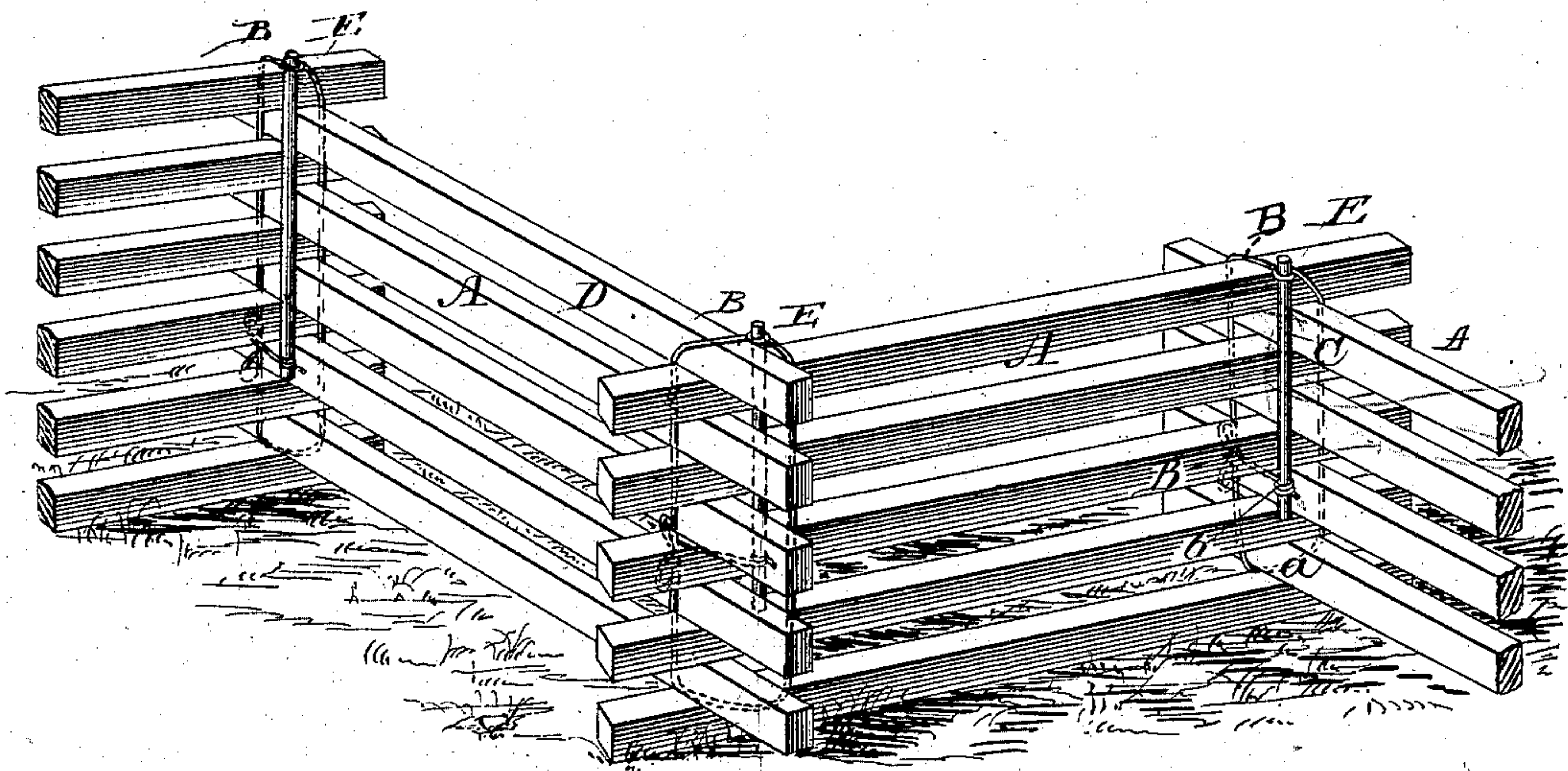


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN A. WELDS, of Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Fences, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of this invention, which is supplemental to that for which Letters Patent were granted me, numbered 220,892, and dated October 21, 1879, relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of rail-fences; and the invention consists of the peculiar construction of various parts, whereby the corners are bound together, more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification and shows my invention in perspective, A A represent the two sections of a rail-fence built up in the ordinary manner. To bind the corners securely together I pass a wire loop, B, around the end of one of the lower rails, as at A, and around the end of one of the upper rails, said loop being about equal in size to the height of the fence. I then insert one end of the locking-lever C in

the upper end of the loop B, and by twisting the wire with the lever press the rails firmly together. Then I bind said lever at its lower end to the loop B by a wire or tie, *b*.

Should the fence-corners become loosened from any cause—such as settling or shrinking of the wood—and the loop become ineffective or loose, it is only necessary to release the tie *b*, and by further twisting the rod C within the loop to take up the slack restore it to a locked position.

What I claim as my invention is—

In a worm rail-fence, the wire loop B, embracing the intersecting ends of the rails forming the fence-sections, combined with the locking-lever C, secured in the upper portion of the loop B, and resting, when in a locked position, in the corner formed by the intersecting rails, and with the wire or tie *b*, which secures the locking-lever C to the loop B upon the opposite side of the fence, as specified.

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In presence of—

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