

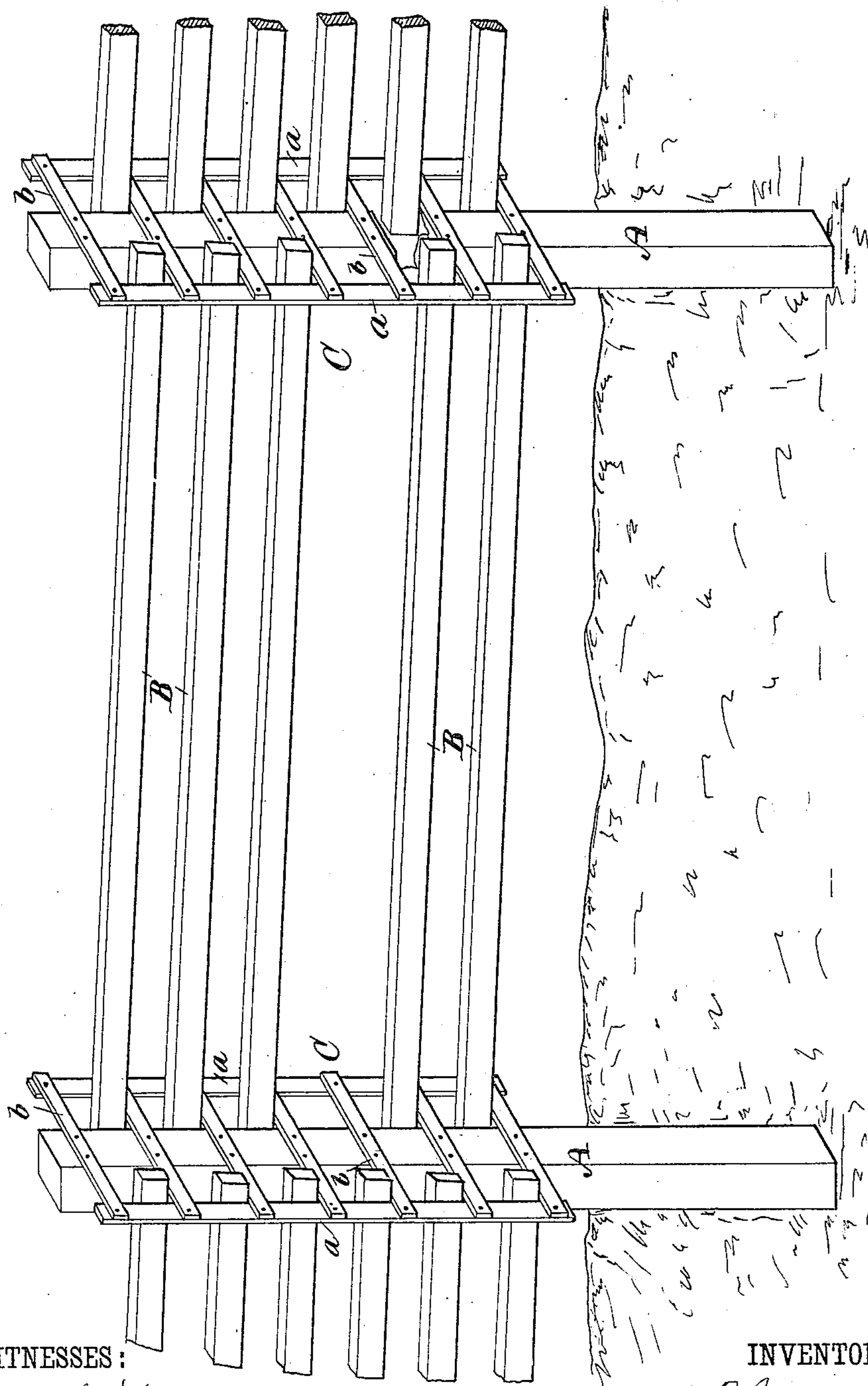
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD J. MURPHEY, of Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Fence, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to rail-fences; and it has for its object to devise means whereby the fence may be laid in a straight line, instead of zigzag, as heretofore, thus effecting a great saving in labor, fence material, and also in the amount of ground which the fence occupies.

The invention consists of a frame composed of two vertical pieces and as many cross-pieces as there are to be rails in the fence, the frame being adapted to be secured to the posts by nails passing through the center of the cross-pieces, the cross-pieces being of such length as to leave sufficient space between the sides of the posts and the vertical bars or pieces to hold the ends of the rails.

In the accompanying drawing, the figure is a perspective view of a fence constructed upon my new plan.

A represents the posts; and B represents the rails, which are held in place by the frames C, which are nailed to the posts, as shown. This frame C is composed of the vertical side bars, *a a*, and the cross-pieces *b b*, which are nailed at their ends to the vertical pieces, as shown. The cross-pieces should be nailed to the vertical side pieces a suitable distance apart to suit the purpose for which the fence is being laid, and

they should be of such length that when nailed to the post a space to admit the ends of the rails will be left between the post and the side bars, and there must be as many cross-pieces as there are to be rails in the fence.

It will be observed that the rails are simply placed in the frames and not secured. This is an advantage, in that the fence can be easily let down between any of the posts for the passage of a team through a pair of bars. Besides this, the fence requires no blocks nor stake nor cap, and the rails may be placed as near together or as far apart as desired. These advantages, together with the fact that the fence may be laid in a straight line requiring less fence material than by the old method, are of great moment, especially in a country where fencing material is scarce.

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

The combination, with the post A and rails B, of the rectangular frame C, composed of the vertical side bars, *a*, and the horizontal bars *b*, secured at their ends to the side bars, and at the center of their length to the post, whereby spaces are formed on each side of the post for the reception of the rails, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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