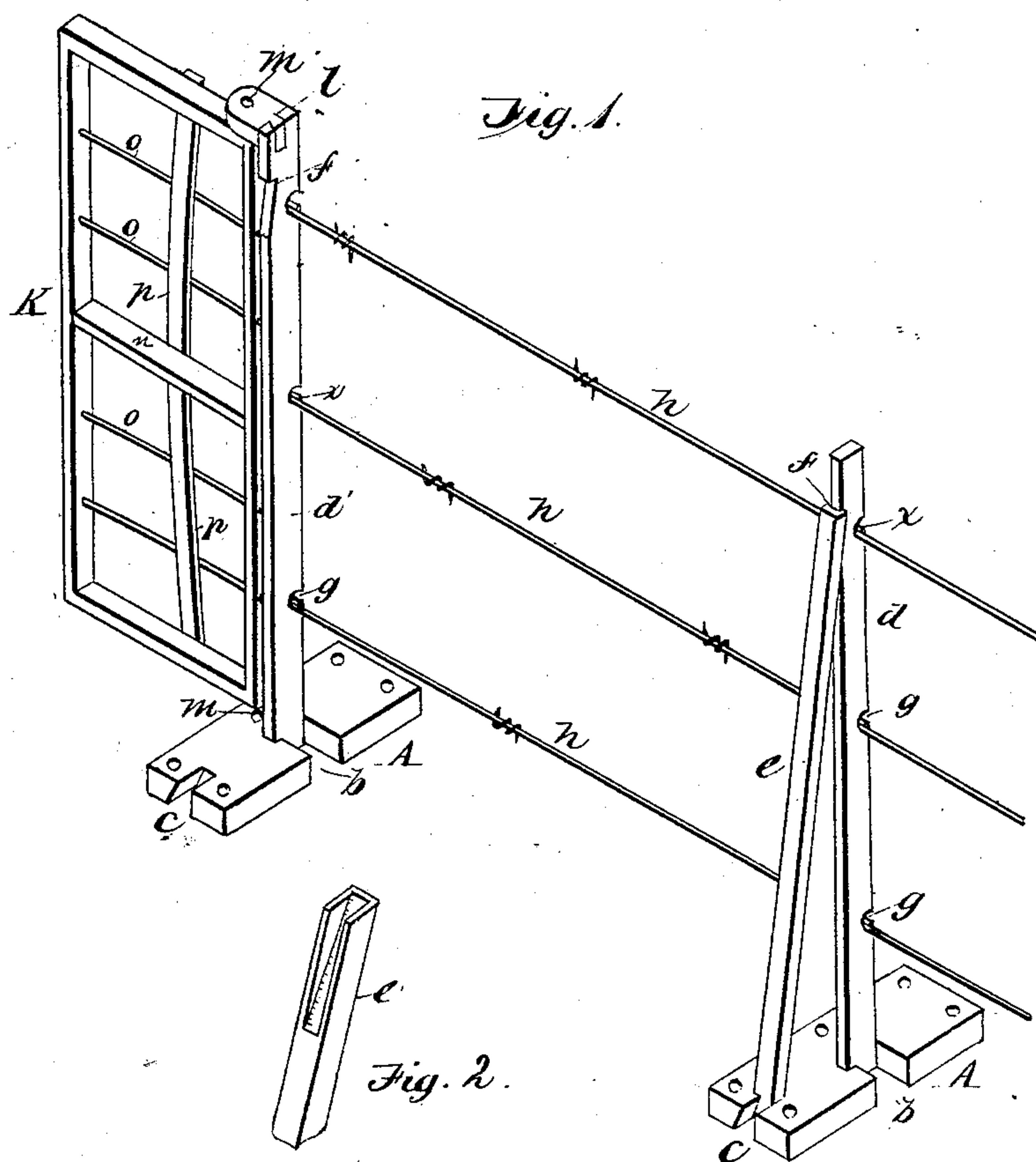


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EPHRAIM STAHL, a resident of Kenner, parish of Jefferson, and State of Louisiana, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Portable Fences; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and correct description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification.

10 This invention relates to portable fences; and it consists in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter particularly set forth and claimed; but my invention will be more readily understood by referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

15 Figure 1 represents a perspective view thereof, and Fig. 2 a detail view of the upper end of the brace.

20 A A are base-plates, of iron or other material, having slots therein, as at *b c*, for the reception of the lower ends of the uprights *d* and braces *e*. The upper ends of the latter are slotted, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2, so as to straddle the edge of the uprights and fit 25 into notches cut therein, as at *f*. The base-plates have vertical holes therein, so that they may be spiked or pegged to the ground or any material they may rest upon. Bevel-slots, as at *g*, are cut in one edge of the uprights *d* for 30 the reception of the fence-wire *h*, which is securely held therein by slightly closing the slot with a hammer or other device, striking at the point *x* for this purpose.

35 The upright *d'*, which supports the gate K, has a plate dovetailed to its upper end, as at *l*. This piece has a vertical hole made therein corresponding with one made in the base-plate to receive the pivots or hinge-pins *m*, upon which the gate swings.

The gate is composed of a rectangular frame 40 made in one or more pieces, and provided with a cross bar or brace, *n*. Wires are stretched across the frame, as at *o*, so as to reduce the size of the opening therein, and a strip of any desired material is run in between the above- 45 mentioned parts, as at P, so as to stiffen the same.

For corner stands extra braces may be applied between the uprights and their bases, or the said uprights made of angle-iron with 50 corner braces.

The slots *b c* flare from the top downward, one side or both sides being inclined outward. The lower ends of the posts and braces are shaped to fit these flaring slots, and dimin- 55 ished so as to form a shoulder in each case, which rests on the top of base A, in which the posts or braces are inserted.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters 60 Patent, is—

In combination with the base-piece A, having slots *c b* cut in from its side and end, each slot having one side inclined, as shown, the post *d*, provided with a downward extension 65 fitted to the side slot in said base-piece, and a notch, *f*, near its upper end, and the brace *e*, having its lower end provided with a downward extension which fits into said end slot of the base-piece, and having its upper end re- 70 cessed to fit into said notch *f* and to embrace the sides of the post, substantially as shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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