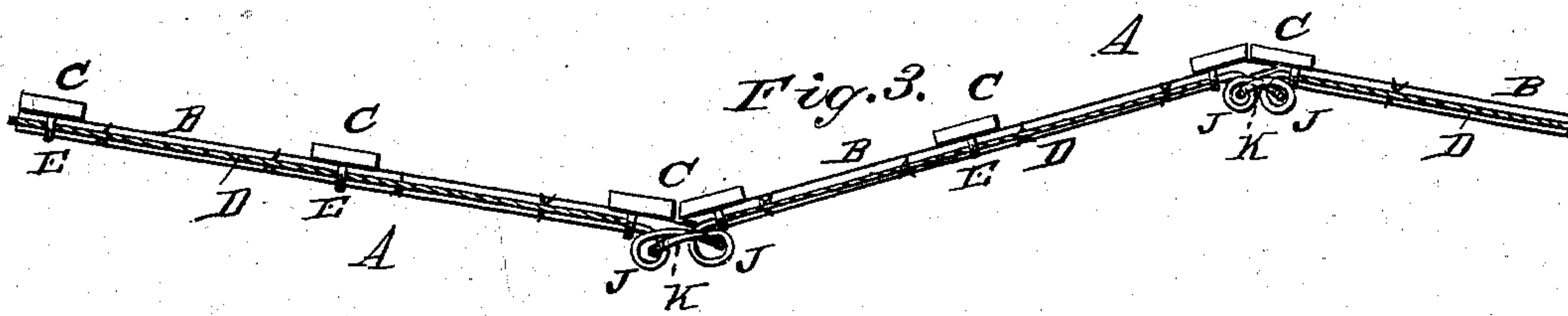
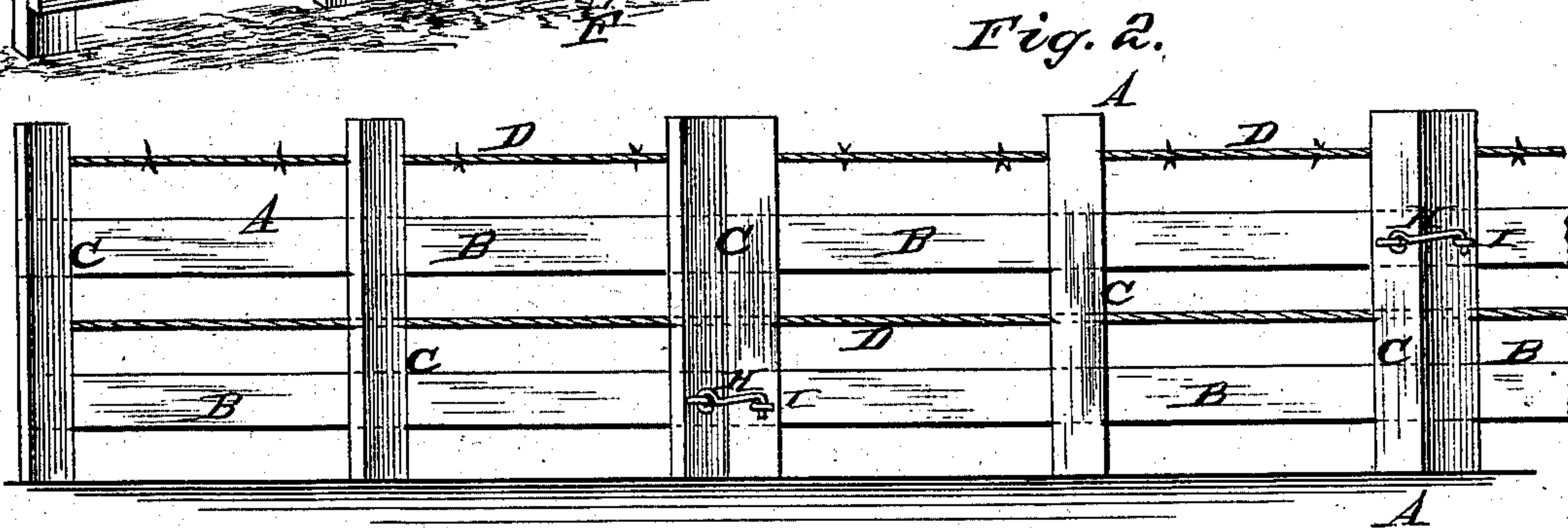
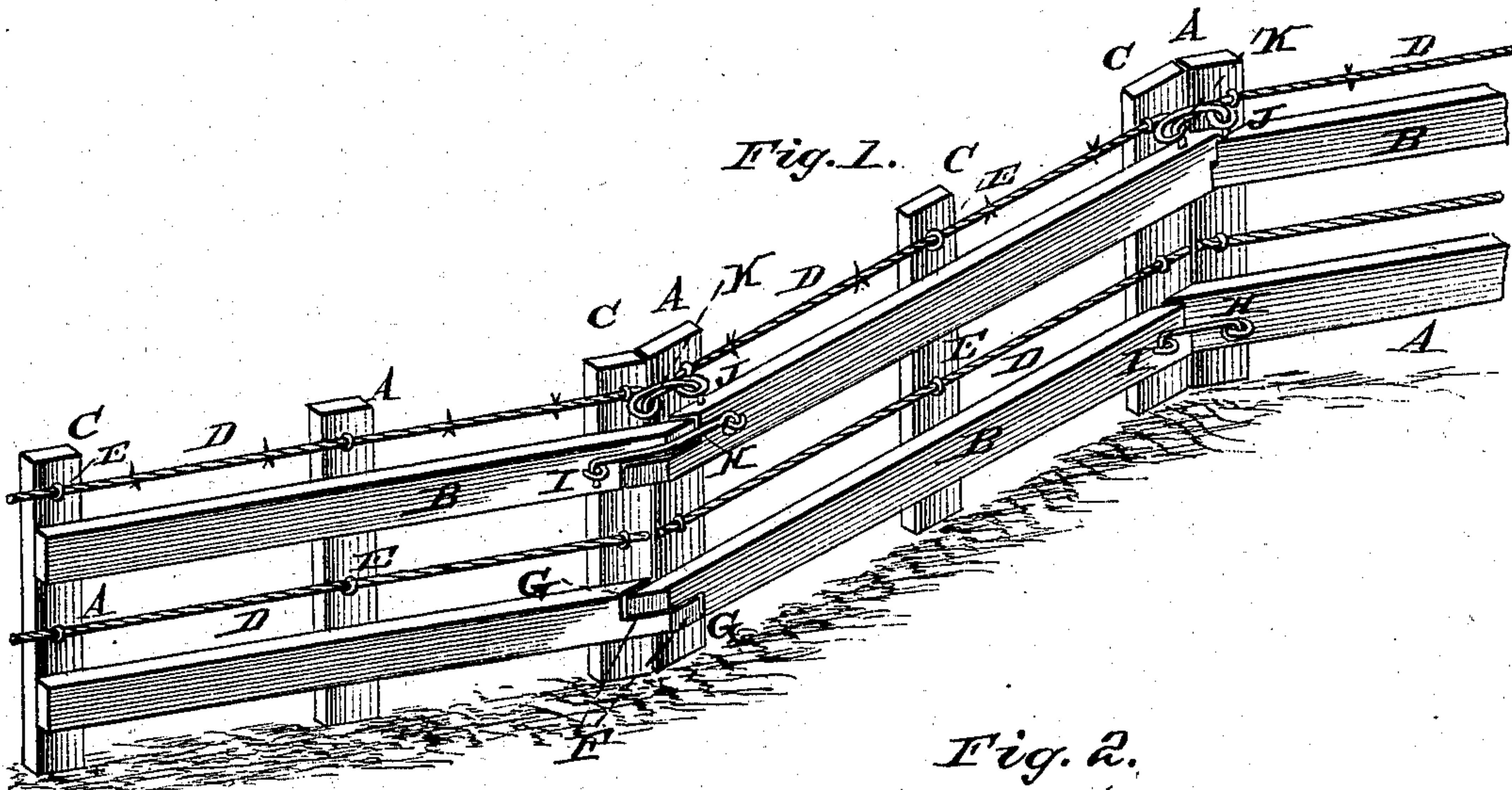


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB HOFFMAN, of Chippewa Falls, in the county of Chippewa and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Fences; 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,
10 reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, Fig. 2 is a side view, and Fig. 3 is a top view, of my improved fence.

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

This invention relates to portable fences; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, which will be here-
20 inafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings hereto annexed, A A represent the panels of my improved portable fence. Each panel is composed of horizontal
25 bars or rails B B, connected at the ends and at the middle by vertical posts C C. Only two horizontal bars or rails B B are used; but in addition thereto I employ one or more lengths of barbed wire, D, which are quite as useful
30 and efficient in turning stock, and which are, besides, lighter and less expensive than lumber, and not so easily damaged and overturned in wet and windy weather. The barbed wires D may be secured to the vertical posts C by means
35 of staples E, or in any other suitable manner. The ends of the horizontal bars or rails B B, which project beyond the vertical end posts, C, are cut off diagonally, as at F, and provided with diagonal notches G, so that the adjoin-

ing rail ends of adjoining panels shall inter- 40 lock and form lap-joints, the construction of which is shown and claimed in a patent granted to myself, No. 131,000, dated September 3, 1872. To further connect the panels I avail myself of hooks H and eyes or staples I. These hooks 45 are to be arranged on both sides of the panels, so as to make the connection firm and strong.

The ends of the wires may be formed with eyes J and hooks K, adapted to engage each 50 other, and thus serve not only to connect the wires, but also to brace and strengthen the fence.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings hereto annexed, 55 the advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

My improved fence is simple, inexpensive, light, and durable, and may be put up or taken
60 down in a short time.

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

A portable fence constructed of panels A, consisting of vertical posts C, horizontal bars 65 or rails B, having lap-joints F G, wires D, formed with eyes J and hooks K, engaging those of the adjoining panel, and hooks and staples H I, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 70

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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