

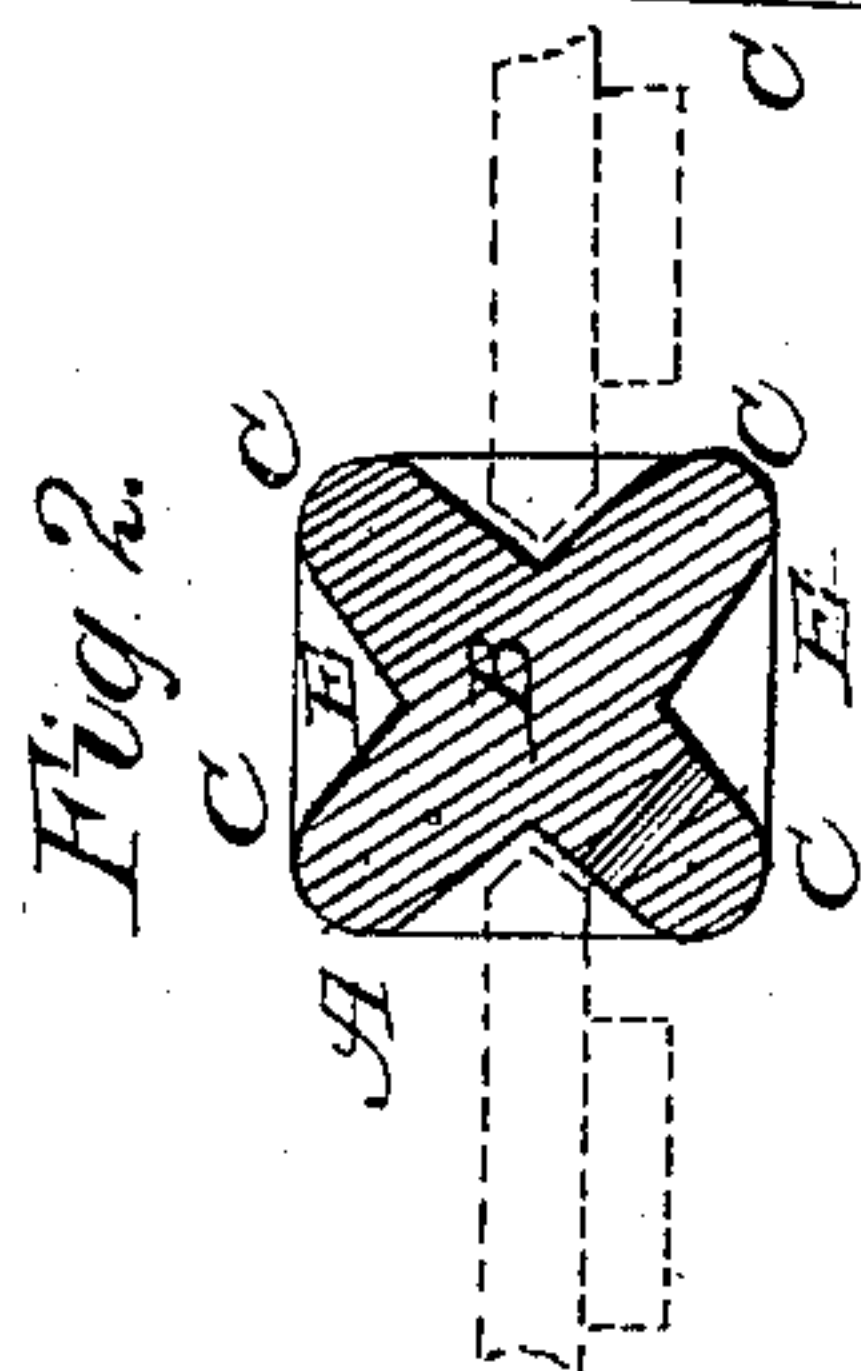
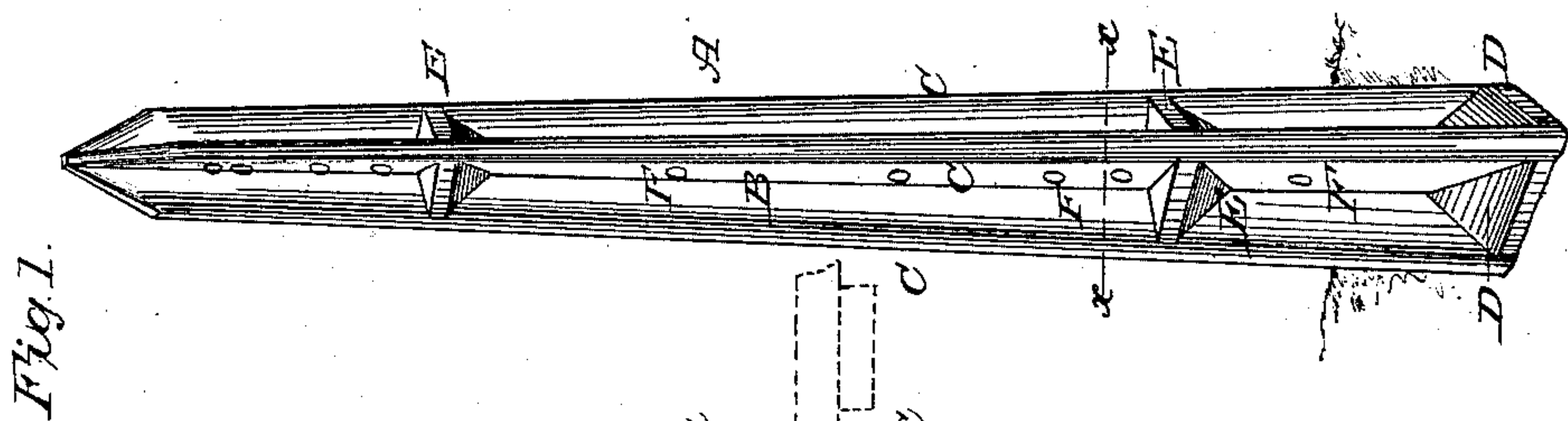
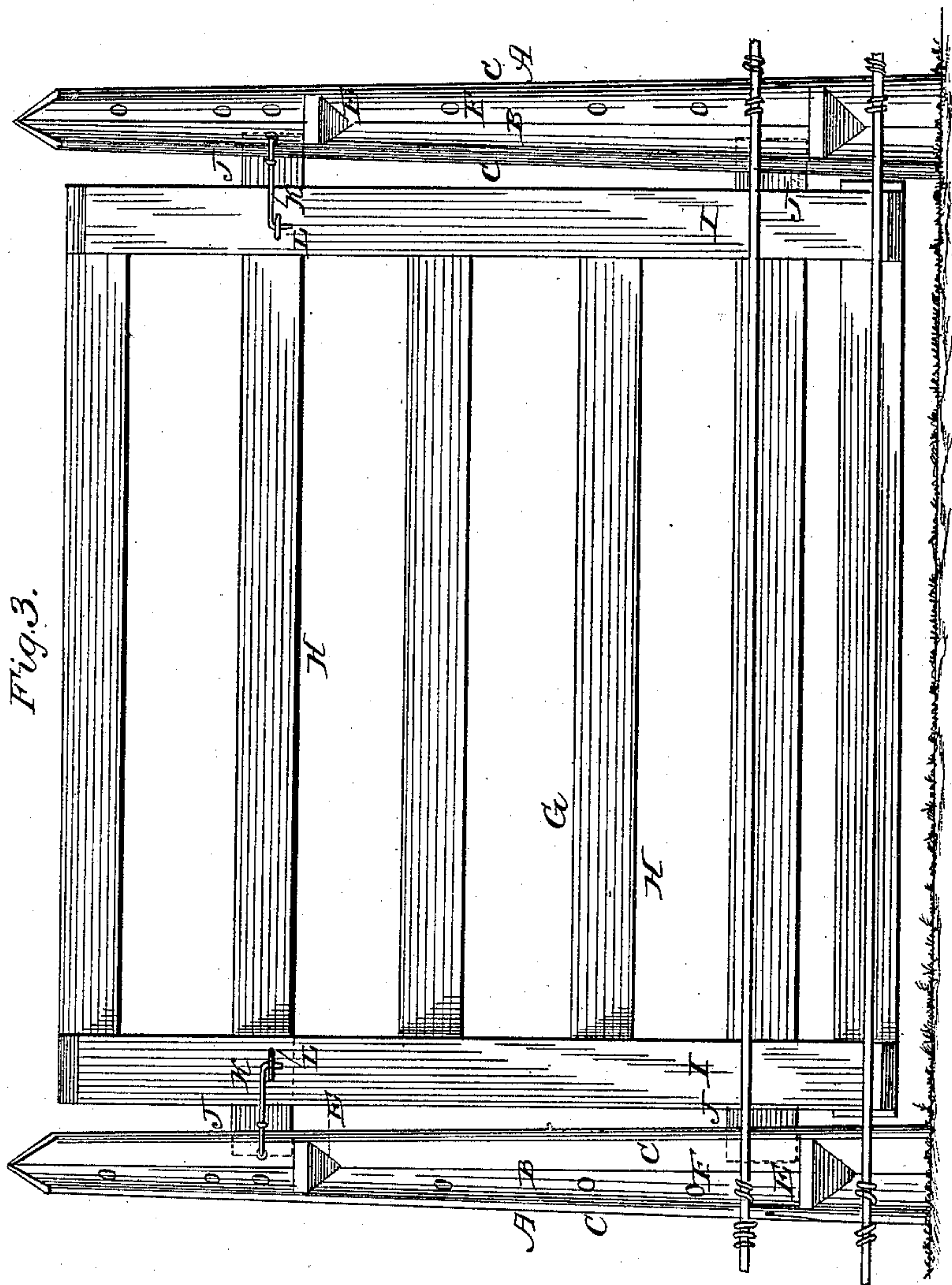
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FRANK WEY, OF SAME PLACE.

## FENCE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN DENNING, of Terre Haute, in the county of Vigo and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful  
5 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, reference  
10 being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of my improved fence-posts. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a side  
15 view of a rail-panel fence constructed with my improved posts.

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

This invention relates to fences; and it consists essentially in the improved construction  
20 of a fence-post of burned clay, terra-cotta, or similar material, which may be used in the construction of panel or wire fences, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly  
25 pointed out in the claim.

My improved fence-post, which in the drawings is represented by letter A, consists of a central body or core, B, from which vertical  
30 flanges C radiate at right angles to each other. Said flanges are connected at the bottom and at intermediate points of the post by shoulders D E. The fence-post is made tapering, as shown, from its lower end to the top, where it may be quite slender.

35 In manufacturing the fence-post it is first molded of clay or other material, and then dried and baked or burned to the required degree of hardness. One of the flanges C is provided with a series of transverse perforations, F.

40 G is a fence-panel constructed of horizontal rails or planks H, connected by vertical braces I. Two or more of the planks H extend at

the ends beyond the braces I, so as to form brackets J.

In operation the fence-posts are set in the ground, as shown, with the shoulders between  
45 the flanges facing each other. The panels are adjusted with the brackets J resting upon the shoulders E, which support the panel, lateral displacement of which is prevented by the  
50 flanges C, between which the brackets J are fitted. The panels may be further secured by hooks K, hinged in the perforations F and engaging staples L in the panels.

The posts being made tapering, as shown, 55 the panels may be readily adjusted or removed, as occasion shall require, by simply lifting them until the brackets J may pass between the flanges of the posts.

The shoulders D at the lower ends of the 60 posts serve to hold them in the ground.

My improved fence-posts may be used in the construction of wire fences by turning the  
65 flanges C, having perforations F, to the front, and securing the wires in any suitable manner in said perforations. A picket-panel or panel of any suitable kind may also be substituted for the one herein shown.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the 70 United States—

The tapering fence-post A, having flanges C and shoulders E, in combination with a fence-panel having projecting brackets adapted to rest upon said shoulders between the flanges, 75 as set forth.

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

JOHN DENNING.

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