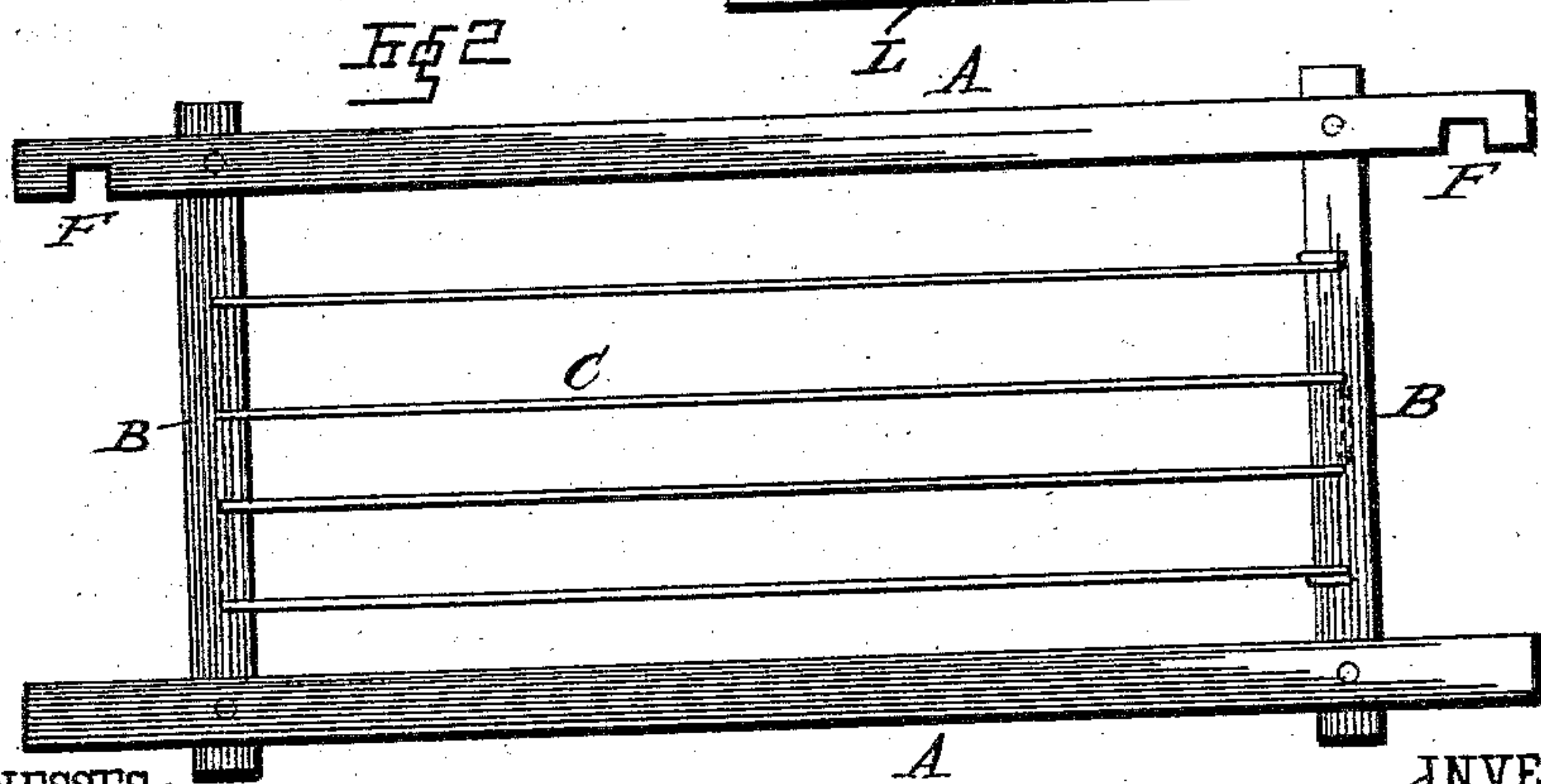
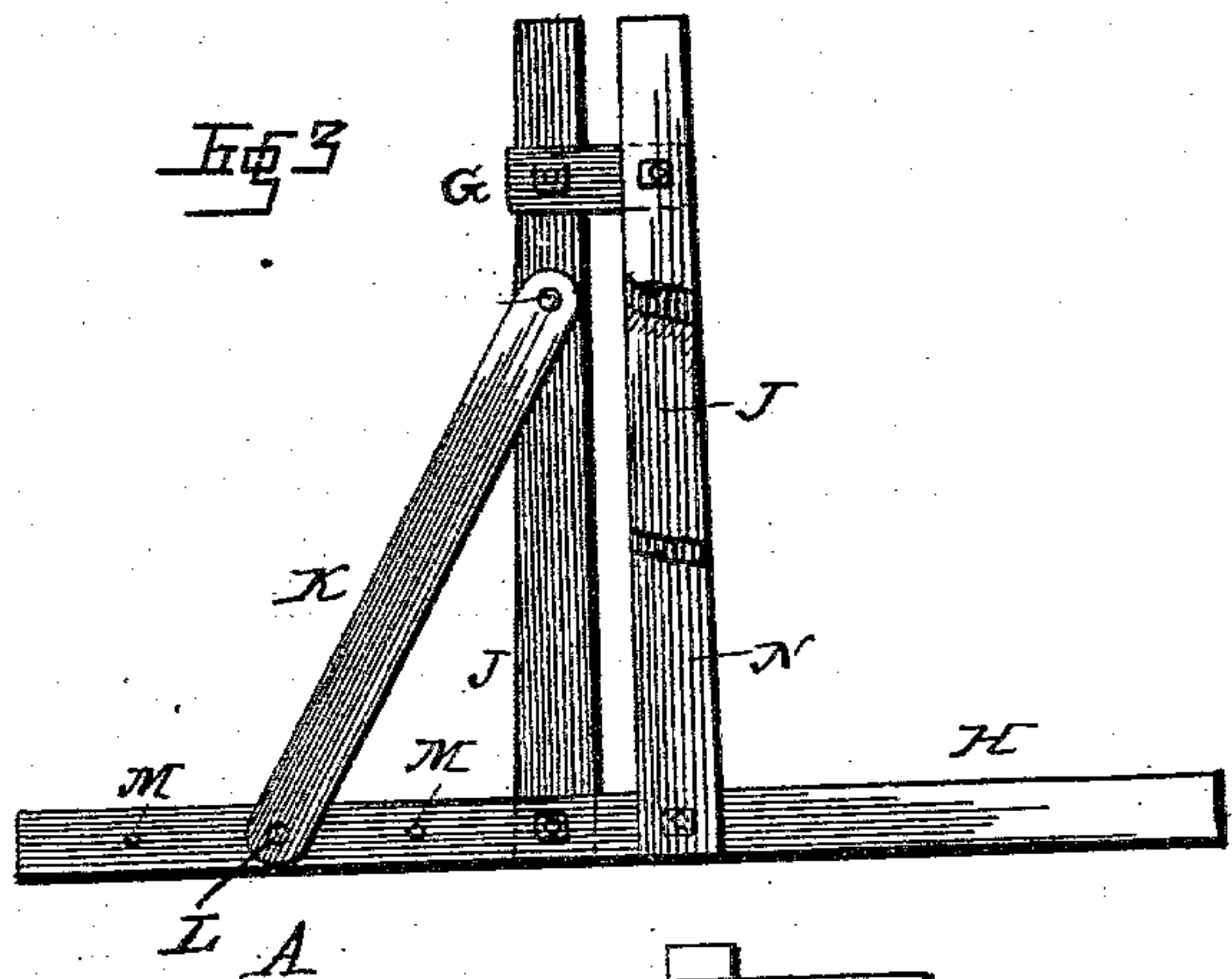
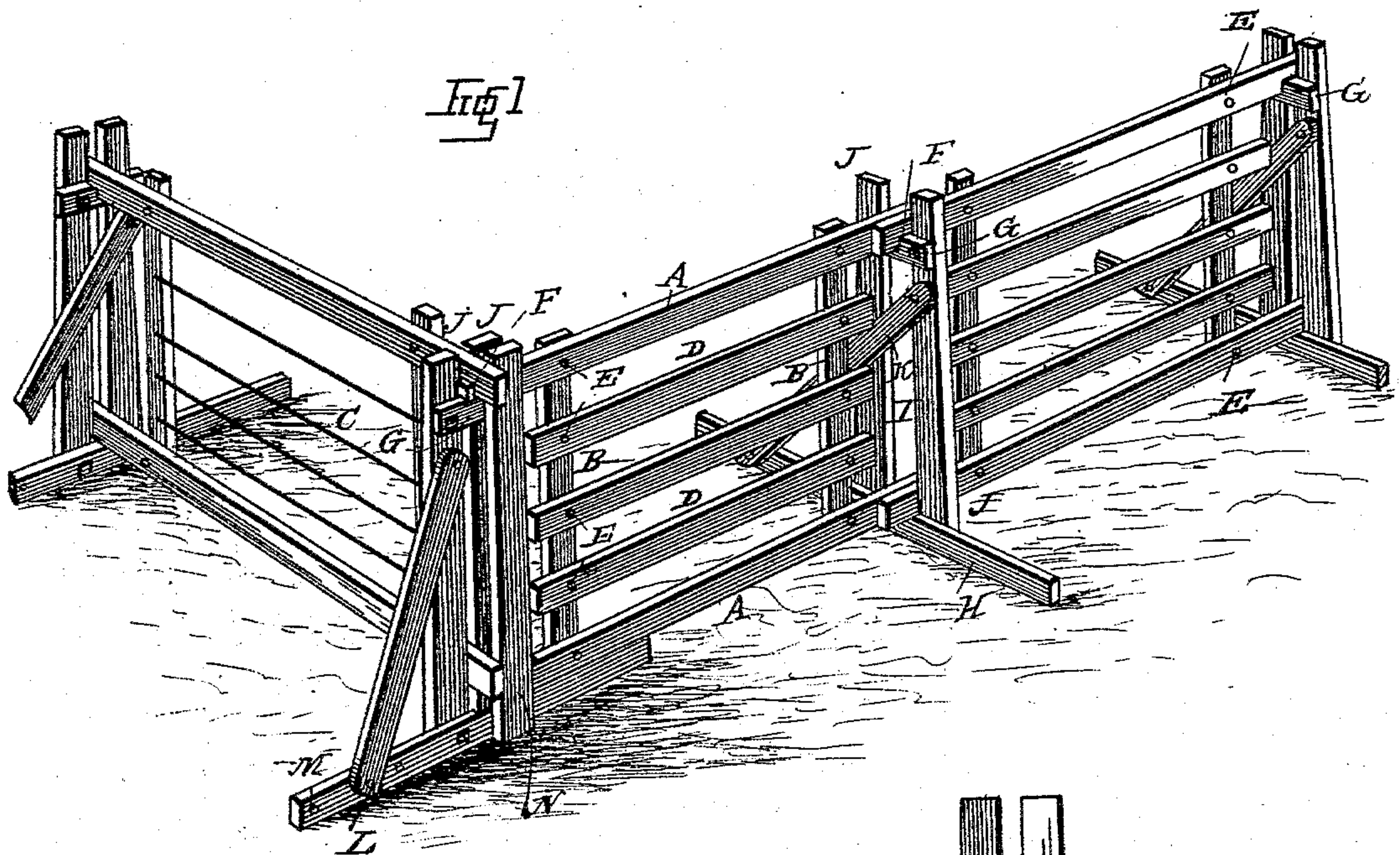


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES H. COX, of Plainfield, in the county of Hendricks and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable 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 being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fence. Fig. 2 is a side view of one of the panels, and Fig. 3 is a similar view of one of the posts.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to portable fences; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of a portable fence of that class which may be adjusted to adapt itself to any unevenness of the ground upon which it is placed, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

The panels in the fence consist of an upper and a lower rail, A A, which are connected by uprights B B, hinged to them, so that the panel may be placed at any inclination desired. Between these rails may either wire C be drawn from one upright to the other, or rails D may be hinged at both ends to the uprights by bolts E. The ends of the rails A are notched at F, and rest upon the cross-piece G and base-piece H of the posts I, the notches clamping the cross-piece and base, holding the panels in place. These posts consist of two uprights, J, connected at top by the cross-piece G and at the bottom by the base-piece H, and a brace, K, hinged to the upper end of one of the uprights, and having a screw-bolt, L, which is

inserted into one of a series of holes, M, in the base, in the lower end. All the parts of the post are hinged together by bolts, so that the uprights may be placed at any angle to the base by moving bolt L from one hole to another in the base.

The corner-posts are constructed in the same manner as the other posts, excepting that they have a third post, N, movably fastened upon the other side of the base and cross-piece.

It will be seen that this fence can be put up in a very short space of time, and that by having all parts of the panels and posts hinged or pivoted upon each other the fence can be adapted to any incline in the ground with very little trouble.

I am aware that it is not new to construct a portable fence with extensible braces, whereby the proper inclination of the fence on sloping ground may be effected. Neither do I claim such construction, broadly; but

What I claim as my improvement, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a portable fence of the described class, the combination of the post consisting of the parallel uprights J J, pivoted cross-piece G, sill H, pivoted to the lower ends of the uprights, and provided with a series of bolt-holes, M, hinged brace K, screw-bolt L, and panels composed of top and bottom rails, A, jointed to side bars, B, whereby the inclination of the fence may be adjusted in the direction of its length, as well as crosswise.

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

JAMES H. COX.

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