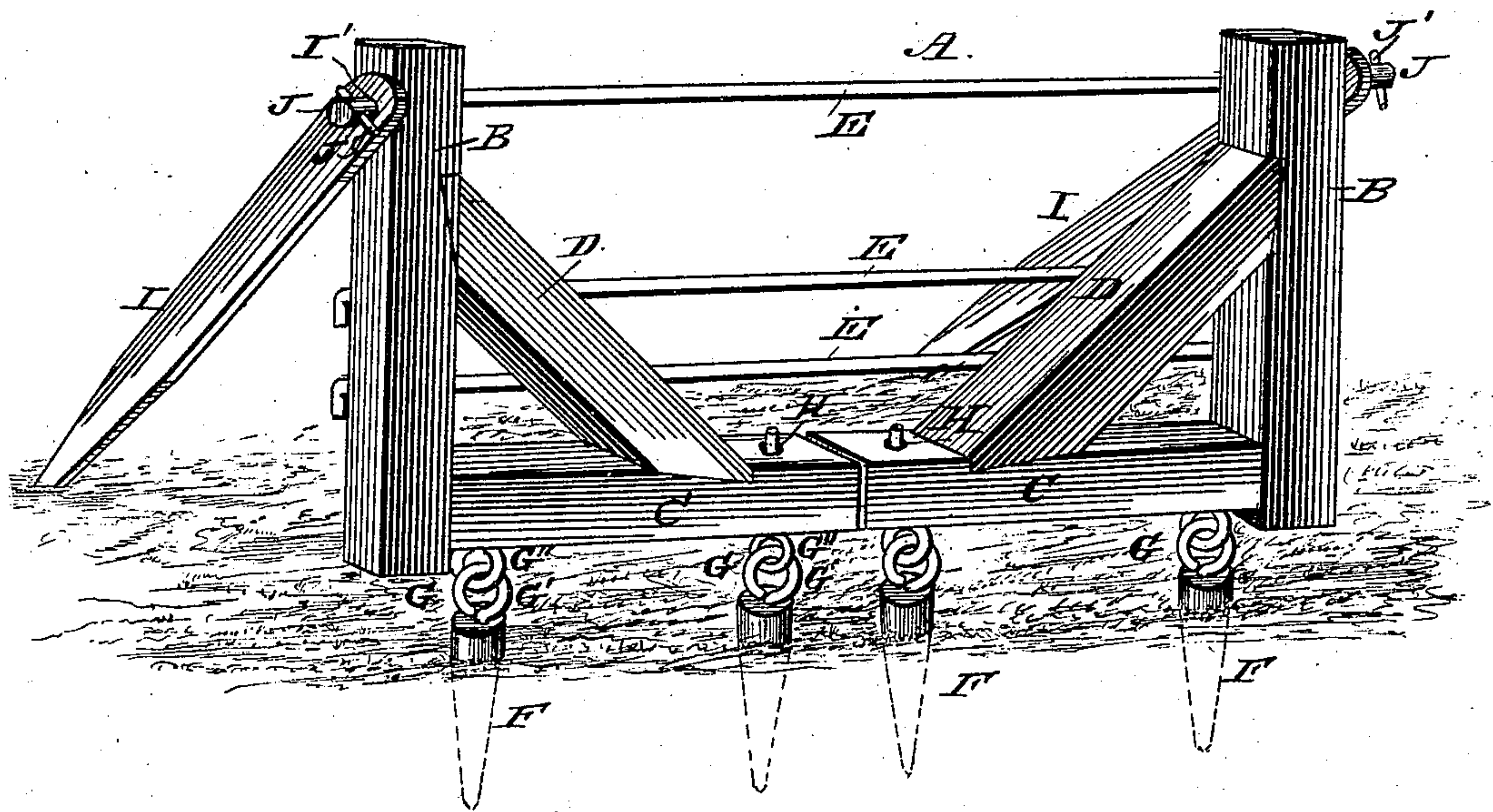


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE A. TURNIDGE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Webb City, in the county of Jasper and State of Missouri, have invented certain 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and which is a perspective view of a section of my improved fence.

My invention relates to that class of fences which are more particularly adapted to be used as flood-fences or water-fences; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents a panel or section of a wire fence embodying my invention, comprising the uprights B, sills C, and braces D, the wires E stretching across from and having their ends connected to the said uprights.

F represents suitable posts, of wood or other material, having rigidly secured in their upper ends the eyebolts G', forming the lower portions of the hinges G, the upper portions, G'', of which are secured to the panel A by having two of the said bolts rigidly fastened in the sills C near their outer ends, while the other two bolts G' pass through vertical apertures H near the inner ends of the sills, of a greater diameter than the bolts, by which a certain amount of movement or "play" is allowed to the central portion of the panel.

I indicate the movable and adjustable braces, provided at their upper ends with apertures I', through which pass studs J, secured to the uprights of the panel near their upper ends, a pin, J', preventing the braces from slipping off of the said studs. The lower ends of the braces are sharpened to adapt them to be

more readily inserted into the ground at any desired point.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction of my improved fence will readily be understood without requiring further explanation. It will be seen that when the fence is used as an ordinary farm-fence the adjustable braces I will admit of each section being inclined at any desired angle to suit the inclination or slope of the ground, while during storms and high winds the pointed ends of the braces will be released from the ground and allow the several sections to fall upon the ground without breaking the fence, as would be the case if the fence were made in one piece, as is customary. When used in a stream as a flood-gate, the sections will operate substantially in the same manner. By arranging the inner ends of the sills C in the manner described the central portion of the section will be allowed to yield to a certain extent before the wind or water without the entire sections giving way.

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

The combination of a fence-section comprising the uprights B, sills C, braces D, and wires E, pivoted braces I, having lower pointed ends, hinges G, the upper portions of the inner pair of which work loosely in vertical apertures H in the inner free ends of the sills C, and posts F, in which the lower portions of the hinges G are secured, all constructed and arranged to operate substantially in the manner and for the purpose shown and described.

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

JESSE A. TURNIDGE.

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