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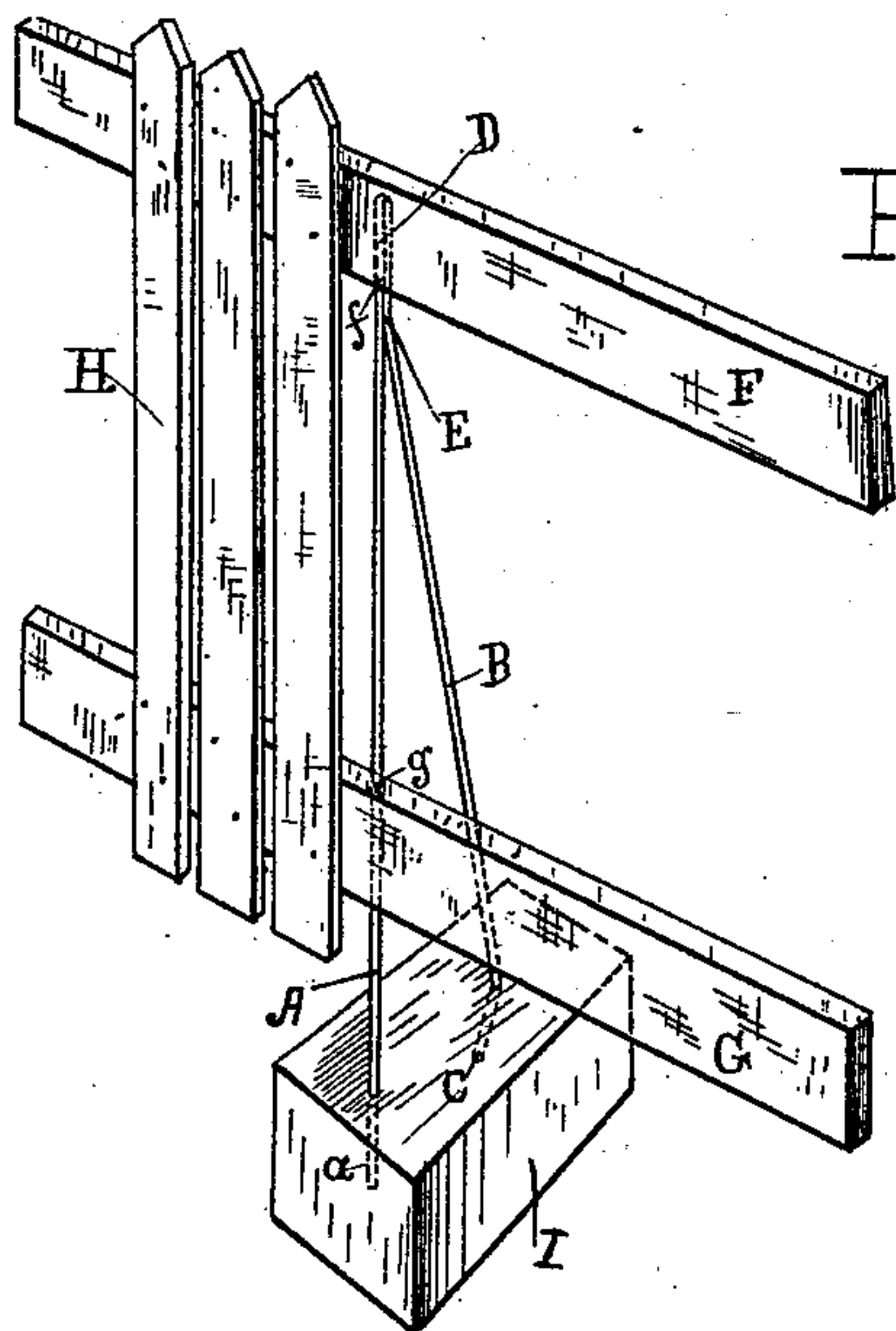


Fig. I.

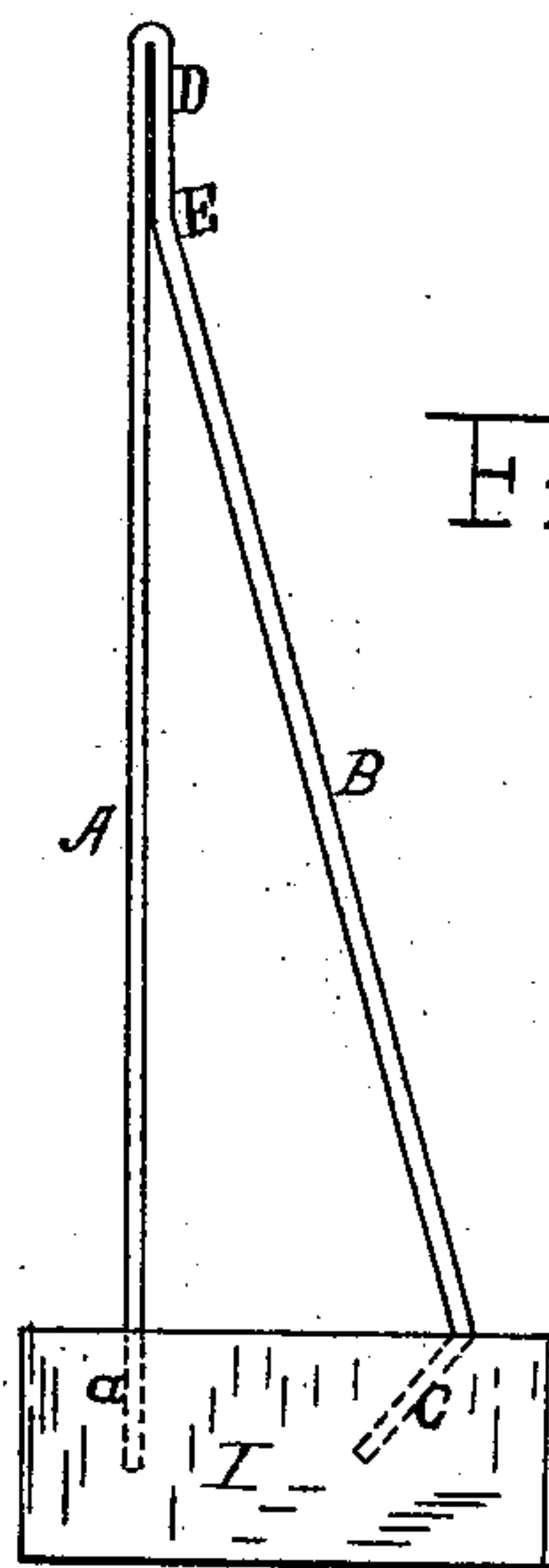


Fig. II.

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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. MORRISON, of New Castle, in the county of Lawrence and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the  
10 same.

My invention relates to fence-posts, the object being to provide a combined post and brace formed of a single piece of metal and adapted for use with a base or anchor to firmly  
15 support and brace a fence.

The invention consists in the features of construction and combinations of parts, herein-after fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

20 In the drawings, Figure I illustrates in perspective one of my improved posts with a part of a fence. Fig. II is a side elevation of the improvement detached.

The combined post and brace consists of a  
25 vertical portion, A, constituting the fence-post proper, an inclined portion, B, serving as a brace, and an inclined anchor portion, C.

As clearly shown in the drawings, the entire device is formed from a single piece of metal,  
30 and preferably from a round rod of iron bent to the proper shape. The brace portion B is bent upon the upper end of the post A, to form a head, D, and a shoulder, E. The head D is adapted to enter an opening, *f*, on the under  
35 side of the top rail, F, of the fence to support the latter, and said post is passed through an

opening, *g*, in the lower rail, G, which latter is supported by the pickets H.

I represents a base or anchor-block, preferably of stone, suitably bored to receive the  
40 lower end, *a*, of the post and the anchor portion C of the brace B. The block or base I is set into the ground so that its upper surface will be about flush with the ground.

It will be apparent that by the construction  
45 thus described no spaces are left for the accumulation of water, and my device is not liable to damage by water or frost, as is the case with wooden posts. Again, it will be noted that the whole weight of the fence is borne by the post  
50 and the strain is substantially in a vertical plane; but by the use of the inclined anchor and brace I firmly brace the structure in all directions.

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

The combination, with the parallel rails of a fence, of an anchor-block to receive a post, and a post consisting of the vertical portion A,  
60 passing through the lower rail and bent upon itself to form a head, D, which supports the upper rail, and then inclined to form the brace portion B, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this  
65 specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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