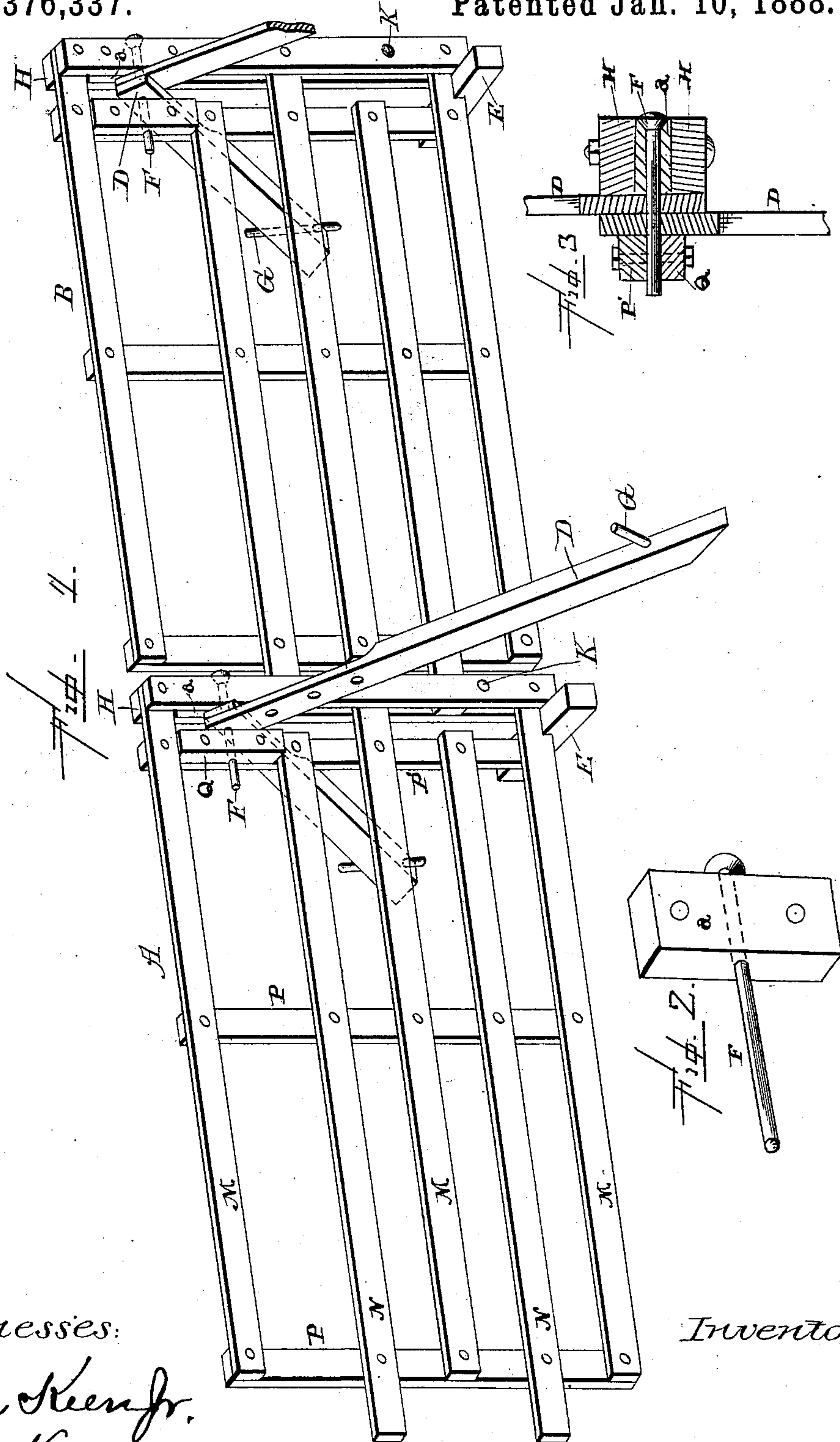


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PRESLEY NEWBY, of Mill Shoals, in the county of White and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Fences; 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 it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in portable fences; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, which will be more fully described hereinafter, and pointed out in the claim.

The object of my invention is to produce an easily-constructed, durable, and portable fence-panel by combining certain old features with new ones, whereby a new combination of old devices is obtained, and which are so arranged that one is dependent upon the other for its effective operation.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a fence embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail perspective of the apertured block *a*. Fig. 3 is an enlarged longitudinal section taken through the pin *F*.

A B represent two panels of a fence, which consist of the horizontal boards *M N* and the vertical boards *P P'*, which connect the horizontal boards. The boards *M N* are made to have their ends project alternately beyond the two vertical end boards, *P P'*. Connecting the projecting ends of the boards at one end of each panel only are the two vertical boards *H*, which are placed upon opposite sides thereof and directly opposite each other. These two boards *H* being placed as above described and shown, a space is formed between them to receive the projecting ends of the adjoining panel, and thus support it in an upright position. Passing through the boards *H* is the pin *K*, upon which one of the projecting boards of the adjoining panel rests, and is thus supported above the ground. The opposite end of said panel is supported above the ground by means of the base-block *E*, which is provided with a slot in which the lower board, *M*, rests, and is thus prevented from having any lateral movement. The base-block *E* is placed between the vertical boards *H* and *P'* for the purpose of holding the panel securely against any endwise movement.

The two panels *A B* are supported in an

upright position by means of the braces *D*, which are pivoted to one end of each panel and extend outward therefrom at a suitable angle, and are pinned to the ground by means of the pins or stakes *G*, which pass through their ends into the ground. The upper ends of the two braces are provided with a series of holes whereby they may be adjusted as occasion may require. Passing through the holes in the upper ends of the braces is the pin or pivot *F*, which passes through the apertured block *a*, fastened between the upper ends of the boards *H*, just below the upper board, and through the apertured block *Q*, which is secured to the upper end of the board *P'*. This construction insures a rigid and strong hold for the pin, which could not be obtained otherwise.

By reason of the block *E* and braces *D* being placed between the uprights *H P* a fence of great strength, durability, and firmness is produced.

The special feature of my invention is the means for connecting the braces to the panels, which consists of the apertured block *a*, bolted between the vertical boards *H*, and the apertured block *Q*, which is bolted to the vertical board *P'*, through which the pin *F* passes, all of which are fully shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A fence-panel consisting of horizontal boards and vertical boards, the ends of the horizontal boards projecting alternately beyond the edges of the vertical boards, the vertical boards *H*, secured to opposite sides of one set of the projecting ends of the horizontal boards, and between which the projecting ends of the adjoining panel are placed, the pin *K*, passing through the boards *H* near their lower ends, the apertured block *a*, bolted between the vertical boards *H*, the apertured block *Q*, secured to the vertical board *P'*, the apertured braces *D*, having their outer ends pinned to the ground, and the pin *F*, passing through the braces, the apertured block *a*, and through the aperture in the block *Q*, and the base-block for supporting one end of the panel, all arranged and combined to operate in the manner substantially as shown and described.

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