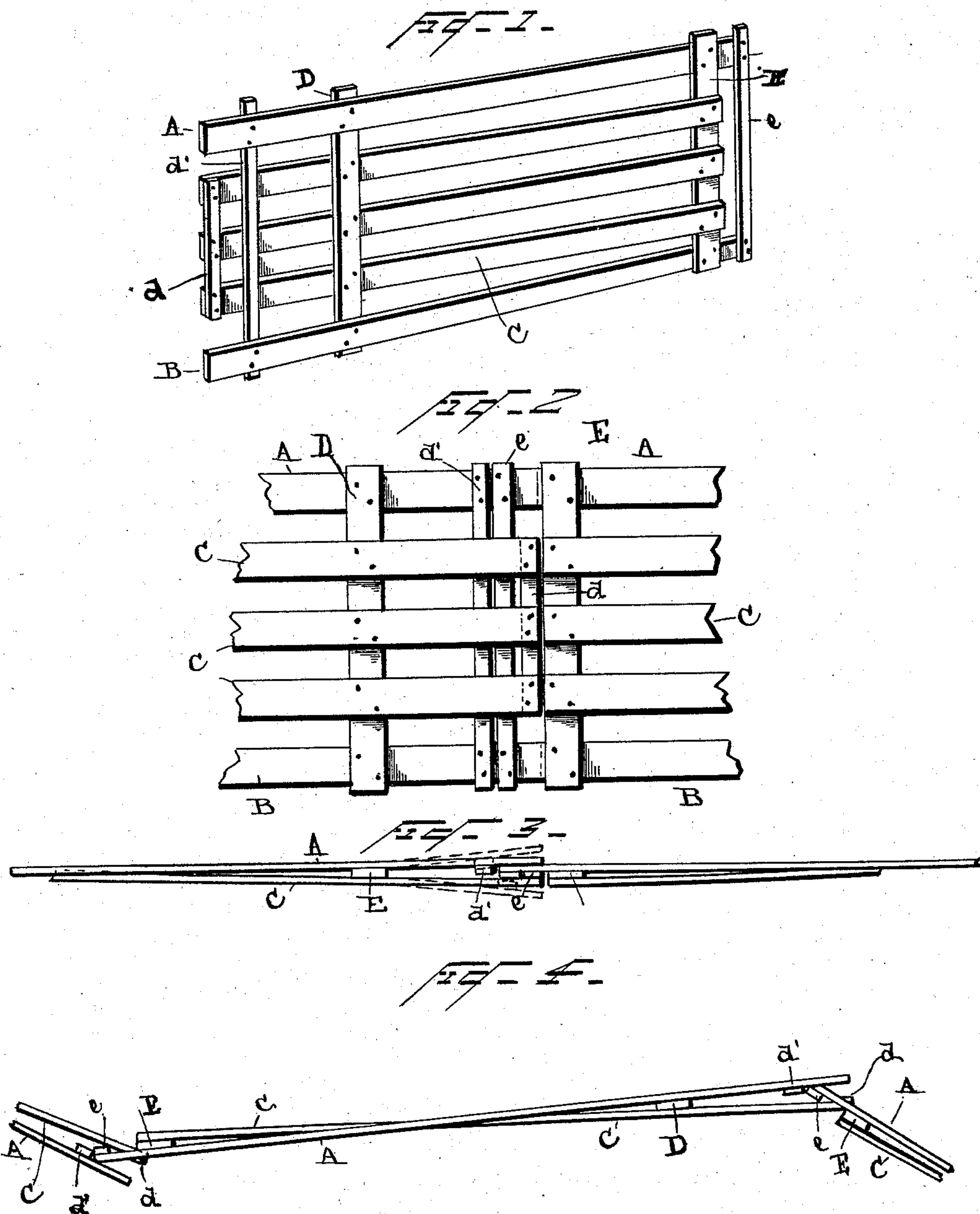


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARION JASPER BARROW, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Bloomfield, in the county of Callaway and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon; which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to portable fences, and has for its object the production of a fence that can be quickly set up and taken down, and which will be composed of self-locking panels, the end of one panel being constructed to interlock with the end of the other panel by spring-clamping action. The top and bottom rails are diagonally disposed with reference to the intermediate rails, and the rails are extended at one end beyond the batten common to each to clamp the end of the adjacent panel. The extended ends are provided on their opposing sides with stops which embrace and interlock with a corresponding stop on the end of the adjacent panel, which hereinafter will be more fully described, and claimed and shown in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a panel embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a front view of the ends of two adjacent panels, showing the manner of their interlocking; Fig. 3, a top edge view of a section of straight fence, and Fig. 4 a top edge view of a section of worm-fence.

The fence is composed of a series of panels that are constructed substantially alike, each panel being composed of top and bottom rails A and B and intermediate rails C. The rails A and B are in the same plane, and the intermediate rails C are in a different plane from the rails A and B, but in the same plane with each other. The two sets of rails are diagonally disposed—i. e., the rails A and B have one end fastened to the front of the end batten D, and

the other end fastened to the rear of the batten E, and the rails C have their ends fastened to the opposite sides of the said battens, as shown. The rails are extended beyond the batten D, and are provided with the stops *d* and *d'* on their opposing sides, which embrace and grip the stop *e* on the end of the adjacent panel. The top and bottom rails are extended beyond the batten E, and have their ends united by the stop or cross-bar *e*. The stops *d* and *d'* are not in the same plane, the stop *d'* being arranged in front of the stop *d* sufficiently far to permit the stop *e* being snugly fitted in between them.

In constructing or setting up the fence, the panels are placed with the end having the stop *e* adjacent the end of the next panel having the stops *d* and *d'*, and the panels are secured together by springing apart the stops *d* and *d'*, so as to receive the stop *e*, which is fitted in between the stops *d* and *d'* and the ends of the rails A and B and the rails C. The ends of the rails A and B overlap, and the end of the rails C abut.

The fence may be set straight or in the usual zigzag fashion to form the worm-fence shown in Fig. 4, or it may be set to form a pen or circle by using three or more panels.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The herein-described fence-panel having end battens and having the ends of the rails fastened to the opposite sides of the said battens, respectively, the rails being extended at one end beyond the end batten and provided with stops on their opposing faces which are adapted to spring apart, and the other end of the panel being provided with a corresponding stop, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The herein-described fence-panel, having the ends of the rails extended beyond the end batten, some of the said ends being in one plane and others in another, and adapted to be sprung apart and provided with stops on their opposing sides, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. The herein-described fence-panel, hav-



ing the ends of the rails extended at one end beyond the end batten and arranged in different planes, the top and bottom rails being in one plane and the intermediate rails being  
5 in another plane, and having the ends of the rails of each plane united by a stop, the two stops being adapted to be sprung apart, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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