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Fig. 1.

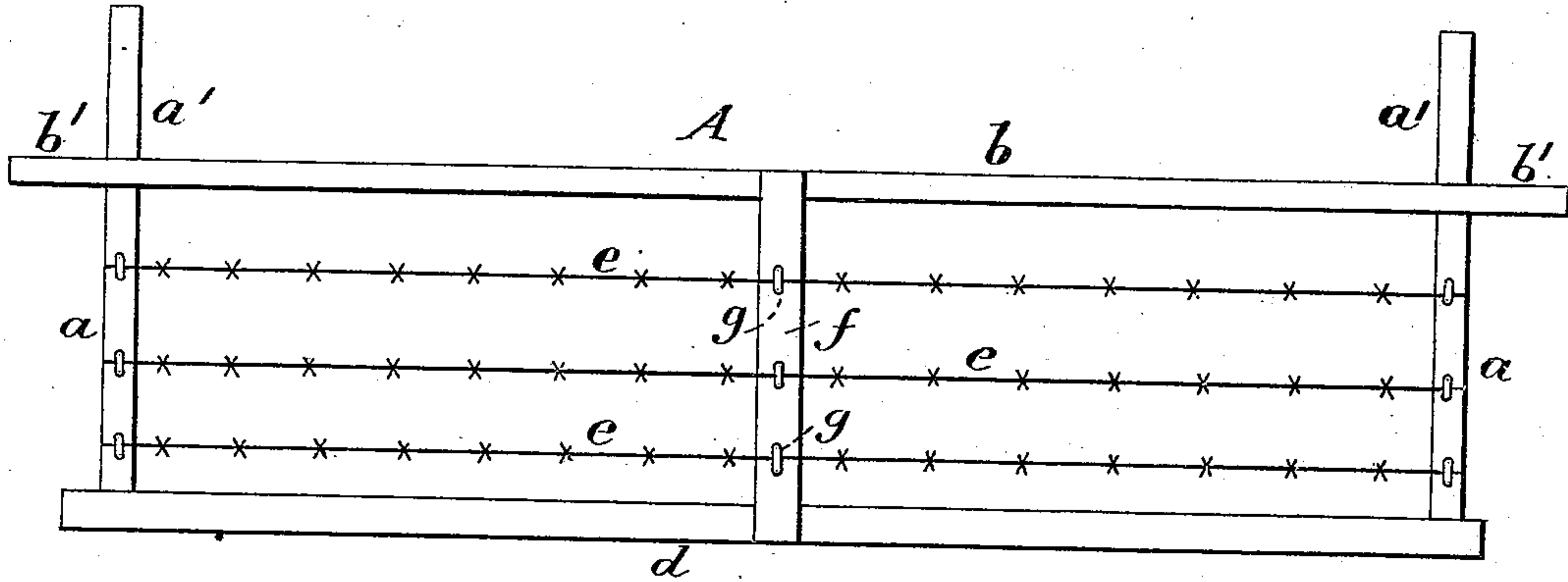
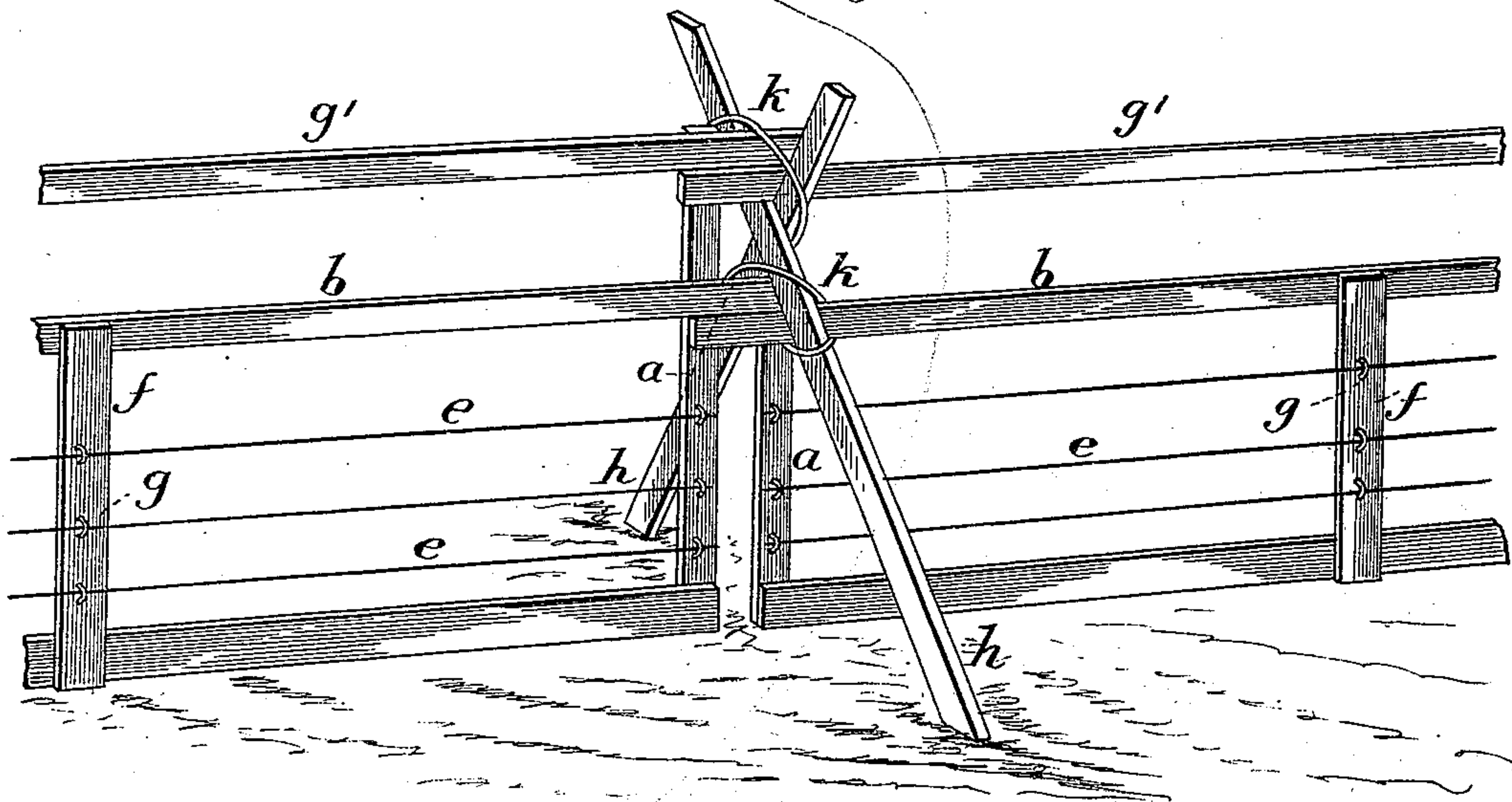


Fig. 2.



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PORTABLE FARM-FENCE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALEXANDER E. CLAUSSEN and ADONIRAM J. JONES, citizens of the United States, residing at Scottville, in the county of Macoupin and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Farm-Fences; and we 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 appertains to make and use the same.

The special object of the invention is to construct a portable farm-fence so that each panel will be separate and perfect in itself, adapted to be supported on cross-braces and light enough to be conveniently handled.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a side elevation showing one of our panels, and Fig. 2 a similar view showing two panels adjacent and supported at one end upon the same cross-braces.

In the drawings, A represents one of our panels consisting of two end stiles *a a*, a bottom rail *d*, a top rail *b*, three wire rails *e*, and a vertical middle brace *f*, which is made fast to the wooden rails *b d* and has on one side the staples *g*, through which the wire rails pass, said wire rails being end-fastened to the stiles *a a*. The stiles have an extension *a'* above the rail so as to form a lateral support for a rider *g'*, which rests at the ends upon the upper crotch of the crossing-stakes *h h*. The latter may be tied with the wire loops *k*, both above and below their junction, the lower loop serving as a support for the prolongations *b'* of the top rail *b*.

The wired cross-stakes are not new, and we do not confine ourselves thereto, but may use any intermediate support between the panels for the prolongations *b' b'* of the top rail. We may also make the wire rails barbed or not, or employ other light rails instead of them.

Having thus described our invention, its advantages are lightness in loading on and unloading from a wagon, quite a long line of fence being carried on a wagon at a single load. It may be taken down by clipping two wires, which cost only the fraction of a cent; can be easily stowed away in a shed in winter weather when cross-lines of fencing are not needed. It can be put up very rapidly; cannot readily be blown down, and can be made of very cheap material.

Having thus described all that is necessary to a full understanding of our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

The independent panels of a portable fence made with only the top rail extended horizontally beyond the end battens, and each end batten arranged perpendicularly to extend upward at *a' a'*, in combination with the cross-stake supports, the tie-wires, and the riders *g'*, as shown and described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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