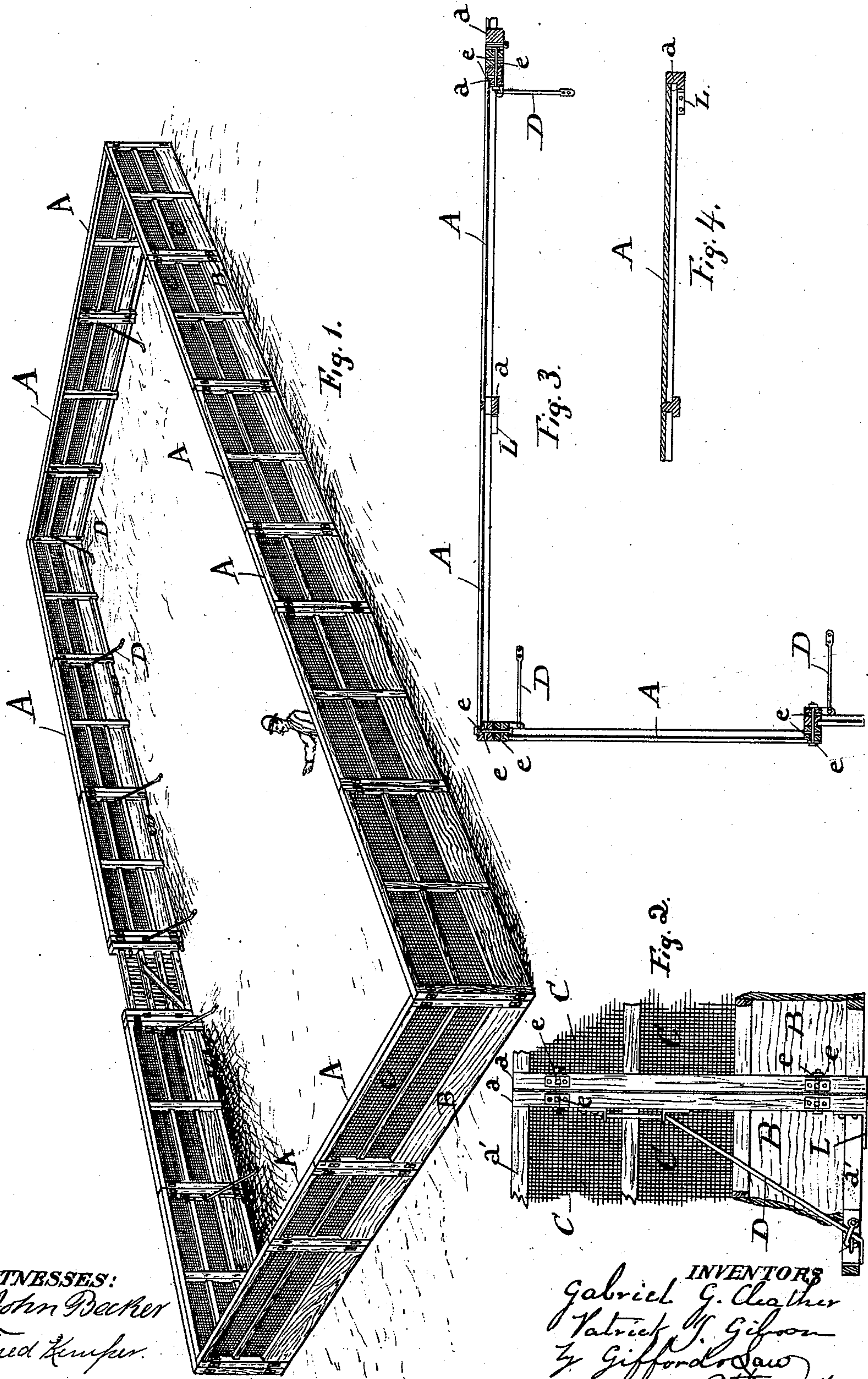


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GABRIEL G. CLEATHER and PATRICK J. GIBSON, of the city of New York, State of New York, have invented a  
5 new and useful Improvement in Knockdown and Movable Inclosures or Rings for Exhibiting and Judging Dogs and other Animals, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

In the drawings illustrating our invention: Figure 1 is a view of the ring erected and ready for use. Fig. 2 is a view of the abutting ends of two sections, showing the manner of attaching the sections together. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of part of the ring, looking down from above. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of one of the sections composing  
20 the ring.

Our improved ring consists of a number of separate, detachable sections or parts A, which are arranged to be erected and connected together so as to stand firm on the  
25 floor or ground where the ring or inclosure is to be used. As will be seen from the drawings, the sections A as we prefer to make them, are formed of a stout framework, having the corner posts *a a* and top and bottom rails *a' a'* and intermediate rails and posts. The lower part of the section is made solid as at B to render the ring more firm and secure and for greater protection against the animals. Above the panel B the section is  
35 formed of heavy wire-netting or similar open material C to enable the animals within the inclosure to be readily seen through the ring, and also to render the sections lighter and more easily handled. On each section is a  
40 swinging brace D connected to one of the corner posts *a* as shown, and arranged to rest against the bottom rail, where it is fastened by a hook *d* as shown in Fig. 2 when the section is not in use; and to swing out and be  
45 fastened to the floor or ground when the ring is erected and in use. The corner posts *a* are

secured to the floor or ground by the angle plate L (Figs. 2 and 3) which is fastened to the bottom post and then secured to the floor. This plate L extends out from the post in a  
50 line parallel with the section, as shown in Fig. 2, and does not project beyond the back edge of the post, and, hence, does not interfere with placing the sections A close together for storage or transit. In the corner  
55 posts *a a* are holes *c c* through which bolts can pass to secure the two posts of adjoining sections together. There are two sets of holes *c* in each post, running in opposite directions, so the sections can be arranged in  
60 line with each other, or at right angles, to form the corner of the ring, or one section can be placed on one side of the line of the adjoining section, as shown at X Fig. 3.

To erect the ring or inclosure, one of the  
65 sections A is erected and secured to the floor or ground by the plate L and brace D, another section is then joined to this first one by means of bolts passed through the holes *c c* in the corner posts *a a*, this section is then  
70 secured to the floor, and another section added, and so on until the ring or inclosure is completed. These sections may be of any length desired, and may all be of the same length, or may vary in length, as where a gate  
75 is used as in Fig. 1, the section opposite or next to it should be of a half length, so that the two sides of the ring will be equal. As will be readily understood, the ring may vary in size and shape as may be required. My  
80 improved ring is thus easily and quickly put together and in place, and when erected is firm and strong, not only to confine the animals but to resist a crowd, and may be readily taken apart without change, and packed for  
85 transit or storage in small compass.

What is claimed is—

1. A knockdown judging ring consisting of separate, detachable sections, having the lower part formed of the solid panel B, and  
90 the upper part of the wire netting C, capable of being connected together, and provided

with braces, adapted to rest against the sections and to be extended when the same are erected, substantially as described.

2. A knockdown judging ring consisting of  
5 the separate, detachable sections A, formed of the frame *a a'* inclosing the panel B and wire netting C, and having the swinging braces D and angle plate L; and joined to-

gether by bolts through the holes in the posts *a a*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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