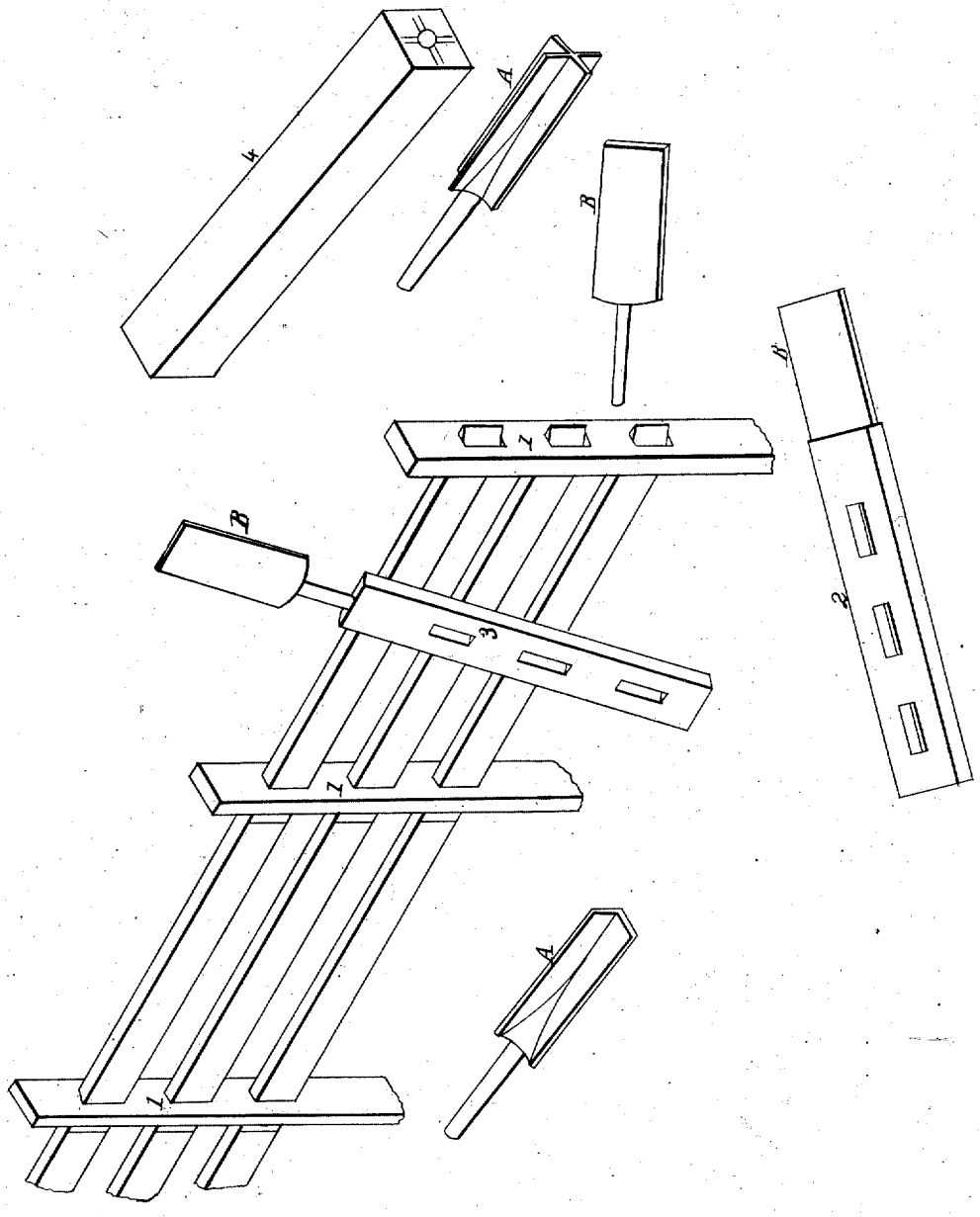
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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said Henry Vail himself of his improvement in Fence Posts

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To all to whom these presents shall come:

Be it known that I Henry Vail of the town of Cortlandville in the County of Cortland & State of New York have invented a new & useful improvement in Fence posts & other posts placed in situations where the lower part is liable to decay & that the following is a full & exact description of the construction of said improvement as invented by me. That portion of the post to be used in the ground & liable to decay is to be made of iron. The iron is to be cast or made much in the shape of an ordinary spade except the blade there to be straight & spike or haft cylinder upward from the upper end of the blade should be about nine inches long to insert in ordinary fence post this haft should be about one inch & a quarter in diameter where it joins the blade & about three quarters of an inch at the upper end there is to be cast a round hole made with a common taper cut in the lower end of the post. The blade or lower part should be about four inches wide & 15 inches long a little inclined in the middle where the haft is joined on. The above description is calculated for an ordinary fence post say one of four inches square but may be varied according to the height of the post or the use to which it is to be applied. For gate or other posts standing alone & liable to move in more than one direction, a wing or wings should be cast or made to the above blade standing out & forming right angles with the line of the above blade

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