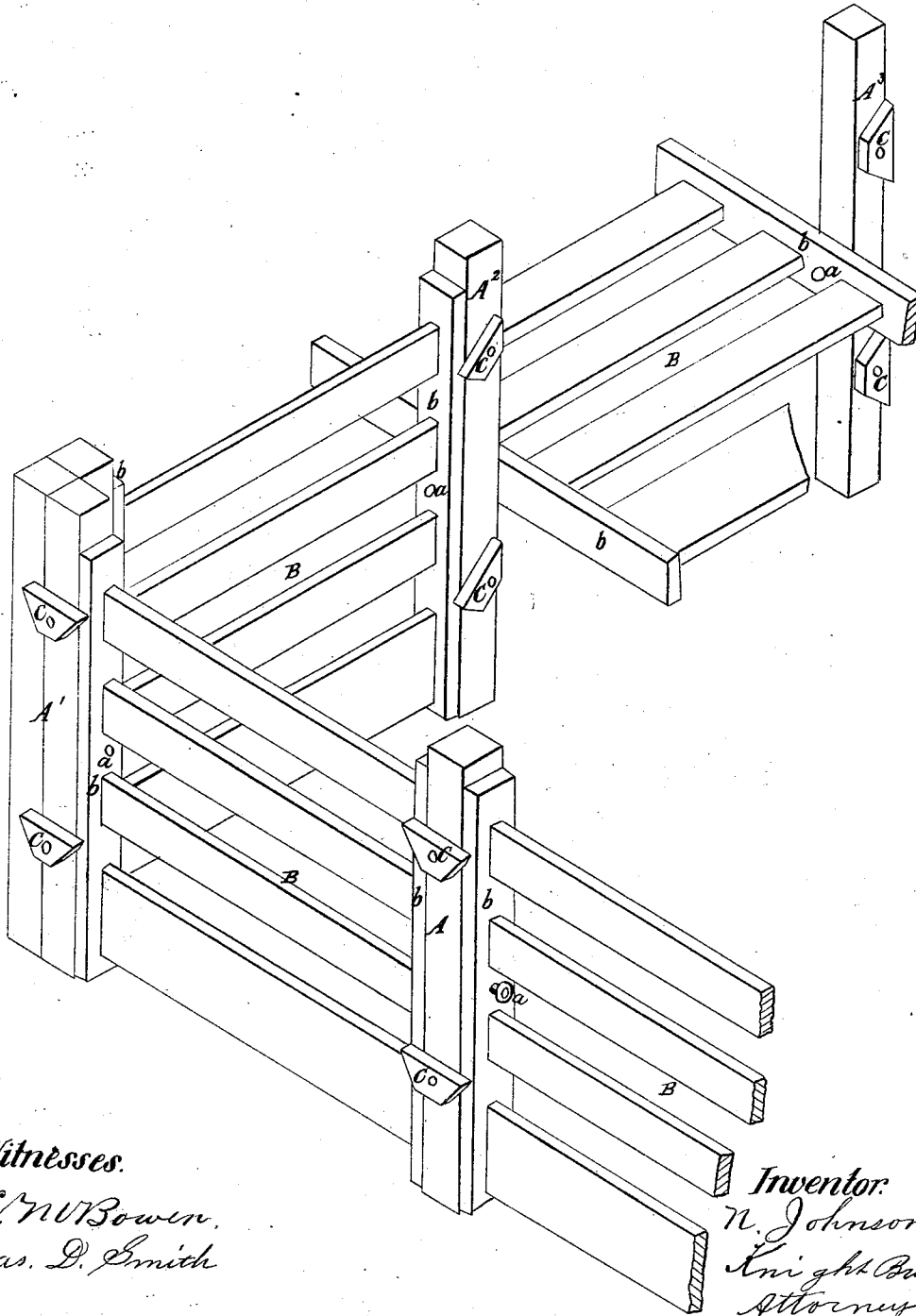


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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, NELSON JOHNSON, of Jasper, in the county of Steuben, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this specification.

This invention consists in supporting panels between the posts on central pivots, and holding them by buttons or other suitable devices, so that they may be turned up on their pivots by hand to lessen their opposing surface to the wind, or by removing one or both of the pins which form their pivots, either panel will form a movable gate.

In the drawings, my invention is represented by a perspective view.

A A¹ A² A³ are posts, and B B B are panels, supported between them by pins *a* passing through the said posts and the battens *b* on the adjacent ends of two panels. The panels B are supported in their upright position by the buttons C on the opposite sides of said posts, the form of these buttons being such that they may be turned a sufficient distance to release any desired panel without withdrawing the support from the one held by their opposite ends, as clearly shown on post A³, this feature being very desirable when a panel is being used as a gate, which may be done by slipping out one or both of its supporting pins *a* a sufficient distance, and removing it, the pins, if desired, being constructed as shown at post A, to facilitate their withdrawal.

The battens *b* may, if desired, be made in two parts, and gains cut in each to form the mortises for the ends of the boards; or by having the parts of unequal width, single gains of sufficient depth to take the ends of the boards may be cut from the larger part, or the mortises may be cut in a solid batten, as represented in the drawings, as desired.

The panels may, when desired, have hinged legs at top and bottom, on their opposite sides, in length equalling the distance between the bottom of the panel and its pivot, by which to support them when in their horizontal position.

My improved pivoted boards (the subject of a separate application) may be used by connecting their battens at both bottom and top by longitudinal braces, and picket panels may be readily used by simply providing them with end battens of suitable form.

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

1. The pins *a*, in combination with the fence panels B, the said pins constituting the supporting pivots of the panels, and a part or all of them being removable to facilitate the withdrawal of the panels, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination with the posts A A¹ A² A³ and panels B, I claim the buttons C, constructed and applied substantially as and for the purpose specified.

To the above specification of my new and useful improvement in fences I have signed my hand this 15th day of July, A. D. 1867.

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