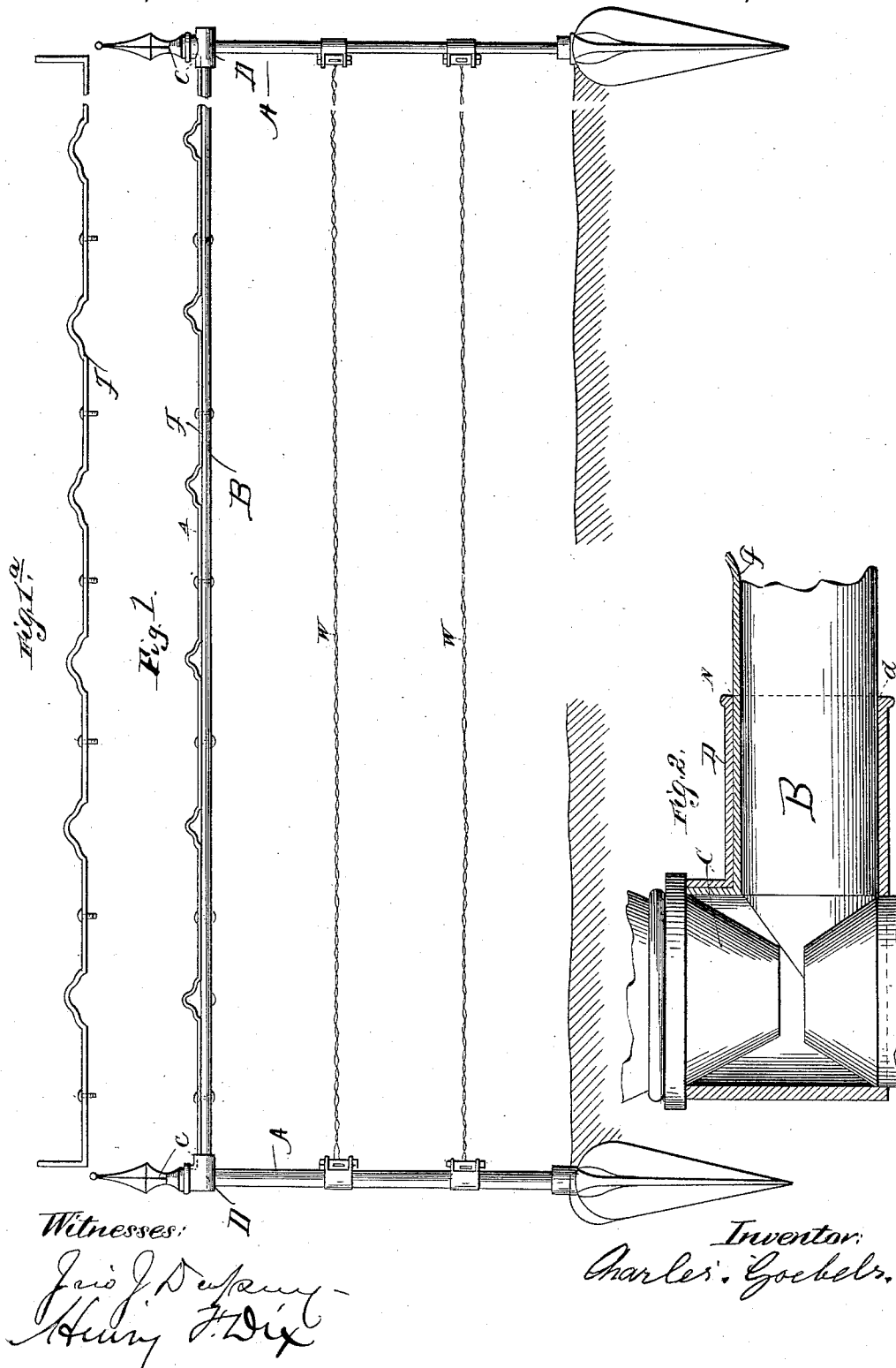


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES GOEBELS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Iron Fences, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

My invention relates to iron fences.

It has for its object to provide simple and inexpensive means for securing the top rail or tube to the posts of the fence-sections.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a section of a fence embodying my invention. Fig. 1^a is a detail view of the combined ornamental and fastening band or strip; and Fig. 2 is a detailed elevation, partly in section, showing the manner of securing the top rail to the posts.

In the drawings, A denotes the posts, B the top rail, and C the post-caps.

To secure the top rail to the posts without the necessity of screw-threading the rail or screw-tapping the posts is the important feature of my invention and is accomplished in the following manner: Secured to the posts at their upper ends are tubular L-couplings

D, in the lateral branches of which are inserted the ends of the top rail. Secured by rivets or like means to the top rail is an ornamental strip F, which is also inserted with its ends in the lateral extensions of the L-coupling, where they are bent upward, as at G, parallel with the vertical portion of the coupling. The post-cap H is then placed in the upper end of the coupling, and thereby clamps the bent end of the strip to the same. This clamping feature, however, is not absolutely necessary, inasmuch as the bent end of the strip alone will hold the parts together.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the top rail may be easily attached to the posts by the strips, and that the strips give the fence an ornamental appearance.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

In a fence, the combination, with a post and an L-coupling secured to the upper end thereof, of a top rail and a strip secured to said top rail having a bent end, the said top rail with its strip being inserted in the lateral portion of the coupling and the bent end of the strip extending upward in the vertical portion of the coupling.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April, 1891.

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