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Portable Fences.

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Fig. 1.

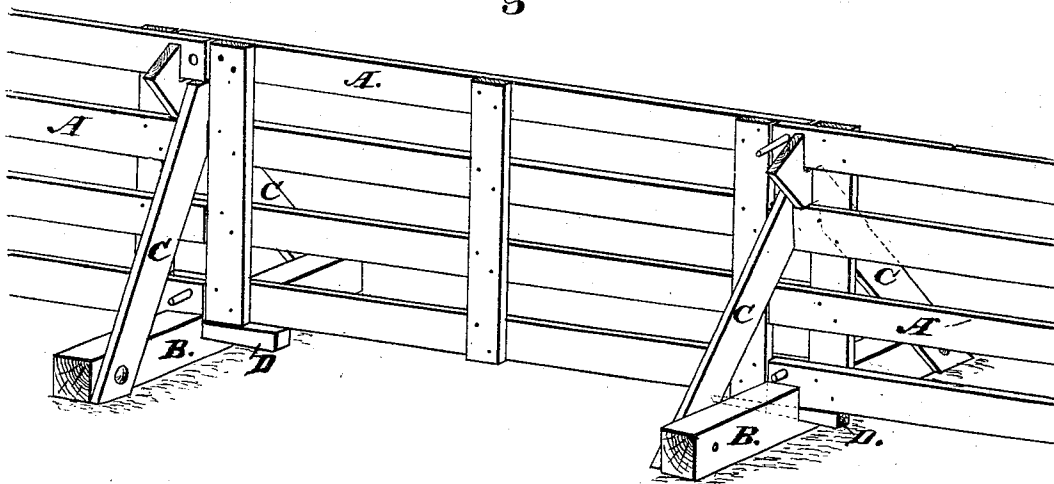


Fig. 2.

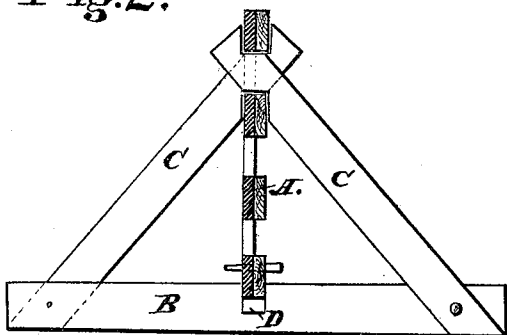


Fig. 3.

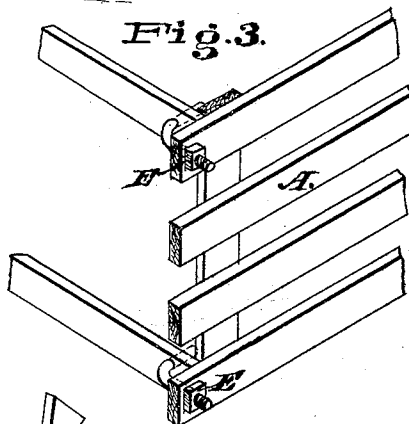
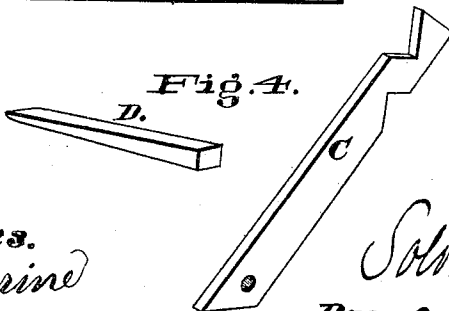


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SOLOMON G. BURKE, of Chambers Court-House, Chambers county, Alabama, have invented an Improvement in Portable Fences; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and correct description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved fence, and Fig. 2 a cross-section; Fig. 3, a view of the end, and Fig. 4 a view of details.

My invention relates to the construction of a portable fence so that it may be made straight or bent at an angle, and can be short or long, at pleasure, is firm and durable, and may be easily taken down and as easily put up.

In the drawings, A A represent the panels made entire and complete in themselves; B, the sill upon which ends or other part of the panels rest; C, the lock-braces, which are notched at the top with double notches, as seen in Fig. 4, the lower ends being secured to the sides of the ends of the sills by means of bolts or other fastening, the tops, by means of the notches, locking together the tops of the panels. D is a wedge which is inserted in a notch in the sill beneath the bottom of the ends of the lapped panels, and, together with the lock-braces, bind the whole together.

The operation of my device is as follows: The sills, with their notches uppermost, are placed upon the ground at suitable distances apart, and the ends of two panels placed in the notches. The ends of the panels may lap past each other more or less, the effect in clamping them together being the same. The locking-braces are then inserted between the

top and the adjoining rail of the panels, the notches embracing the rail on either side, as is fully shown in the drawings. The lower end of the braces are then brought down and bolted or otherwise secured to the ends of the sills, when the fence is complete.

Pegs may be used to more firmly secure the ends of the panels together; but it is not essential, as the wedge and locking-braces firmly clamp the whole together.

To form an angle in the fence a bolt, shown at E, Fig. 3, bent at an angle, is inserted in the ends of the rails of two adjoining panels placed at an angle, and, by means of a nut and screw at one end and the batten of the panel, the angle is formed, the batten preventing the end of the rail of the other panel from moving sidewise of the bolt.

To take my fence down it is only necessary to draw the wedge D and unfasten the lock-braces from the sills, and by raising them the fence comes apart.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the panels A A, the panel-support, consisting of the notched sill B, the notched braces C C attached thereto, and the key-wedge D, arranged substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my said invention signed and witnessed at Chambers Court-House, Alabama, this 16th day of June, A. D. 1873.

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