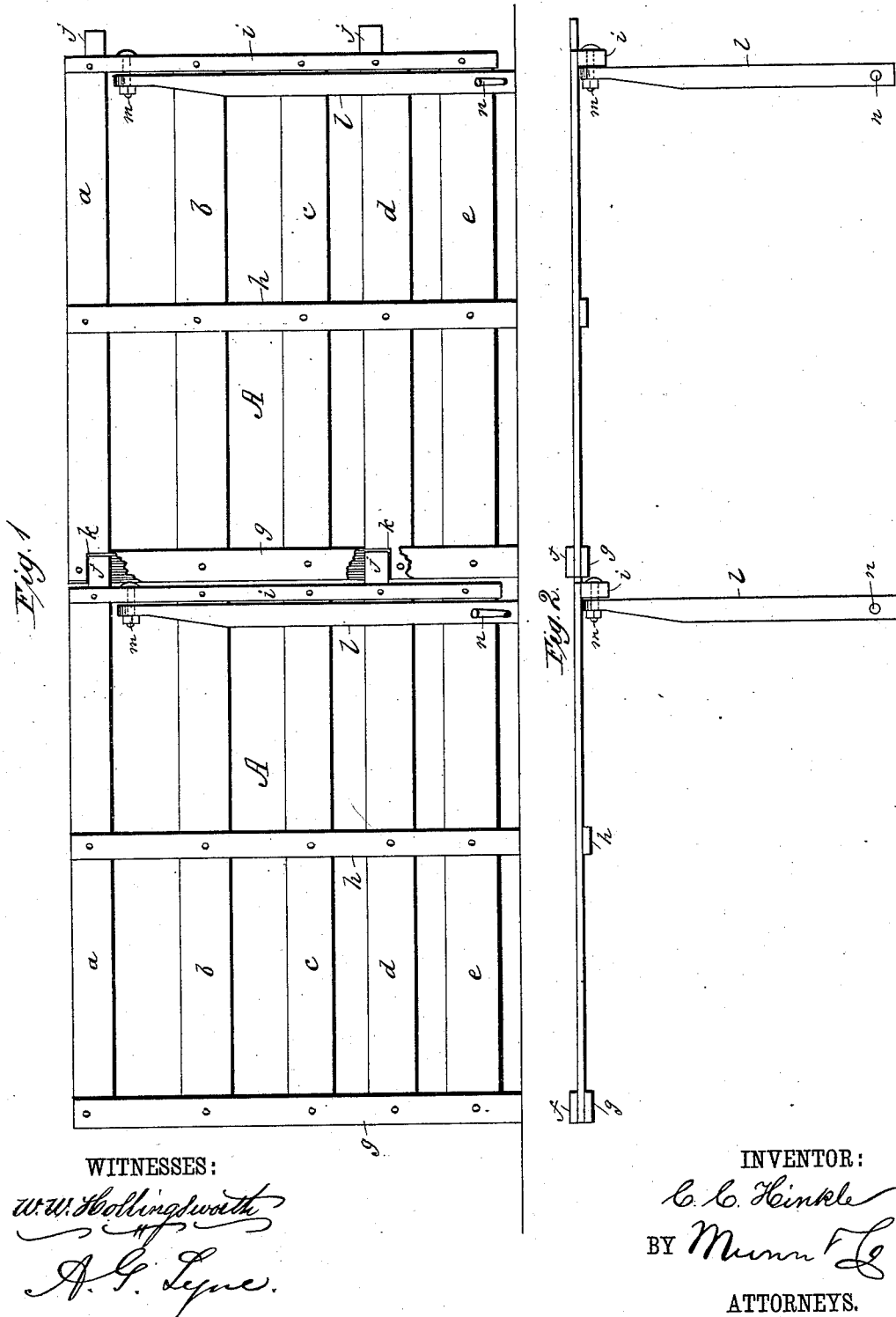


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CULBERSON HINKLE, of Hazleton, in the county of Gibson and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to portable board fences; and the invention consists of the construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my fence, partly broken away; and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

15 A A indicate two panels of fence, each consisting of five boards, *a b c d e*, to one end of which, and on each side of said end, are nailed two four-inch strips, *f g*, while a single strip, *h*, is nailed to their center, and another single strip, *i*, is nailed to their other end. The strips *f g h* are nailed flat against the boards; but the strip *i* is nailed with its edge against the boards. The boards *a d* are made to project slightly beyond the others at one end of the panel, to form tongues *j*, while at the other end of the panel they are cut away to form seats *k* between the strips *f g*, in order that the tongues *j* of one panel may be set in the seats *k* of another,

and the strips *i* are made shorter than the strips *f g h* at the lower end, so that they shall not touch the ground, as the others do, but shall allow the panel to be supported at that end by the tongues *j* resting on the next panel. The object of this is to make a frictional joint between the two panels. The fence thus rests on the ends of the strips *f g h*, and is to be held upright by braces *l*, one to a panel, each consisting of a strip, which is bolted to the flat side of the strip *i* by a horizontal bolt, *m*, and has its foot secured to the ground by a stake, *n*, passing through the same. If desired, two or more braces may be used to a panel, and these may be arranged on both sides thereof.

What I claim is—

The fence-panel having at one end opposed side strips, *f g*, and between said strips sockets or seats *k*, and at the other end an edgewise-disposed side strip, *i*, and tongues *j*, together with a brace, *l*, bolted to said strip *i* and staked to the ground, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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