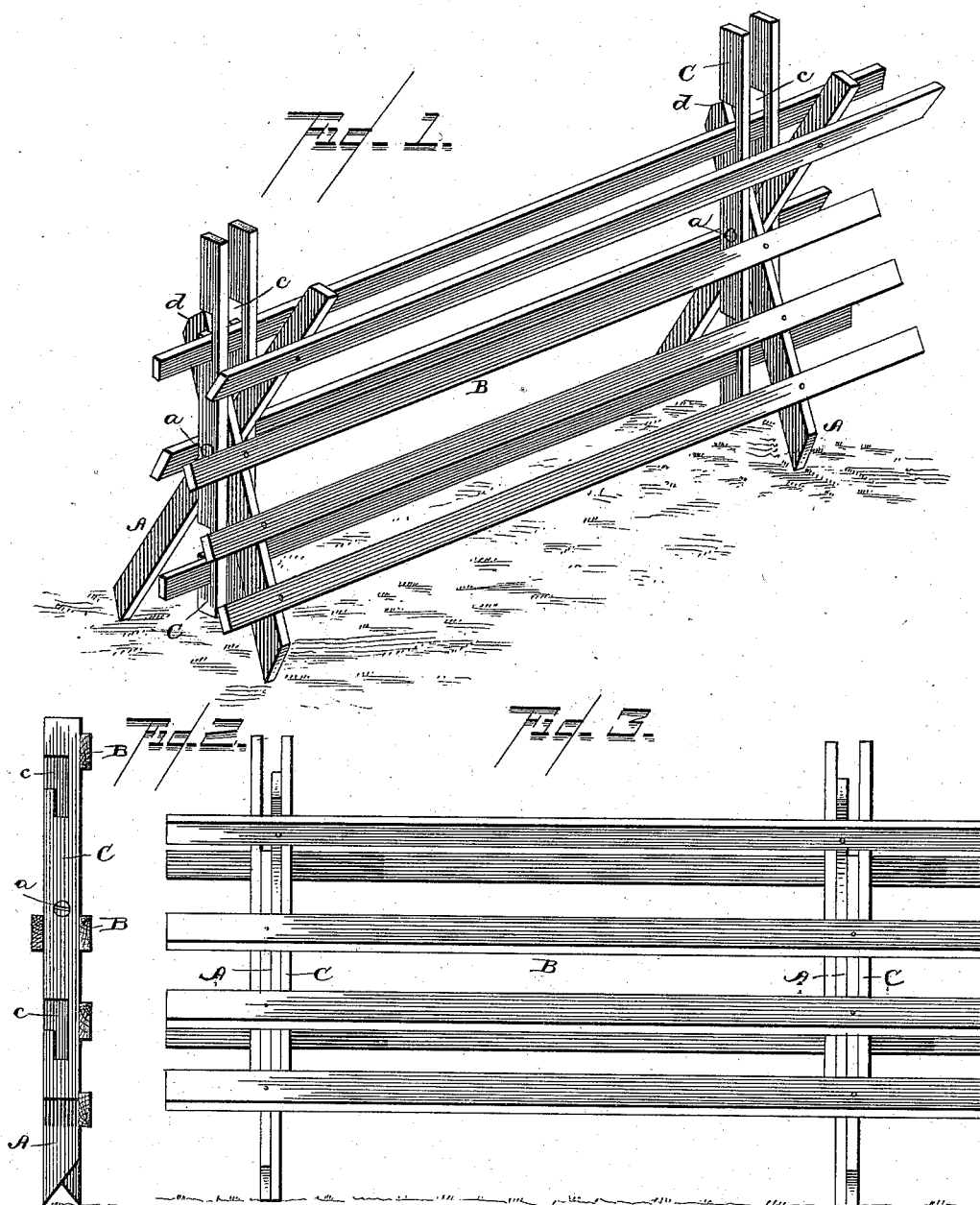


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANDREW J. PITTS and GEORGE W. PITTS, citizens of the United States, residing at De Armanville, in the county of Calhoun and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has for its objects to provide a fence that may be made in sections at the factory and folded in small compass for transportation and storage, and which may be opened out when required for use and readily set up, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects we attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of one of our improved fence sections in position; Fig. 2, a front elevation showing the section folded, and Fig. 3 a side elevation showing the fence or section thereof in position.

The letter A indicates the supporting-braces of the fence, which are pivoted together at *a*, so as to fold parallel with each other, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, or to be opened out at an angle, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, when to be placed in position. The lower ends of said braces are pointed or sharpened, so that they may be readily driven in the ground. To the supporting-braces are secured the longitudinal horizontal rails B, which serve to connect the pivoted supporting-braces and also as the barrier-rails of the fence. To the supporting-braces are connected, by the pivots of the same, the auxiliary supporting-posts C, which are adapted to fold parallel with the said rails A when the section is closed and to be turned to position when the fence is

set up, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. The said posts C have at suitable points open slots *c* for the reception of supplementary rails, which are inserted in the openings in said slots and allowed to drop in their seats therein, wherein they are securely held without other fastenings.

In order to permit the supplementary rails at the upper part of the fence-section to be properly secured in the slots, the upper portions of the braces A at one side are cut off and beveled, as indicated by the letter *d*. This construction permits the section to be folded after the said supplementary rails are inserted in case such folding should be necessary in removing or reconstructing the fence.

To place the fence in position for storage or transportation, it should be folded or closed up, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, in which condition it occupies but comparatively little space. When it is to be set up, the parts should be unfolded, the posts A driven in the ground, and the supplementary rails should be inserted in their seats. Should it be required to remove or reconstruct the fence, the rails A are withdrawn from the ground and the sections again folded into compact form until required to be set up again.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the pivoted supporting-braces, the rails, and the supplementary rails, of posts pivoted to said braces and having slots for the reception of said supplementary rails, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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