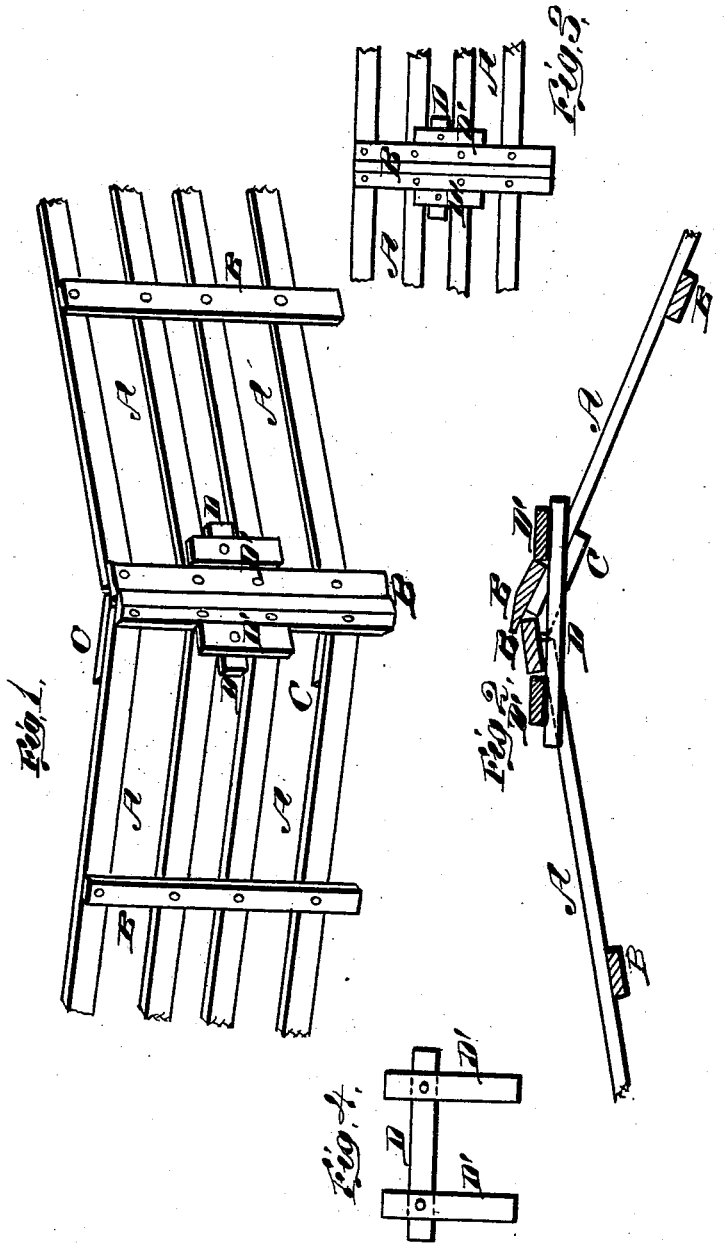


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUCIEN B. RICHARDSON, of North English, in the county of Iowa and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my fence. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a modification, and Fig. 4 is a detail thereof.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a portable fence, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The annexed drawing, to which reference is made, fully illustrates my invention.

Each panel of my fence is composed of a series of horizontal boards, A, connected at the ends and in the center by vertical boards B. At the ends the vertical boards B project beyond the ends of the horizontal boards, and at one end of each panel are fastened small cleats or pieces C C, forming, as it were, a groove with the end board B to receive the end of the adjacent panel, the parts being so arranged that the panels will stand at an angle, or, in other words, form a zigzag fence. The panels

are locked together by a locking device composed of a horizontal bar, D, with two vertical bars, D' D', fastened thereto. This locking device is so inserted that the bar D will be on the inside of the angle, and its ends rest upon one board A of each panel, while the bars D' are on the outside, and have their ends bearing against two of the boards A of each panel, as shown.

This forms a cheap, durable, and effective means for locking the fence-panels together, while at the same time it is easily and quickly applied and removed again, when required to take down the fence.

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

The locking device herein described, adapted to be applied to the two adjacent panels of a board fence having horizontal boards, consisting of the horizontal bar D, with the vertical bars D' D' attached thereto, each of the bars D' embracing two adjacent horizontal boards of the fence, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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