

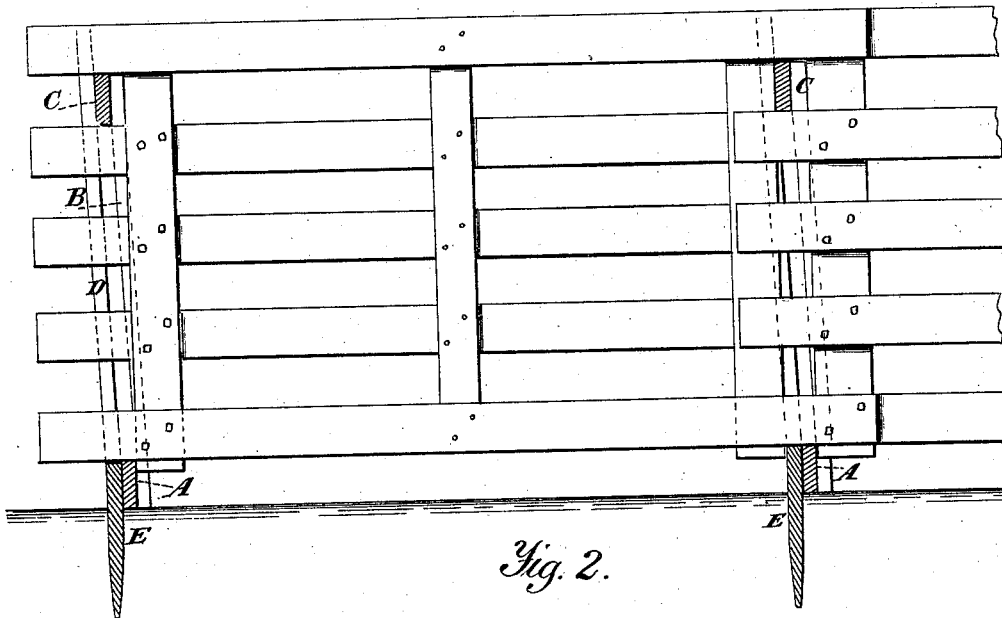
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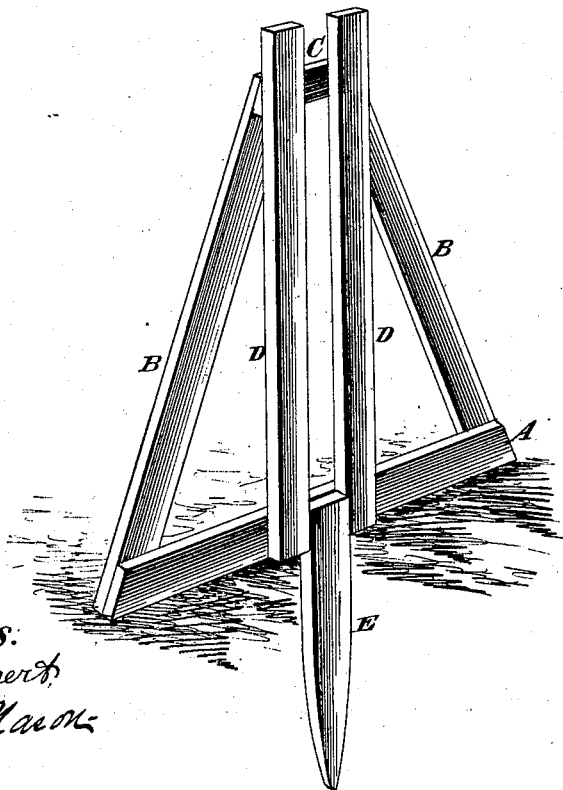
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **197,846**, dated December 4, 1877; application filed November 21, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. S. GRIFFING, of Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Fences, of which the following is a specification:

On the 28th day of April, 1868, I took out Letters Patent on portable fences, No. 77,371, on applying which I found them, especially in prairie countries, liable to be blown over; and I have therefore resorted to several modes for securing or bracing the same, and have adopted that which is the subject of this application, which I have found at once to be the cheapest and most efficient.

In the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a sectional elevation. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the post.

The same letters are employed in both figures in the indication of identical parts.

The post, as described in my said original Letters Patent, consists of a bottom piece, A, two inclined braces, B B, fastened to the top brace C, and the two parallel vertical boards D D, between which the panels were placed, resting upon the parallel pieces A C.

To secure the posts in place, I drive into the ground anchors E E, made of boards sharpened at the bottom, and having at the top parallel edges, fitting neatly into the space between the parallel vertical boards D D of the post, and projecting far enough above the ground to hold the posts rigidly in position, so that they cannot be upset by lateral pressure against the fence. I have found such anchors sufficient to hold the fence rigidly in position against the force of very heavy gales of wind.

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

In combination with the fence, the posts of which are formed with vertical parallel boards D D and connected braces, substantially as shown, the anchors E E, with parallel edges corresponding to the spaces between the boards D D, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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