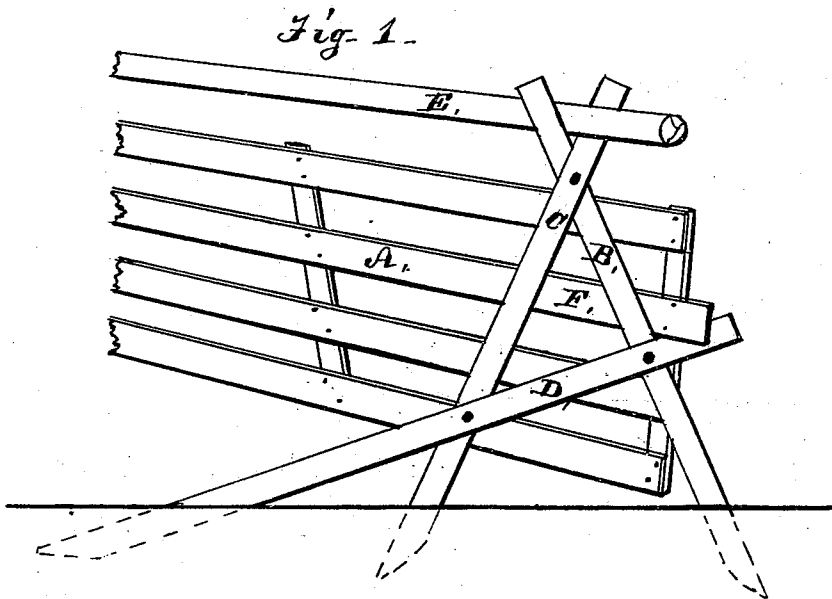


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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID R. OSTRANDER, of Fountain Green, Hancock county, Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences, as will be set forth hereinafter, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a portion of the fence.

This invention relates to movable fences; and consists in making the fence of separate panels and supporting parts, arranged to act as a perpendicular or inclined fence or a flood-fence, as occasion may require, the fence being firmly fixed to the ground, but readily movable.

The panels A are made separate, with boards lengthwise and crosswise. They have one board, F, longer than the others, extending at the ends beyond the cross-bars, as shown.

The supporting parts are formed separately, and consist of stakes B C, driven into the ground, as shown, with their bottoms apart, and their tops crossed and bolted together, the cross-brace D being driven into the ground nearly horizontally, and bolted to the other two stakes, forming a frame and holding its

parts solidly. The part D projects beyond part B. The extended end of the panel-boards F is hung on this against stake B, so as to be supported. The panel so hung can swing freely at its lower end, so as to act as a flood-fence, the panel being on the upstream side. As the flood rises, the panel floats and slides up and down stake B. The lower edge of panel is held by cross-stakes, either perpendicular or at any suitable inclination. The extended end of second board F may, when the panel is not used as a flood-fence, engage under bars B D or D, to keep it from swinging. The separate rider-poles E rest in the cross on top to increase the height.

I claim—

The combination of the panel, having the extended board or rail F, with the post or support B C D, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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