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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said Edward Pitkin himself of his improvement in the mode of repairing fences

This improvement consists in backing or splicing the posts when the bottoms are rotted off. A quarter of a round bolt of any tree that is suitable for posts and about seven feet long is sawed in a slanting direction half across about 2½ feet from one end and on the opposite side the same distance from the other end, and then split apart from one sawing to the other making two back pieces with a butt to stand in the ground.

In case such timber is used as will not split, it may be sawed or hewed into a square shape of about six inches diameter and sawed diagonally from about 2 ft. of one end to about 2 ft. of the other end.

To repair a post when rotted off at the bottom, the post is raised up and kept in its place at the height wanted. The backing piece set in the ground so as that the shoulder will be a little out of the ground, and then fastened to the back of the post by two or more spikes (two being preferred). When a fence hole post is rotted off so as to destroy the bottom hole, the centre of the post may be cut out up to the next hole, and a backing piece cut off and slanted so as to fit in the end coming up so as to form a button hole and a spike driven thro' the round part of the post on each side, making in this way a fence solid post.

Posts to fences of all descriptions may be repaired in this way.

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Witnesses

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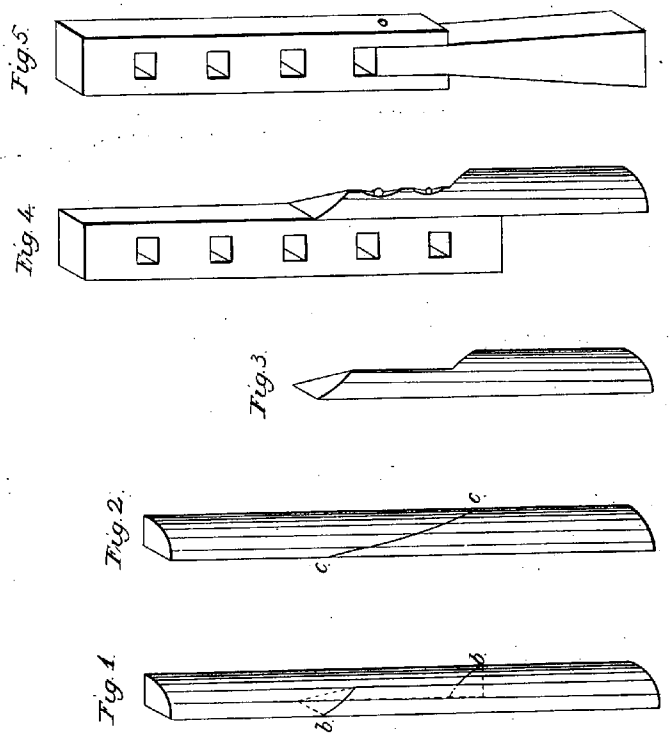
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