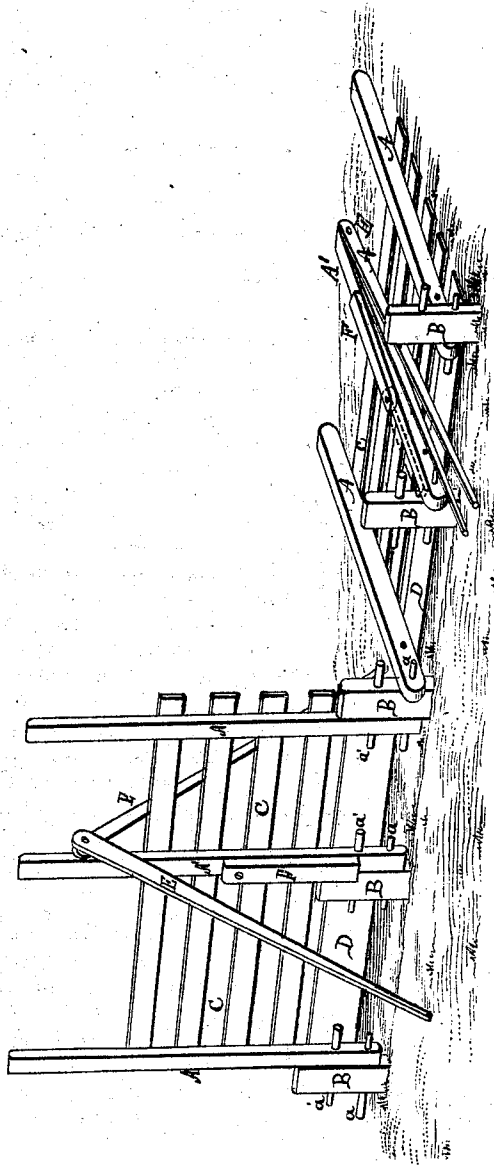


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IMPROVEMENT IN FLOOD-FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS H. BROYLES, of McCracken county, in the State of Kentucky, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Water-Fences, which are simple in construction, convenient and durable in use, and not liable to get out of repair; and consists in the combination and arrangement of parts by which the fence is held in position and let down when desired, as hereinafter more fully described; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, with letters of reference marked thereon, forming a part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention, showing one panel standing and one down.

The panels are formed by uprights A, boards C, and a base-board, D, firmly secured together. B represents the ground-posts, which are firmly secured in the ground, and provided near the tops with perforations to receive the pins *a a'*; the bottom of the uprights A are also provided with corresponding perforations. To the center of each panel I secure uprights A', to the top of which are pivoted braces E E, one upon each side of the panel. The feet of the uprights are provided

with perforations corresponding to those in the ground-posts B. The uprights A' are further provided with a pivoted catch, F, to fasten the panel down by turning the catch in against the upright A'. It is usual to place the braces E at the end of each panel, but this allows the center of the panels to sag when any amount of pressure is brought to bear against the panel; but by placing the braces in the center this difficulty is prevented. The upper pins *a'* assist in preventing the braces from working loose when the fence is standing, as by the use of the pins *a'* the bottom fastening is made rigid. To lower the fence, remove the pins *a'* from the uprights, and reverse one of the braces E, and the operation is complete, when by reversing the operation the fence is restored to an upright position.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The panel A C D, middle uprights A', and braces E E, in combination with ground-posts B, pins *a a'*, and catch F, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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