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Portable Fence,
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Fig. 1.

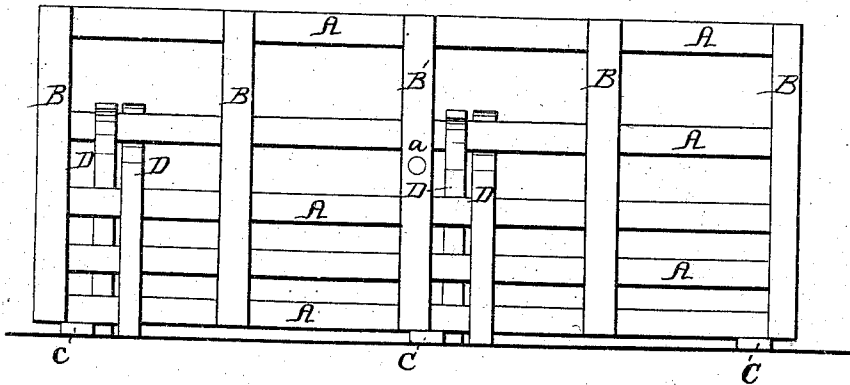
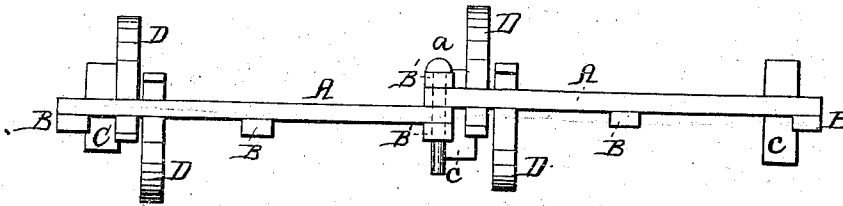


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. CULP, of Goshen, in the county of Elkhart, and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in fences, and consists in attaching the panels together by a pin passing through the centre of their overlapped ends, in combination with a series of crossed stakes passing between two of the bars of each panel, with their lower ends entering the ground on opposite sides of the panel, and their upper portions jamming hard against the upper side of the lower and the under side of the upper of the two bars between which they pass. By this construction the use of fence-posts is avoided, as the pins serve to secure the panels together, and the crossed stakes to hold them in a vertical position, and prevent their lateral movement.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a front, and

Figure 2 a top view or plan of my improved fence.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A A are the bars or rails, and B B' the uprights, secured together in any suitable manner, and forming the fence-panels. C C C are sleepers or blocks supporting the panels above the ground.

The ends of the panels are overlapped, each in such a manner as to permit the passage of a pin, *a*, through the uprights B' B', at about the centre of their length. The uprights B' are upon opposite sides of the panels, so that they cannot be brought together when said panels are overlapped. This construction enables the rails A to approximate nearer a right line than would otherwise be the case.

The panels are held in an upright position, and prevented from moving laterally by the crossed stakes D D, which pass between two of the bars or rails A A, on opposite sides thereof, and have their lower ends driven firmly into the ground. Their upper ends jam hard against the upper side of the lower and the under side of the upper of the two bars A between which they pass.

In ascending or descending a hill, the panels turn readily upon the pins *a*, and additional braces or rails are not required.

The advantages of my invention consist in its simplicity and the economy of construction.

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

The panels A, hung upon the pin *a*, in combination with the crossed stakes D D, whereby the lateral movement of said panels is prevented, as herein shown and described.

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