

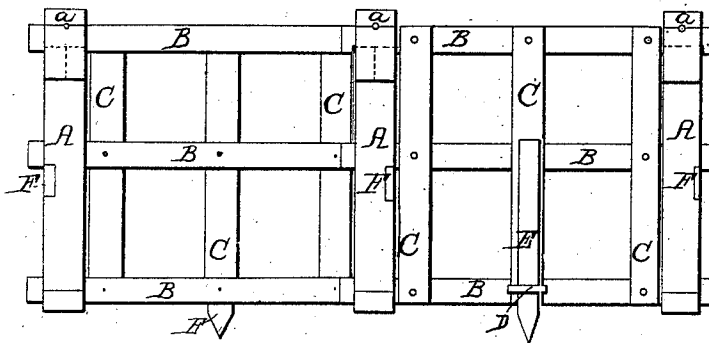
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Wood Fence,

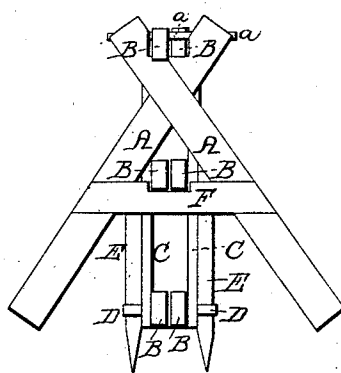
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Fig; 1.



Fig; 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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, JACOB SOUTHWICK, of Brant, in the county of Erie, and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and general arrangement of a portable board fence, so that the same can be put up or taken down without any trouble, and without driving or removing any nails whatever.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and

Figure 2 an end view.

A A represent the fence-posts, each of which is composed of two square pieces of timber, locked together at the top and spreading out at the bottom, forming a brace, as shown in fig. 2.

These posts may be made of any material or timber desired, as they are set on the surface and not into the earth.

Each length of the fence is composed of boards, B B, nailed together by three strips of wood, C C, one near each end, and one in the centre. The lower edges of the ends of the upper boards are notched or provided with hooks, to hang or rest on the crotch formed by the pieces of timber forming the fence-posts, and pins, *a a*, pass through the top of the posts and the ends of the boards, thus holding them securely. The second board from the top rests on a strip of board, F, nailed across the posts, as shown in fig. 2.

Each length of the fence is made fast, by means of a stake, E, running through a stirrup, D, in the centre, and driven into the ground.

This fence is considerably cheaper than any other board fence, and can be so easily put up, and it will be seen that any length can be taken out, by merely removing the pins *a a* and loosening the stake E, without drawing a single nail, or in the least injuring the boards.

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

A portable board fence, when constructed as described, the fence-posts A A being formed of two pieces, locked together near the top, and spreading at the bottom, and the panels each consisting of boards B B, confined together by strips C C, and hung on the fence-posts A A, the whole being secured by pins *a a* and stakes E E, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 8th day of July, 1868.

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