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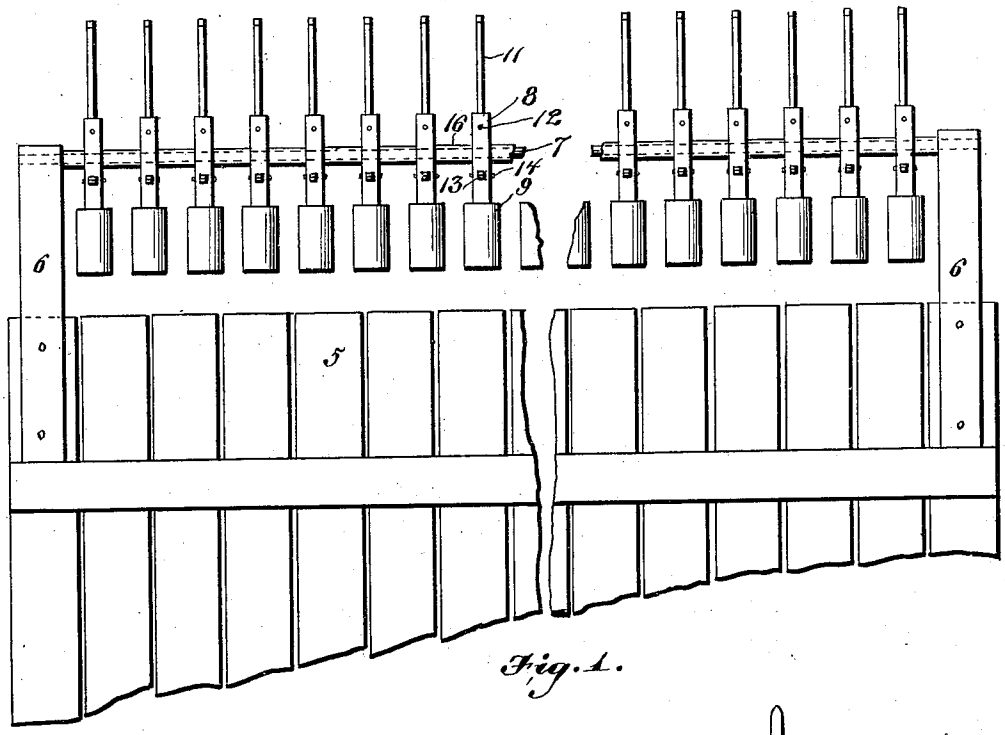


Fig. 1.

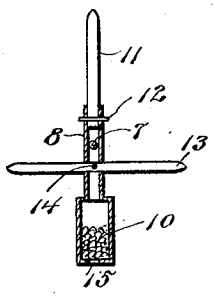


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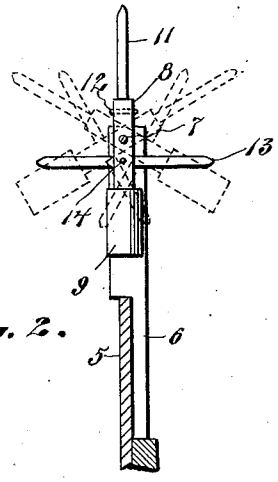


Fig. 2.

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FENCE-GUARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM TROST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Goodland, in the county of Sherman and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an attachment for fences, and more particularly a guard to prevent chickens from flying over the fence.

The invention comprises a series of pickets pivotally mounted on top of the fence which tilt and dislodge the fowl lighting thereon.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention showing the application thereof. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 5 denotes a fence on top of which, at its ends, are uprights 6 in which a horizontal rod 7 is mounted. On the rod is mounted a series of tilting guards. Each guard comprise a tubular stem 8 having a transverse opening whereby it is pivoted on the rod 7. The stem is weighted at one end so that it will normally hang in upright position on the rod. The weight is a casing 9 containing gravel or stones 10, and the stem is secured to the top of the casing. The outer end of the stem is open, and into it is placed a picket 11 which is fastened therein by a transverse pin 12. Below the rod 7 the stem has a transverse opening in which a horizontally presented picket 13 is mounted which may project from one or both sides of the stem, and is secured therein by a transverse pin 14. A guard provided with a double horizontal picket is useful on a partition fence in a chicken yard, or between two premises, as it will work from both sides. In the bottom of the casing 9 is an opening 15 to permit the escape of any water which may enter. The guards are spaced from each other on the rod by washers 16.

The device herein described is simple in construction, and can be easily put up, and it effectively serves the purpose for which it is intended. If the fowl lights on one of the horizontal pickets 13, the guard tilts as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1, whereby the fowl is dislodged, after which the guard is returned to its upright position by the weighted casing 9. The device will also keep cats off the fence.

I claim:—

The combination with a fence, of a rod mounted above the top thereof, and a series of guards strung on the rod, said guards comprising the hollow casing adapted to receive a weight, a tubular stem rising from the casing and having a transverse opening to receive the aforesaid rod, and vertically and horizontally presented pickets carried by said stem.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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