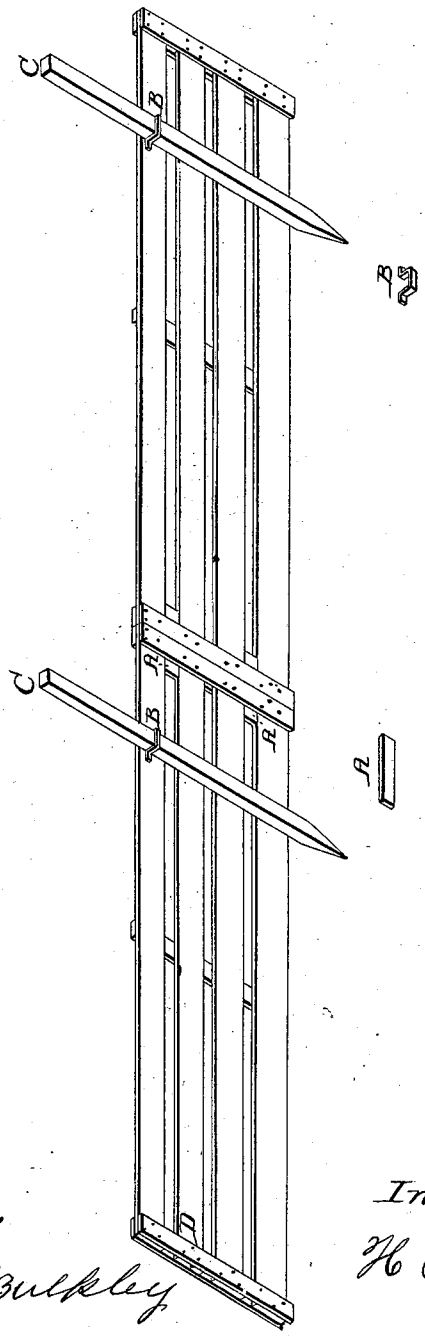
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Portable Fence,

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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. PARKER ROSS, of Hastings, Oswego county, State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Building Portable Fence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters marked thereon.

This fence is made in panels by placing the requisite number of boards in position parallel to each other, with suitable spaces between, and fastening the same by nailing battens crosswise, two at each end on opposite sides and one in the middle. It is then set up and secured by the movable post (letter C on the drawing) being passed through the staple (letter B on drawing) and driven firmly into the ground. The adjacent panels are connected and secured by inserting the dowel (letter A on drawing) in the mortises formed at the ends of the panels by the boards and battens.

The number of boards used in constructing this fence may be more or less than four, (as represented on the drawing,) according to the judgment of the person building the same. The battens will be five in number, two on each end and one in the middle of each panel, and may be fastened either by nails, bolts, pins, or any other method. The movable post (C on drawing) will be sharpened at the bottom, and, moving freely in the staples, (B on drawing,) may be driven into the ground any desired depth. One post to each panel, placed about two feet from one end, will be sufficient in ordinary cases, but more may be used, if desirable. These posts may be placed alternately on opposite sides of the fence. The staple (B on drawing) may be of wood, iron, or any other material may be put on the top board next below the top, whichever is preferred. The dowel or key (A on drawing) will be a piece of common board. Two of these will be used in each connection of the panels, one in the mortise below the top board and the other in that above the bottom board.

This fence is straight, and does not occupy more room than an ordinary board or picket fence, and, as the posts move freely in the staples, they only will be moved by the frost, and in case they are raised may be easily driven down again without injury to the fence.

If the fence is to be moved, the posts will be drawn, the dowels taken out, and the panels moved to the new location and again set up, as before.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Providing the panels with the staples B and movable post C, in combination with the dowel A, the whole constructed and arranged in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

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