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Fig. 1.

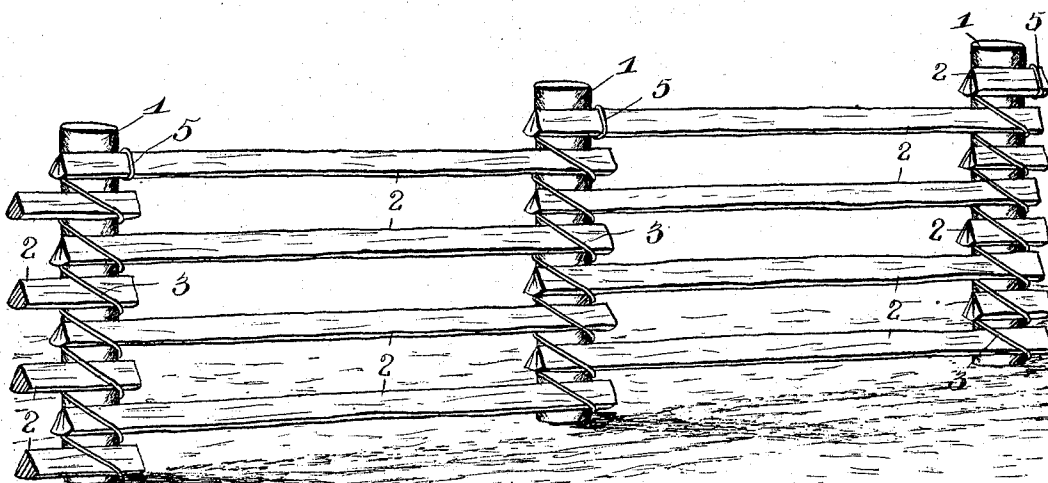
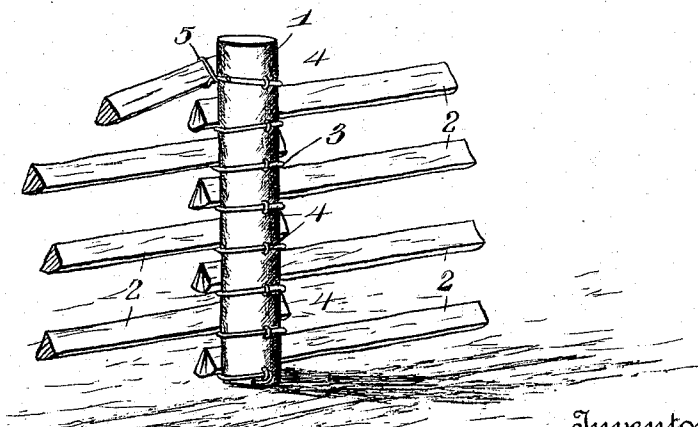


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST KEELER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Layton Corners, in the county of Saginaw and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has relation to improvements in the construction of fences; and the object is to construct a simple and durable farm-fence without the aid of skilled labor and at a minimum expenditure of time.

To this end the novelty consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings the same figures of reference indicate the same parts of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fence, and Fig. 2 is a detail of the same.

1 1 1 represent the usual round posts, which are firmly set in the ground the usual distance apart, and 2 2 represent the rails, which are preferably of uniform size and strength.

Beginning with the bottom rails the end of the wire 3 is secured to the post in line with and on the side opposite to the rail. The wire is then passed around the post and

diagonally across the end of each rail as they are successively placed in position, and the upper end of the wire is formed into a loop 5, the end of the top rail inserted therein, and, using the top rail as a lever, the end of the wire is carried around the post one or more times, which takes up all the slack and stretches the wire, at the same time firmly securing or binding the contiguous ends of the rails firmly to the post. A series of staples 4 4 are then driven in the side of the post opposite the rails, encompassing each coil of the wire, as shown. This forms a very cheap and durable fence and one that can be constructed by the ordinary farm-hand.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A farm-fence comprising the round posts, the rails having their contiguous ends overlapping each other, and the binding-wire secured at its lower end to said post, and having its upper end formed with a loop encompassing the end of the top rail or rider, said rail being adapted to form a lever to tighten the binding-wire against all the rails simultaneously substantially as shown and described.

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

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