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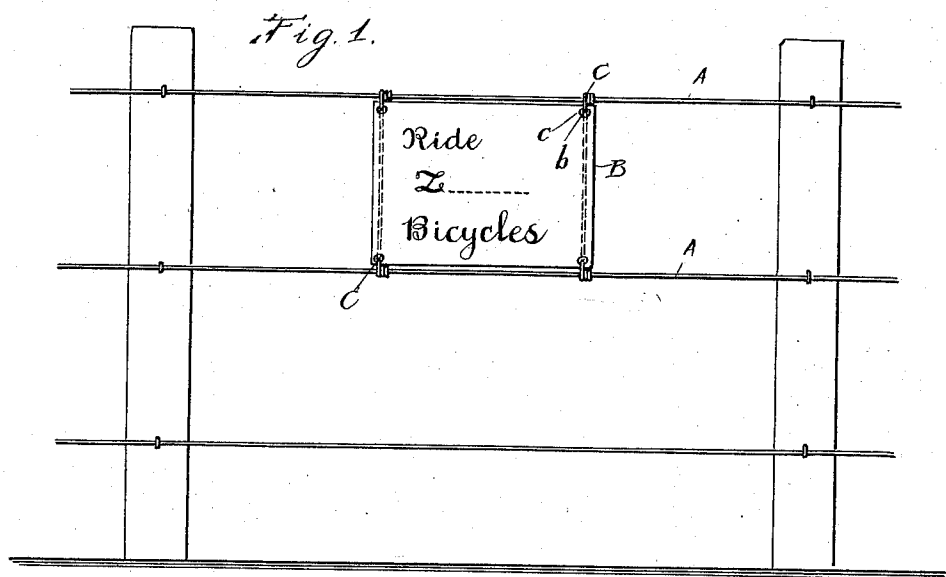


Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.

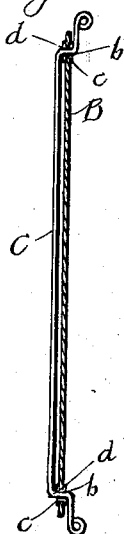
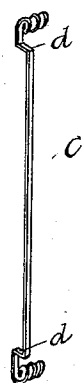


Fig. 4.



Witnesses.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, THOMAS FERGUSON and GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS PFEIFFER, citizens of the United States, and residents of Parkersburg, in the county of Butler and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs for Wire Fences; and we 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a front elevation showing application of invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the sign through the eyelets. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the strips or ribbons, and Fig. 4 is a modified form of strip or ribbon.

This invention is designed to provide means of novel and conspicuous character for advertising, and more particularly for providing means for attaching advertising-signs to the wires of wire fences which adjoin public roads and railways; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, all as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the horizontal wires of an ordinary wire fence.

B designates an advertising-sign, which may be of wood, metal, cardboard, or other material, upon which the advertising matter can be displayed. At each corner portion of the sign is punched a small perforation *b*, and if the sign is of cardboard these perforations should have eyelets *c* inserted therein, as shown in Fig. 2. Passed through the two perforations or eyelets at each end or edge of the sign is a bail-shaped wire, or it may be a

metal strip or ribbon C, whose end portions are intended to be twisted tightly around the adjoining fence-wire A above or below the sign. Where the ribbon or wire C passes through the perforations or eyelets *c*, it is preferably bent, as indicated at *d*, in order that when it is turned up into the plane of the sign for attachment to the fence-wires a torsion or twist is given the transverse arm whereby it takes a bearing against the face of the sign and holds it under tension. Being held in this manner by the wire or ribbon C at each end the sign is prevented when suspended between two adjacent fence-wires from swinging and swaying to the action of the wind, which might tear it loose and might also result in the frightening of horses and other animals driven along the road adjacent to which the signs are suspended.

These signs can be readily put in place and form a conspicuous means of advertising.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with an advertising-sign, having a perforation at each corner portion, of bail-shaped wires or the like passed through the said perforations with their transverse arms bearing against the face of the sign, said arms being bent where they pass through the said perforations to impart a torsion or twist thereto when the bail-shaped wires are secured in the plane of the sign, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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