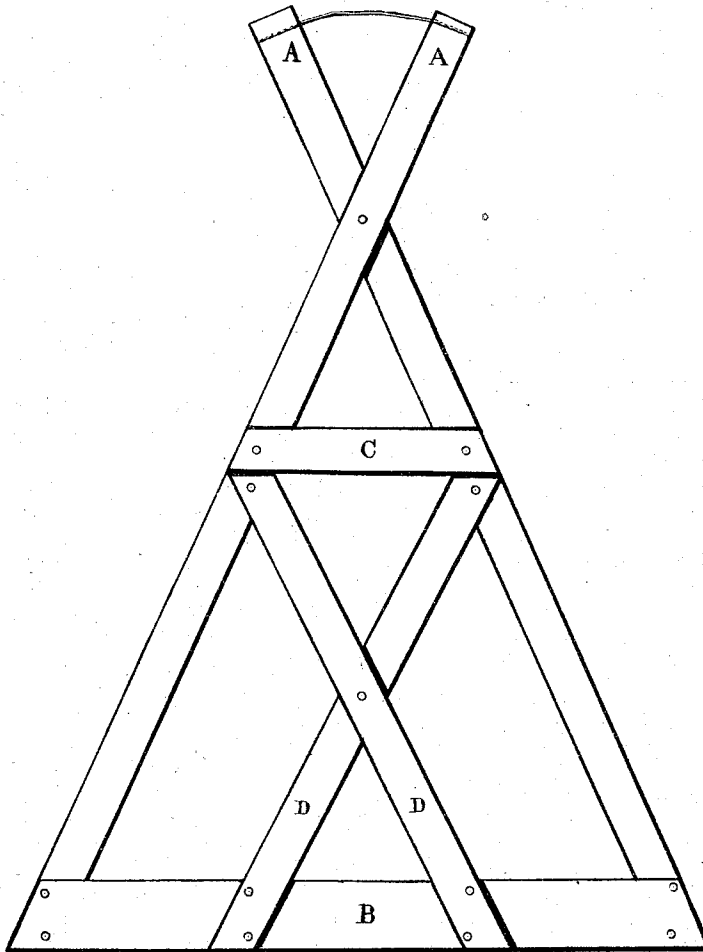


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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SCOTT, of Antwerp, in the county of Jefferson and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to fence posts or supports for rail-fences, simple in construction, and firmly braced in all the parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and especially adapted to a straight fence.

The figure presented is a side elevation of a fence post or support embodying my invention.

A A are sides or braces to the frame, inclining upward, and crossed near their top ends, so as to form a receptacle for the upper rail, or rider, so called, of about twelve (12) inches deep, the two pieces forming the shape of the letter X, or more nearly an inverted letter V. These sides are five (5) feet or over in length, and two and one-half (2½) inches in width, made of one-inch stuff, and may be constructed of pine, hemlock, cedar, linden, or poplar—any light, durable wood. The braces at their lower ends are spread apart nearly or quite four (4) feet, and are attached to a base-board, B, five (5) inches in width, resting upon the ground, to be made of like stuff and material to the side braces, and fastened to them by nails driven from opposite sides and directions, or pins of hard wood, keyed by wedges, two for each side. The base-board also furnishes a rest for the bottom rail. The side braces are further strengthened by a brace, C, of same width, parallel with the base-board, two and one-half (2½) feet above it, and ten (10) inches below the point where the side braces cross to form the letter X, and secured to them in like manner to the base-board. This brace furnishes a rest for the rail next to the top one, or rider, and is also supported and held in place by

braces D D under each end, made of like material, of same width, and fastened to the side braces by nails or pins, as before described, and extends to the lower edge of the base-board, and is fastened to it by nails or pins, as before described, opposite to the side braces, and crossing each other midway, so as to form in shape the letter X, before mentioned, being securely fastened together where they cross by nails or pins, as before described, the lower portion of these braces, which form in shape the lower part of the letter X, grasping and holding in position the bottom rail, and firmly bracing the base-board equidistant from the side braces, the upper portion of these braces, forming the shape of the upper part of the letter X, furnishing a rest for the second rail from the bottom rail, and all together making a substantial post or support for a four-rail fence, in height about four and one-half (4½) feet, with space for the overlapping ends of the rails in a straight fence; and the upper ends of the side braces being notched and tied by a wire or yoke extending over the top rail, or rider, holding it from being thrown off. Three posts to a length of fence of from ten (10) to twelve (12) feet, being used on the road side, or to hold light rails, placing one in the center of the rails, provide a durable, substantial, and strong fence to resist straying animals or restrain herds.

I claim as my invention—

A fence-post formed by the combination of the inclined braces A A, crossing near their top, the brace C, the cross-braces D D, and sill B, when constructed and arranged substantially as shown and described.

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