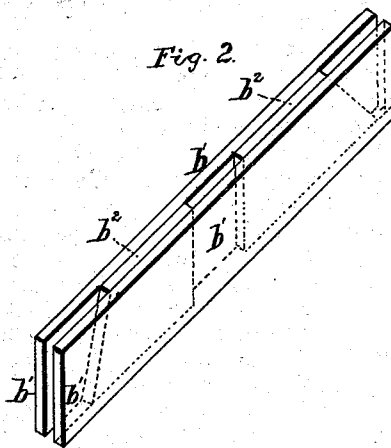
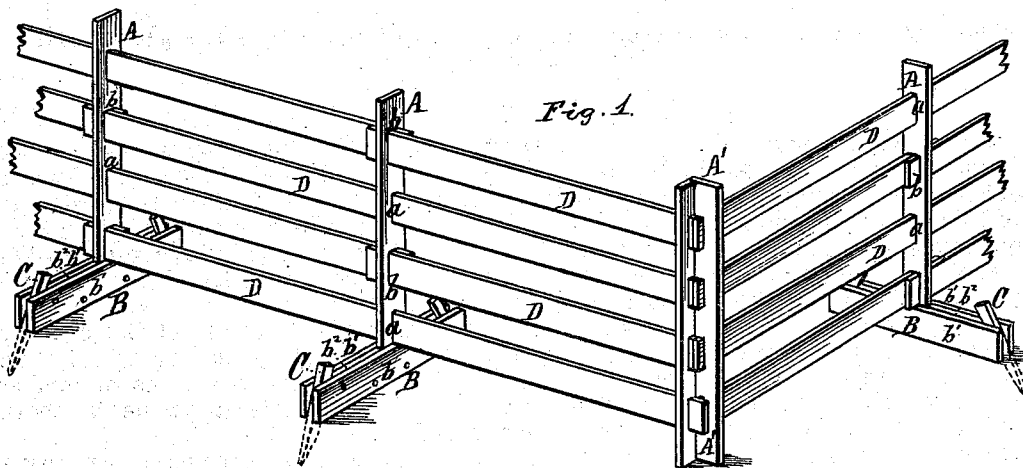


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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL K. MABIE, of Pecatonica, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a portion of my fence complete. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the base alone on an enlarged scale.

My invention consists of a novel construction of fence, whereby it is applicable for use either as a portable or permanent fence, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, A A' represent the posts, the posts A being provided with base-boards or supports, and the posts A', or corner posts, being supported by the rails. The mortises into which the rails D are inserted are made of different sizes, the ones *a* being 1 by 6, and the ones *b* 2 by 6—that is, they alternate from top to bottom and from end to end, so that each post shall have an equal number of full rails, and an equal number of rails with the ends meeting, or that the alternate rails shall break joints from top to bottom. B are the base-boards or supports, made of ordinary strips of board, three in number, *b*¹ *b*¹ *b*², nailed together, the center one, *b*², being cut shorter, and at an angle of forty-five degrees from the center to both ends, leaving a space, into which a pin, stake, or wedge, C, is driven. This stake or wedge may be coated with tar, or any other known compound for preserving wood.

The fence can be used without the stakes or wedges, in cases where stock is to be pastured,

and a new pasturage-ground is given to the stock every few days; but when the fence is to be put up permanently the base-boards may be set upon stones to prevent them from coming in contact with the ground, and the stakes driven down through the base-board and into the ground.

D are rails. These may be of the ordinary sixteen-foot plank, thus making a post come every eight feet. Different sizes of lumber may be used; but I prefer to use the size above mentioned.

I am aware that bases for fence-posts have been made of two pieces of wood which have been nailed to the sides of the posts, and this I disclaim.

My invention consists in forming the bases of four strips of board, which bases have a socket in the center for the posts, and a recess at each end for the pins.

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

A base for fence-posts composed of the four strips *b*¹ *b*², the strips *b*² being held between the strips *b*¹ in such a manner as to form a socket for the lower end of the posts A, between their inner ends, and having their outer ends beveled away so as to form an inclined socket or space between the outer ends of the strips *b*¹ for the stakes C, substantially as shown and described.

This specification signed and witnessed this 8th day of September, 1873.

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