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Improvement in Fences.

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Fig. 1.

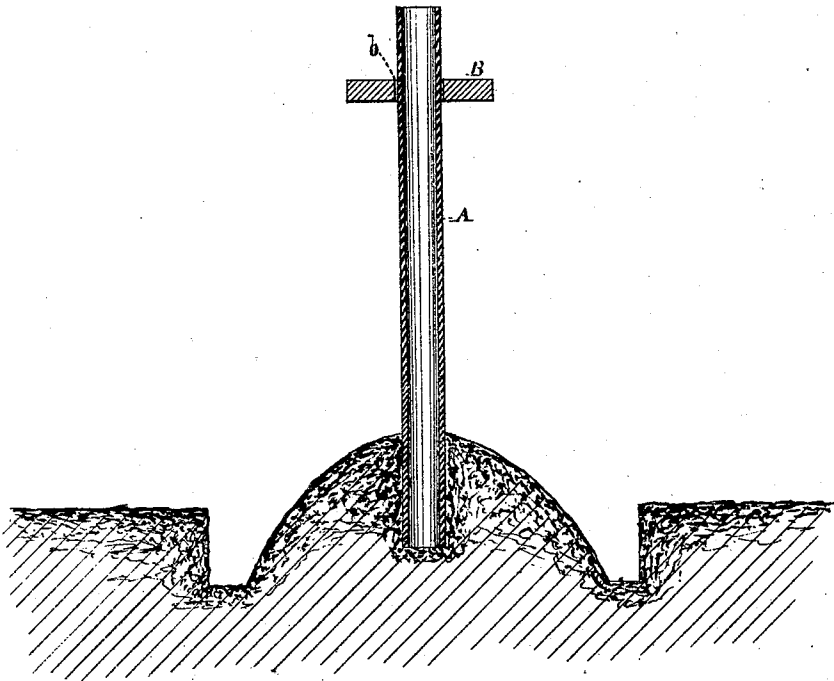
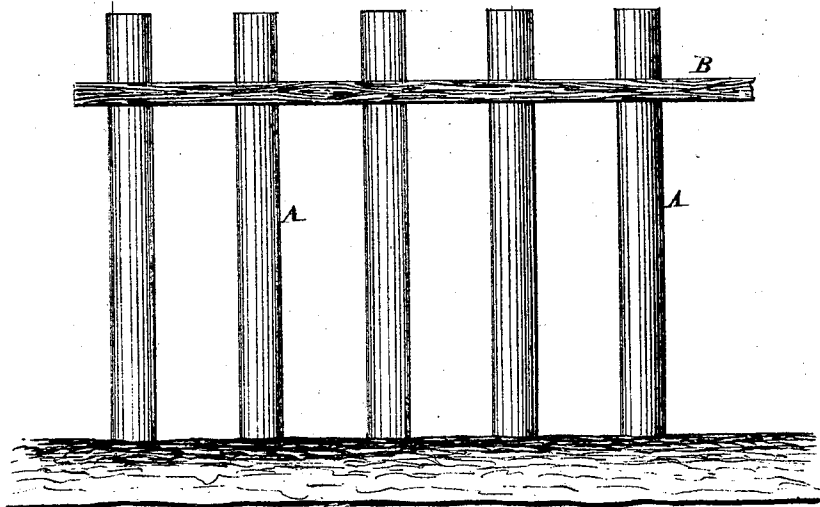


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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Specification describing an Improved Fence, invented by ALFRED M. APLIN, of Chetopah, in the county of Labette and State of Kansas.

The invention will first be fully described and then clearly pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is a cross-section, and Fig. 2 a side elevation of my improvement in fences.

A represents a tubular clay-post, and B a cap of wood, having apertures *b*. These posts are brought into shape by first pressing the clay over a mandrel and through dies, and then burning it in a kiln. They may be of any suitable form or dimensions, but preferably from two to four inches in diameter, and of a true cylindrical form. These posts A are either set in the ground about four and a half inches apart, the earth turned on each side thereof, and the caps B placed each over a series of posts, or they may be arranged in

base-blocks of wood or metal. At suitable intervals a binding-stake may be driven through one of the tubes to anchor and strengthen the line of fence, and insure it against sagging.

A fence thus constructed costs about thirty cents per rod, dispenses entirely with rails, and is much cheaper and more durable than those made of wood or metal.

Having thus described all that is necessary to a full understanding of my invention, what I esteem to be new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

A fence formed of the posts A and binding-caps B, combined, arranged, and applied as described.

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