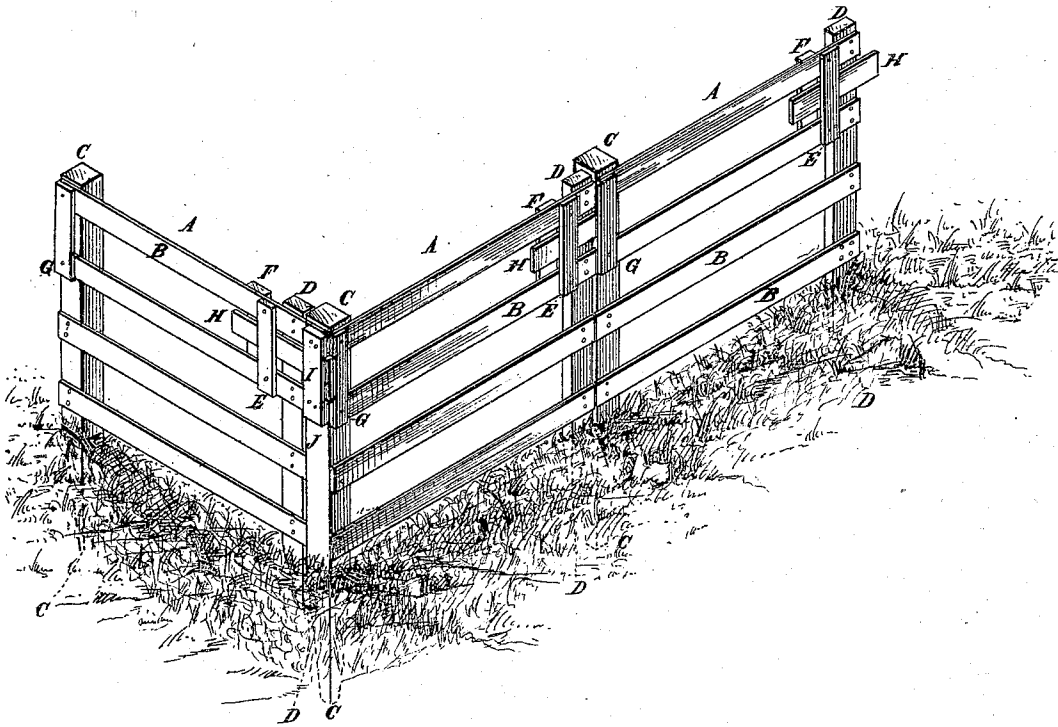


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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 130,823, dated August 27, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS D. ROBERTS, of Nekimi, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Fences; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification, in which the figure is a view in perspective of a fence embodying my invention.

This invention relates to an improvement in portable fences; and consists of a panel constructed of four or more boards secured at one end to a post pointed to penetrate the ground to a depth of from eighteen to twenty inches, and at the other end to a batten pointed to penetrate the surface from two to three inches; having also two strips secured to the opposite sides of the top and the adjoining board near the end batten of the panel, and one strip secured in a similar manner on the outside of the panel, at the pointed post.

In the drawing, A is a panel of the improved portable fence. B B B B are the boards secured to the pointed post C and to the pointed batten D. E is a strip secured to the outside of the top and the adjoining board B B, quite near to the pointed batten D. F is a strip secured similarly to the strip E, but upon the opposite side of the panel, and about the distance of its own width from the batten D. G is a strip secured at the opposite end, and upon the outside of the panel, in line with the point-

ed post C. A short strip, H, is used to connect the panels. When necessary to form a corner a recessed strip, I, is secured to the edge of the pointed post C, the recess J being made at the desired angle, and the strip H placed in the recess J and in the space between the batten D and the strips E and F. The fence is built from the panels by inserting the pointed post C into the ground to the depth of eighteen or twenty inches and allowing the pointed batten D to penetrate to the depth of two or three inches. The batten D of one panel is placed in contact with the post C of another, and the panels are connected by the strip H. Each panel may be conveniently converted into a gate by withdrawing the strip H and freeing the point of the batten D. The panel will then turn on the pointed post C.

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

The panel A, composed of the boards B B B B, pointed post C, pointed batten D, and strips E, F, G, and H, arranged substantially as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing improvement in portable fences as above described I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of July, 1872.

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