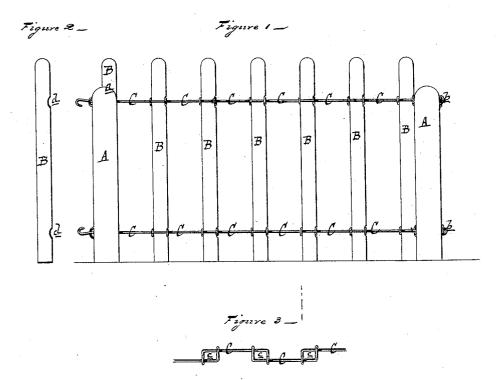
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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN A. WOOD, of Cardington, in the county of Morrow, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wood and Wire-Fences; and I do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and being a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is an elevation of a section of fence.

Figure 2, an elevation of a single picket. Figure 3, a series of wire locks.

Like letters indicate like parts in each figure.

The nature of this invention relates to an improvement in the manuer of constructing fences of wood and wire combined; and consists in a new and novel combination of hooks or links, by means of which the pickets are held in position, and in providing one or both edges of the pickets with notches, which engage with the links or hooks, thereby making a strong and durable fence.

In the drawings-

A represents the corner-posts, and B the pickets of the fence.

The outer pickets may be secured to the cornerposts by being nailed or screwed to the post, as at a, or by means of staples b, driven into the post over

the links or hooks, or in any other convenient and desirable way.

C is a series of wire links or hooks, linked or hooked together, as shown in fig. 3, in such a manner that the end of each link is bent at right angles with its length, and hooks around the adjacent link, so as to leave square or rectangular openings c; within which are inserted, near the top and bottom, the pickets B, which are provided in one or both edges, as may be desired, with the notches d, which engage with the links when the latter are drawn tight, the whole forming a cheap, durable, and elegant fence.

Should greater strength be required, another series of links may be similarly employed, the same engaging with notches in the pickets, at about the centre of their length.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is-

The wire links or hooks C, in fences constructed substantially as herein set forth.

Also, the picket B, provided with notches d, in combination with the wire links or hooks C, when constructed and operating substantially as herein described.

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