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FENCE STRETCHER.

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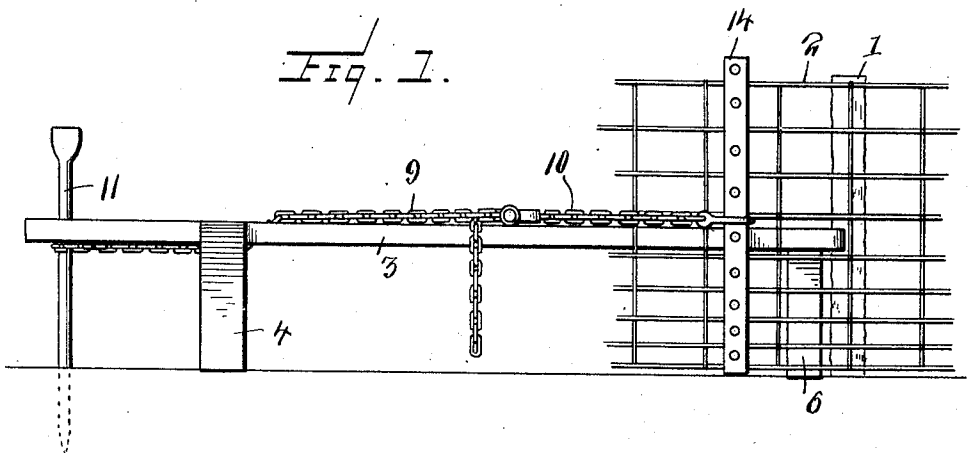
Fig. 1.



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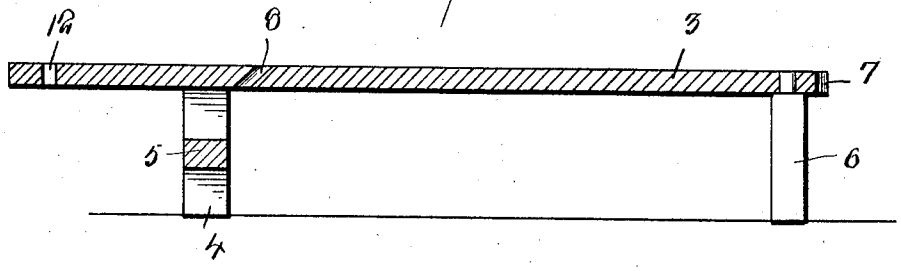

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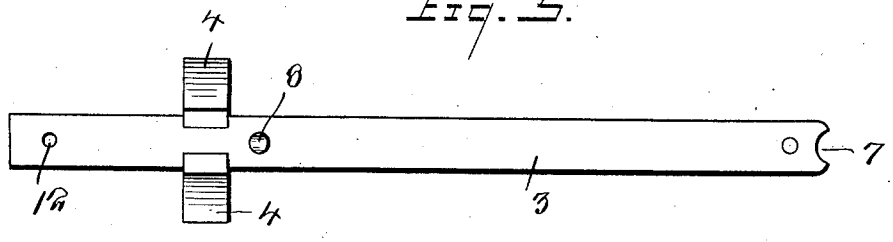

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL B. MORAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fishersville, in the county of Augusta and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Stretchers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fence wire stretchers and one of the principal objects of the invention is the provision of a simple and cheaply constructed device which may be manufactured directly by the farmer or fence builder and conveniently operated.

Another object of the invention is to provide a stretching device which will permit the fence to be stapled or secured directly to the post which is used as a support for the stretcher.

In most of the structures now in use one post is used to attach the stretcher to and the wire is stapled or secured to the adjoining or second post, and if the post to which the stretcher is secured happens to be the corner post it is necessary to use a single wire stretcher to secure the wires to the corner post.

It is therefore the object of this invention to avoid these difficulties by providing a device which affords a support for the structure independent of the fence post.

A still further object of the invention resides in the provision of a supporting device and a post hole digging tool used in connection therewith to anchor the device against lateral movement and to form a support for the stretcher or stretchers.

Further objects of the invention will appear as the following specific description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this application and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing the stretching device in operative position. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 is a top plan view with the crow-bar removed.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 1 may indicate a corner post to which the fence wires 2 are adapted to be connected. The device itself is used in connection with either a single or a double chain stretcher and a fence clamping device and consists essentially of a board or table 3 of suitable length, breadth and thickness, and constructed of any suitable material. This board 3 is supported at its forward end upon a single centrally positioned leg and at its rear end by a pair of diverging legs 4 connected together by a brace 5. The forward leg is indicated at 6 and is preferably arranged immediately in rear of a curved notch 7 adapted to receive the post 1. The board or table 3 has a centrally arranged aperture 8 which extends diagonally through the board from top to bottom immediately forward of the legs 4 so as to receive the anchor chain 9 of the stretcher 10 which is of the ordinary form and only conventionally shown herein. After passing through the aperture 8 the chain 9 extends beneath the board and is connected to a crow-bar or similar tool 11 which is passed through an aperture 12 in the rear end of the board 3 and enters a hole in the ground. This hole may be formed in any suitable manner but is preferably formed by the crow-bar itself. The forward end of the stretcher chain 10 is connected by means of a hook 13 through the usual fence clamping device 14 to the fence wires 2.

While I have illustrated the use of the device in connection with a single chain stretcher it will be understood that a double chain stretcher may be used and in this instance the lower chain would pass alongside of the leg 6 and between the legs 4 over the brace 5 to its connection with the crow-bar. The upper stretcher would be connected to the clamping device 14 and to the bar above the table or board 3.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A device of the class described comprising, a table having a post receiving recess in one end and a chain receiving aperture intermediate its length, and a chain anchoring passed through the opposite end and pointed to enter the ground.

2. The combination with a wire stretcher, of a table having a recess at one end to receive a post and a diagonal chain receiving aperture intermediate its ends, and a crow-bar extending through the opposite end and pointed to enter the ground.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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