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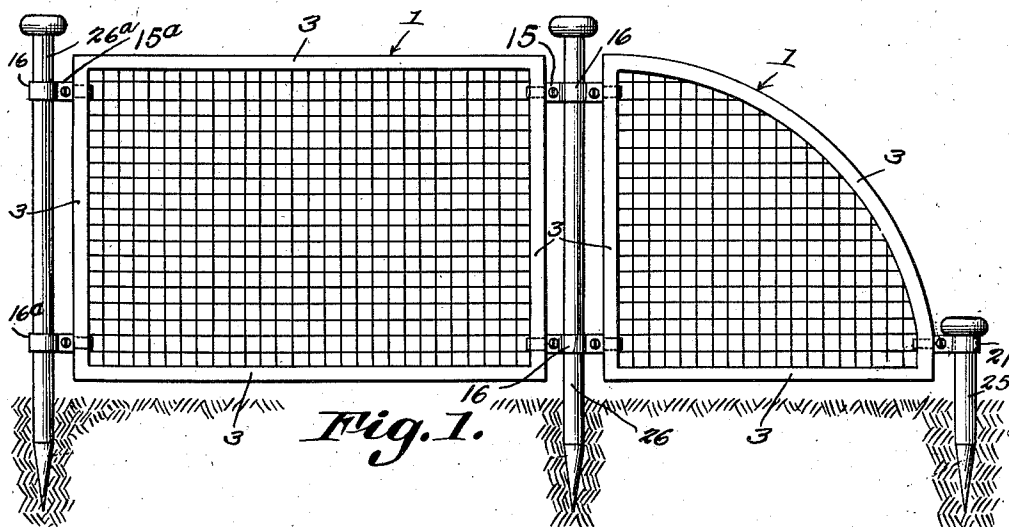
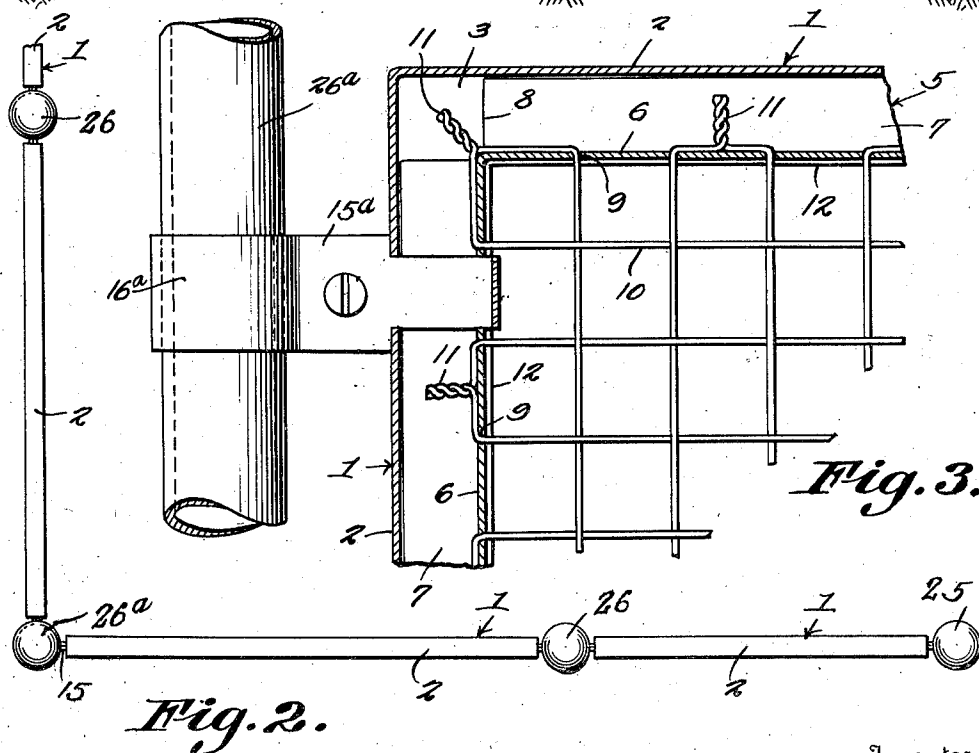
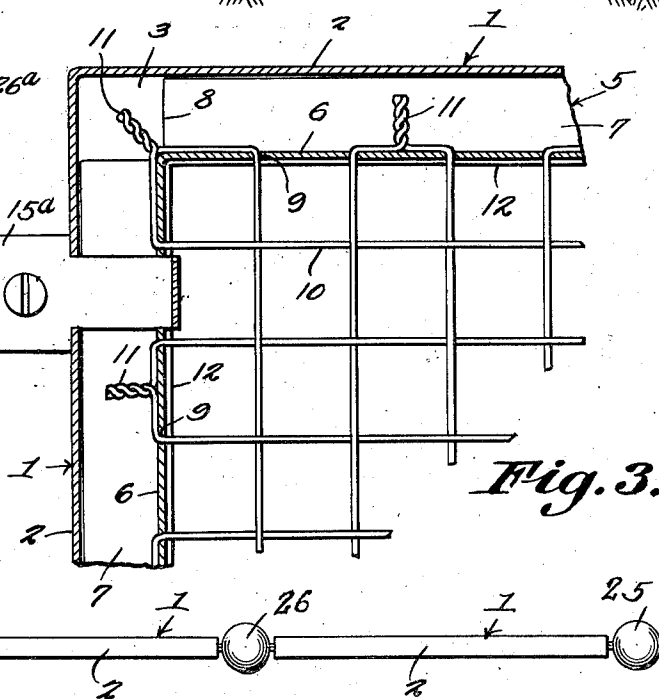
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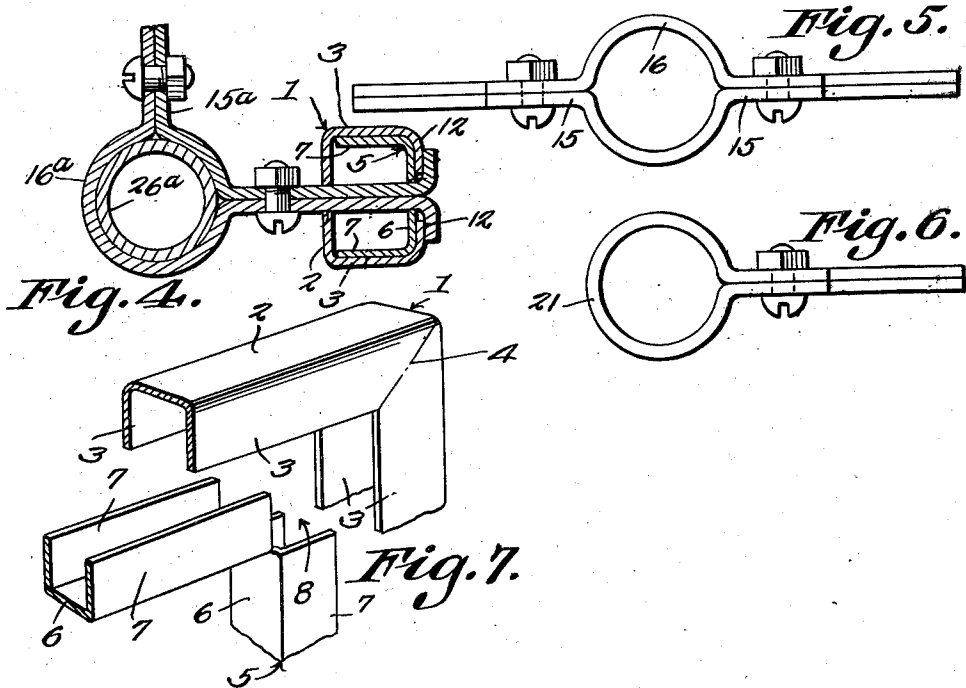
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The device forming the subject matter of this application is a portable fence, and the object of the invention is to improve the construction of the panels which make up the fence.

It is within the province of the disclosure to improve generally and to enhance the utility of devices of that type to which the invention appertains.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 shows, in elevation, a portable fence constructed in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 2 is a top plan of the fence;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through one of the panels, and showing the means whereby the panels are connected to the stake;

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken through one of the stakes and attendant parts, at a corner of the fence;

Fig. 5 is a plan showing one of the connectors;

Fig. 6 is a plan showing another of the connectors;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing portions of the inner and outer channels that make up the frame of the fence panel.

In carrying out the invention, there is provided a plurality of panels. Most of the panels embody a rectangular frame, as shown in Fig. 1, but the terminal panel of the fence may be in the form of a segment of a circle, as shown in Fig. 1. The frame of each panel is made of fabricated metal, and it comprises an outer channel 1 (Fig. 7), including a body 2 and parallel side flanges 3. Where the corners are to be formed, the flanges 3 are notched, and the edges of the notches are brought together as shown at 4 in Fig. 7.

An inner channel 5 is provided, and includes a body 6 and parallel side flanges 7. Where the corners of the inner channel 5 are to be formed, the flanges 7 are slit, and the channel is bent to form parts at an angle to each other, as Fig. 7 will show. There is an opening 8 at each corner of the inner channel 5.

The body 6 of the inner channel 5 is provided with holes 9, the holes 9 receiving the strands of a netting filler. The strands 10 of the netting filler are shown as being arranged at right angles to each other, in Fig. 3, for instance, but that construction is not insisted upon. The strands 10 are extended along the body 6, within the inner

channel 5, adjacent strands having their ends twisted together, as shown at 11. The filler now is assembled with the inner channel 5.

The outer channel 1 is placed about the inner channel 5, the twisted ends 11 of the strands of the filler thus being housed within a hollow or tubular frame. The flanges 3 of the outer channel 1 are turned inwardly, toward each other, to form wings 12 that engage the body 6 of the inner channel 5 and hold the channels firmly together, as shown in Fig. 4.

If the panels are disposed in the same plane, they are joined together by connectors 15 having eyes 16 adapted to receive stakes 26.

The same construction is carried out where a corner is to be formed in the fence, as shown in Fig. 4, aside from the fact that the connectors 15a are rectangular, the eyes appearing at 16a and the stakes at 26a.

The outer end of the terminal panel of Fig. 1 has an eye 21, adapted to receive a stake 25.

It will be obvious from the foregoing, that the fence is readily portable. It may consist of any desired number of panels and will be found highly useful for many purposes, such as a barrier about flower beds, a guard at the corners of lawns, and elsewhere, under conditions wherein, at present, U-shaped overlapping wickets are driven into the ground. A person having a portable, extensible fence of the kind described will find many uses for it, all of which need not be enumerated in this specification.

What is claimed is:

1. A panel for a portable fence, comprising a frame comprising inner and outer channels, each including a body and side flanges, the flanges of the inner channel extending in a direction opposite to the flanges of the outer channel and being received between the flanges of the outer channel, the flanges of the outer channel being overlapped on the body of the inner channel to form wings which hold the channels together, and a filler connected to the body of the inner channel, between the wings of the outer channel.

2. A panel for a portable fence, embodying a frame comprising inner and outer channels, each including a body and side flanges, the flanges of the inner channel extending in a direction opposite to the flanges of the outer channel and being received between the flanges of the outer channel, to give the frame a tubular form, the flanges of the outer channel being overlapped on the body of the inner channel to form wings which hold the channels together, the body of the inner channel having openings located between the wings, and a filler embodying strands connected to the body of the inner channel, through the openings.

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