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Picket-Fences.

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Fig: 1.

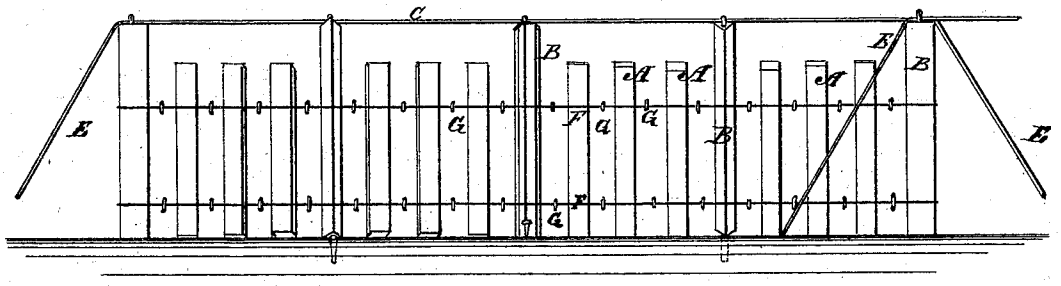
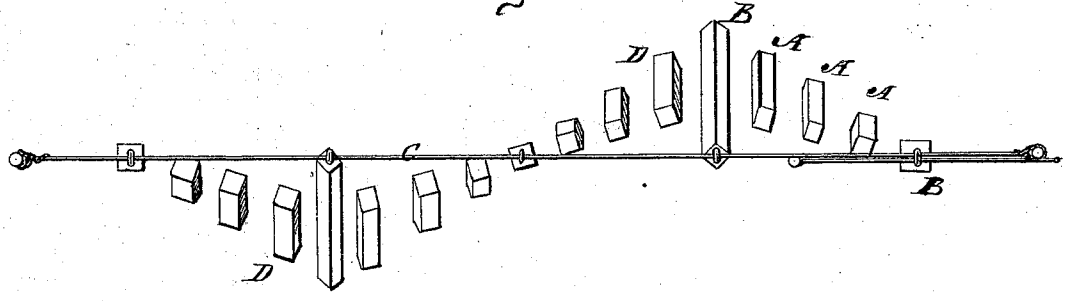


Fig: 2



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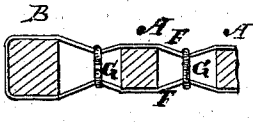

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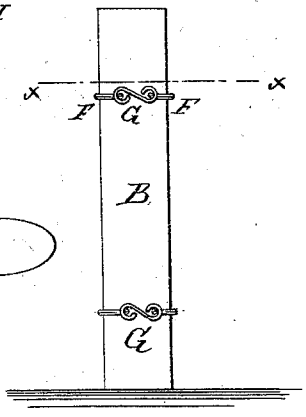

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IMPROVEMENT IN PICKET-FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. McGINTY, of Moulton, in the county of Lavaca and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences, of which the following is a specification:

The trouble and expense of building and preserving suitable fences in a country not overstocked with timber must be apparent to all. In many sections it is difficult to obtain long fencing-timber, and in such cases other means must be resorted to.

The invention consists in the improvement of fences, as hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a side elevation; Fig. 2, a top or plan view. Fig. 3 is a detail, showing the mode of binding the wires together. Fig. 4 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This fence is composed of two kinds of posts. One kind, marked A, (forming the greater number,) rest upon the ground. The other posts, marked B, are arranged with the others at intervals, and are longer than the posts A, and whose top ends are on a line, C, as seen in Fig. 2.

The distinguishing features of the fence are the zigzag base and straight top.

The posts (both long and short) are arranged in panels D, which brace alternately in each direction, as represented in Fig. 2; but the tops of the posts B are brought to the line C. This line is a wire which extends across the tops of the posts B, these posts being anchored to the ground by other wires and stakes, E, as seen. F represents a wire on each side of all the posts at two places. These wires are bound together between the posts by the links G. The links are so applied that the wires are drawn tightly against the sides of the posts, thus binding all of them together, and rendering the fence strong and substantial.

A fence is thus made of short timber of the most durable kind, one well calculated to resist the currents of water as well as wind.

The posts may be simple round or split timber, formed of the bodies or limbs of trees, no sawed lumber being required. The wire is the ordinary fencing-wire.

The advantages are: This fence can be constructed when timber is scarce, and sawed lumber not to be obtained. It is cheap, and can be constructed by any one at all skilled in ordinary farm operations.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with high posts and wire-riders, of stakes D, arranged in alternately reversed angles and with a wide post, B, at the vertex of these angles, but extended out alternately on opposite sides, as and for the purpose described.

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