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Portable Fence,

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Fig. 1

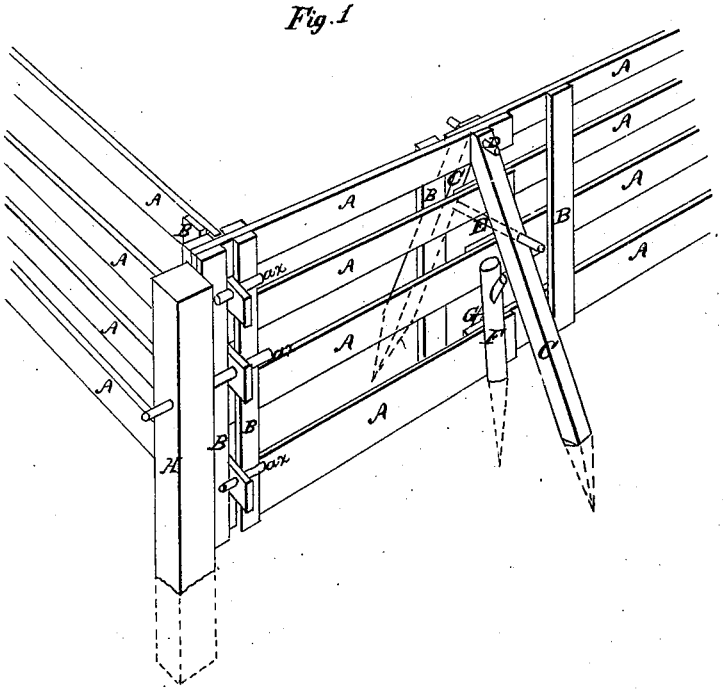
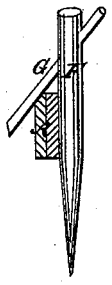


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE FENCES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **52,080**, dated January 16, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES ROWLAND, of Clinton, in the county of De Witt and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Portable Fence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention; Fig. 2, a detached view of a stake pertaining to the same, and represented adjusted to the lower board of the fence.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to obtain a portable fence which will be simple in construction, capable of being readily put up and taken down, and secured firmly in position when put up, and which will accommodate itself to uneven ground.

The panels of the fence may be constructed of a series of parallel boards or slats, A, nailed to upright slats B, in the same way as the panels of ordinary fences of this class are made. These panels are supported in an upright position by stakes C C, placed at opposite sides of the panels, and they are inclined, their lower ends being driven into the ground and their upper ends secured to the upper boards or slats of the panels by pins D, which pass through the upper ends of the stakes and through holes in the top boards or slats, A. These stakes are retained in position by pins or rods E, which pass through the stakes at a suitable distance below their upper ends. The panels overlap each other at their ends, and the pins D of the stakes pass through the lapped ends of the top boards or slats, A. These stakes C, it will be seen, secure or hold the upper parts of the panels, and the lower parts are held in position by stakes F, which are driven vertically, or about so, into the ground, and have pins G driven through them obliquely and over the tops of the lower boards or slats, A, as shown in both figures. Any number of these stakes F may be used, but there should be one at least at the lapped ends of the lower boards or slats of the panels, as shown in Fig. 1.

At the corners or angles of the fence one of the panels may have two slats, B, at each side, between which projecting ends of the boards or slats of another panel may pass, or separate tongues or tenons may project from said panel to fit between said slats, with pins *a'* passing through them. A supplemental post, H, may also be used at the angles or corners, with one of the pins *a'* passing through it, as shown in Fig. 1.

It will be seen from the above description that the panels of the fence may be placed in a more or less inclined position to suit the uneven surface of the ground on which the fence may rest. This is a very important feature, as it renders the fence available in all cases. It may be erected anywhere and upon any ground with the greatest facility. The panels being made, no nails are required in putting up the fence, and it may be taken down with equally as great facility as it may be erected.

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

The stakes C C, secured to the top boards or slats, A, of the panels by pins D, and connected by pins or rods E, in combination with the stakes F and oblique pins G, all arranged and combined with the panels to form a new and improved portable fence, as herein shown and described.

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