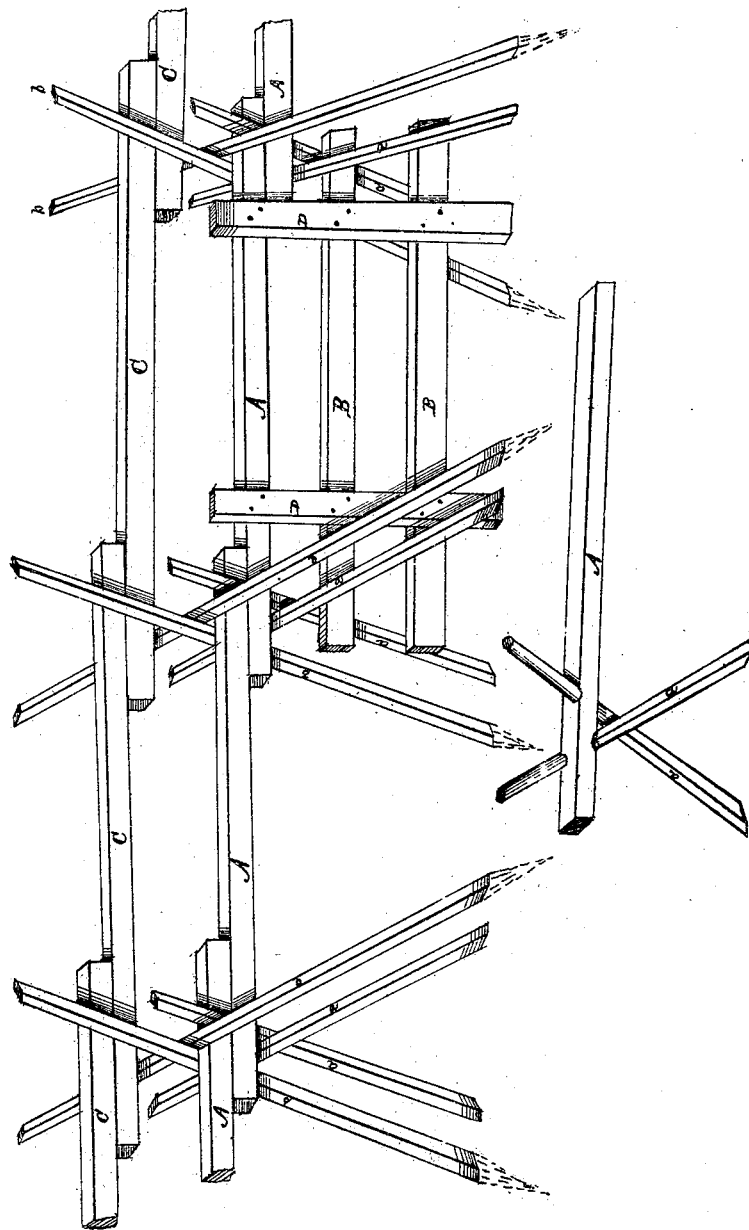


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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

I, OSKER F. A. FAULKNER, of Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, have invented certain Improvements in Fences, of which the following is the specification.

### *Nature and Objects of the Invention.*

My invention relates to construction of fences raised above the ground by means of trestles or legs for the purpose of saving labor and material in the construction, wherever only cattle and horses are to be fenced against.

### *Description of the Accompanying Drawing.*

Figure 1 is a perspective view of two panels of fence constructed on my plan, the right-hand panel showing also how, by attaching boards or rails below the trestle, the fence may be made to serve all the ordinary purposes of a fence against all kinds of domestic animals.

Figure 2 is a perspective of a single trestle ready to be used in a fence.

### *General Description.*

A is the main trestle-rail, supported on the legs *a*, which are inserted through two-inch holes bored through the rail at a distance of four to six inches apart along the length of the rail, the legs projecting a foot or more above the rail to retain the free end of the next trestle-rail, and to form a lock with the long stakes *b b*, which are driven into the ground in such position as to rest on the free end of the trestle-rail, as shown by the drawing, and be held between

the projecting ends of the trestle-legs, thus making a strong fence, capable of resisting force from the winds or from cattle in a lateral direction, and also secure against the tendency to yield in the direction of its length, being supported by the locking of the stakes in the space between the tops of the legs.

This fence is very easily constructed out of the ordinary materials on the farm, requiring but a small amount of timber, and is readily put up around any patch of grain or pasturage, to keep cattle out or in.

Should it be desirable to convert it into a permanent close fence, it can be done by the addition of rails or boards below the trestle-rails, as shown in fig. 1, at B.

The studs D D may be set into the ground or rest upon it, or be suspended above it, at the pleasure of the builder.

### *Claim.*

I claim as my invention—

The herein-described trestle-fence, composed of panels, the horizontal bars A of which are supported at one end upon trestle-legs *a a* permanently secured thereto, and at the other end upon the adjacent panel, and diagonal stakes *b b*, and riders C, whereby the panels are braced and locked together, substantially as set forth.

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