

S. STOUT.
Farm-Fences.

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Fig. 1

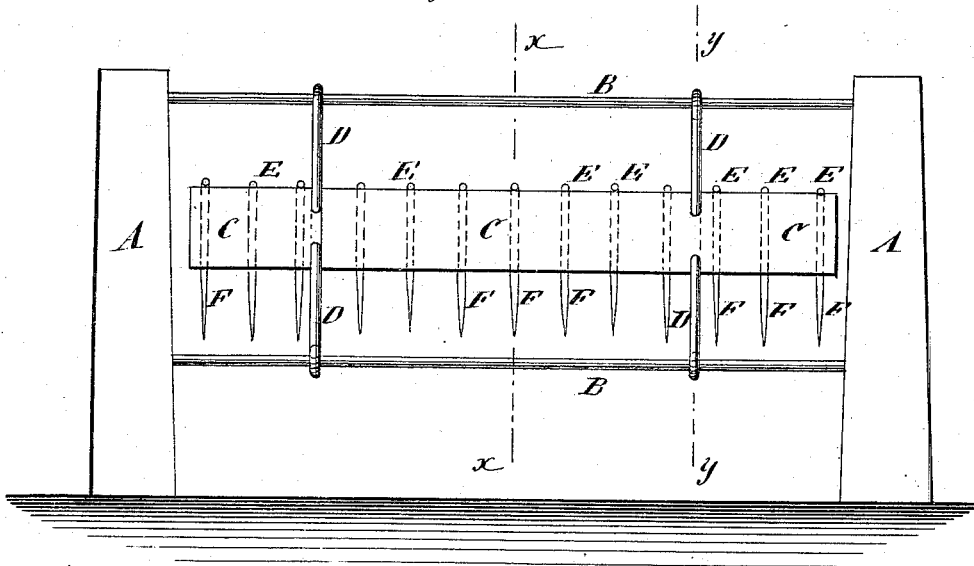


Fig. 2

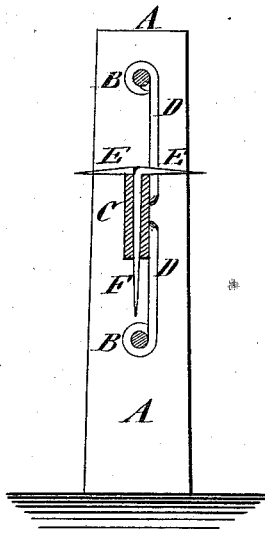
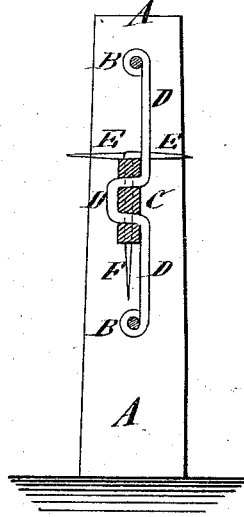


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN FARM-FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN STOUT, of Tremont, in the county of Tazewell and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Wire and Board Fence, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of a portion of my improved fence. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section of the same, taken through the line *y y*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved fence which shall be strong and durable, can be readily seen by the stock, so that they will not run against it, and which will prevent the stock from rubbing or pushing against the fence, or from crawling through it.

The invention consists in the combination of the boards and the bent or hook wires with the posts and wires of a wire-fence; in the combination of the right-angled spikes with the upper edge of a board suspended from and between the wires of a fence; and in the combination of the straight spikes with the lower edge of a board suspended from and between the wires of a fence, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents the posts, to which the wires B are secured in the usual way. C is a board, of

such a length as to pass in between the posts A. D are wires, which are bent into U-shape, and are passed through the board C, and the arms of which are bent, the one upward and the other downward. The ends of the wires D are bent around the wires B, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, so as to suspend the board C in the space between the wires B.

The board C suspended between the wires B can be readily seen by the stock, so that they will not run against the fence, as they are liable to do with an ordinary wire-fence.

In the upper edge of the board C are inserted spikes E, which are bent down at right angles, the alternate spikes pointing in opposite directions, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, so as to prevent stock from rubbing and pushing against the fence. In the lower edge of the boards C are inserted straight spikes F, which are designed to prevent stock from crawling through the fence.

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

The combination, with posts A A and wire-rails B B, of the intermediate board C and U-shaped wires D, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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