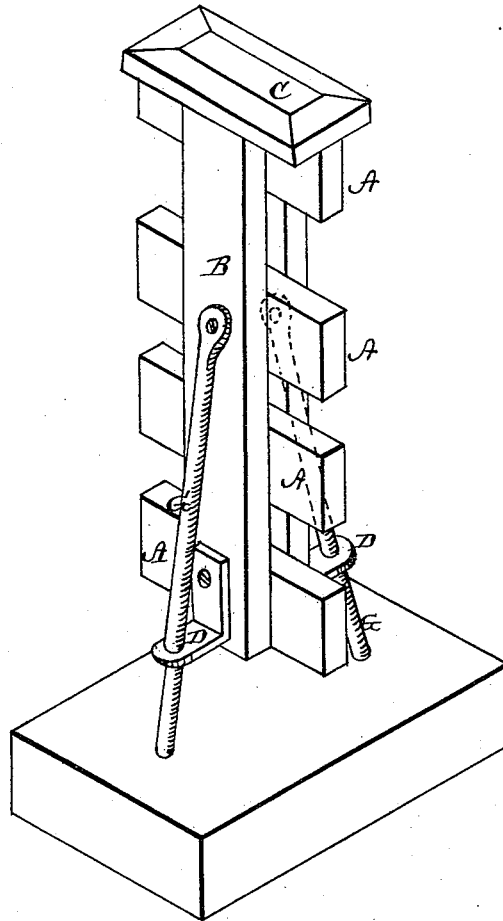


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. HATCH, of Parkman, in the county of Geauga and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a fence-post, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The annexed drawing represents a perspective view of my fence-post.

A A represent the horizontal boards of an ordinary board fence. The ends of these boards are fastened between two upright boards, B B, connected at their upper ends by a cap-piece, C, and they are provided at their lower ends with L-shaped stays D D, permanently fastened thereto. The horizontal part of each stay D is formed with a suitable hole for the passage of a brace, G, the upper end of which is fastened to the upright board B, and the lower end driven into the ground a sufficient distance to make the post solid and perma-

nent. The braces G are made of round rods, and entirely support the wooden fence-posts B B, so that they will not touch the ground, and hence are preserved from rotting.

By adjusting the stays D D up or down the post may be put up on inclined ground in a vertical position just as well as on level ground.

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

In a fence consisting of the uprights B B and the horizontal rails A A passed between the uprights, the combination of the L-shaped perforated stays D attached to the uprights, and the rods G G connected directly to the uprights and passed through the perforations in the stays, and extended into the earth for supporting the fence above the ground, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of June, 1875.

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