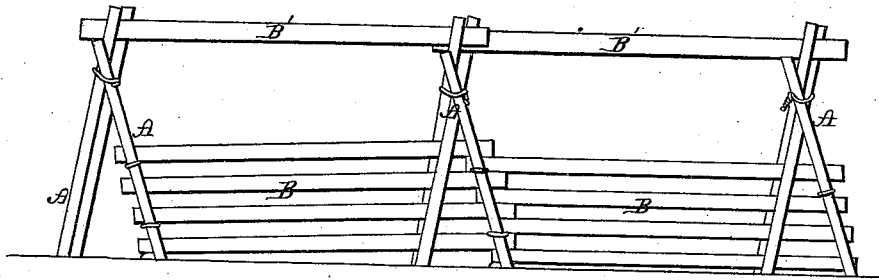


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IMPROVEMENT IN FARM-FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. SULLIVAN, of Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

The nature of my invention relates to farm-fences; and it consists in a triangular, quadrangular, square, or rectangular support for fences, made by a combination of stakes, three or four, arranged in such a manner that their lower ends may describe a triangle, rectangle, &c., as placed in contact with the ground, their upper ends coming together or crossing each other near the top of the fence, or at any point or points between the top and bottom, substantially as hereinafter set forth.

In the annexed drawing, which fully illustrates my invention, A A represent three or four stakes of suitable dimensions, set in or on the ground, so as to describe a triangle or rectangle at the bottom, and their upper ends leaning toward each other, and coming together at any desired point or points. At such points the stakes may be fastened together by means of wire, pins, nails, notches,

or other suitable means, and they may be connected in couples or otherwise. In some cases the stakes may not come together, but connect indirectly, counterbalancing and supporting each other. The panels or body of the fence between the bases or stakes thus arranged may be made of any desired form and material.

For a rail fence the stakes may occupy a triangular form, two of them in one corner or angle of said triangle, connected together by wires or other suitable means, and the rails B laid between them supporting each other alternately in adjoining panels, the top rail B' resting in the crotches.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A fence post or support formed of three or more stakes, arranged to form a triangle at their lower ends, and coming together or crossing each other near the top, or at some point or points between the top and bottom, in combination with the rail-panels B, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of June, 1876.

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