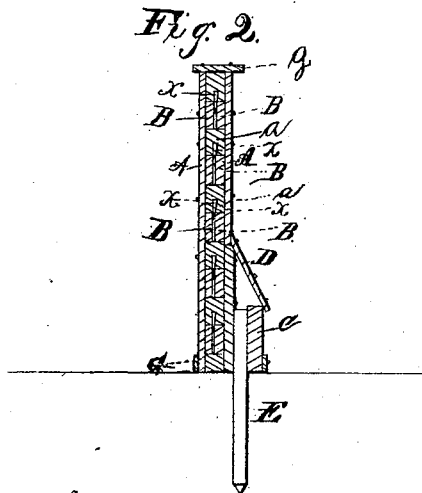
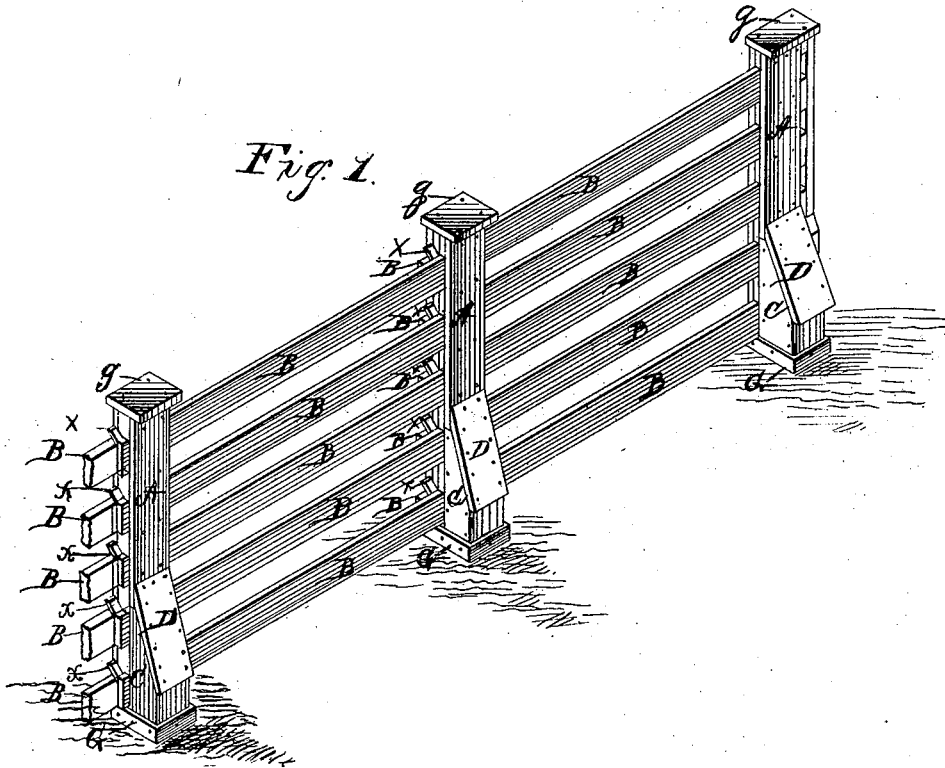


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY B. FREEMAN, of Charleston, in the county of Coles and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Fences; 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 and arrangement of a portable fence, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, which make a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of two panels of my fence. Fig. 2 represents a sectional view, taken through one of the posts, showing the mode of securing the fence to the ground.

In the formation of my fence the posts are composed of two upright planks, A, having blocks *a a* placed at intervals between them, and covered by a cap-piece, *g*. These posts are suitably inserted in the ground at a proper distance from each other. B B B represent the fence boards or rails. These are preferably of plank, and are inserted between the spaces in the posts, so as to rest on the blocks *a a*, with the ends of the adjoining planks side by side in the gaps in the posts. Between the two adjoining ends of such boards a wedge,

*x*, is inserted for holding the boards tightly together between the parts of the fence-posts. Upon one side of each post is a box, C, having a perforated bottom, and through which a stake, E, is driven into the ground. A metallic band, G, clamps the box C to each post, and upon the top of each box is a cap, D, to protect the stake from the elements of weather and prevent its early decay.

The fence, as constructed, can be easily put together without nails or screws, can be easily taken down and removed, or can be transported in parts from one place to another. It is cheaply made, and cannot be readily turned over by cattle or blown over by the wind.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination of the posts A and planks B with the boxes C, stakes E, and caps D, all substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the posts A, the planks B, wedges *x*, boxes C, driven stakes E, and metal bands G, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of August, 1876.

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