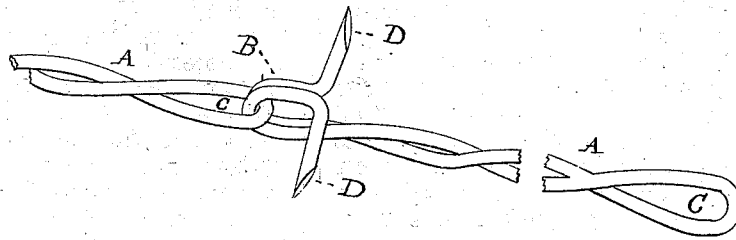


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BARBED FENCE.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BARBED FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, GEORGE G. HUNT, of Bristol, Kendall county, Illinois, have invented a Barbed Wire for Fences, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of this invention consists of an improved mode of constructing barbed wires for fences, the object of which is that the fence may be easily repaired when out of order, and that each section of fence between each two or more contiguous posts may be independent of the rest, and hence gaps may be easily made for passage, if desired.

In the drawing accompanying and forming a part of this specification, A A represent portions of short sections of twisted wire, each section being provided with a hook, B, at one end, and an eye, C, at the other end, so that the hook on one section may be hooked into the eye of the adjoining section, and so on. The hook of each section is provided with barbs D D, which are an integral part of the section itself.

The sections A A are made by cutting wire into suitable lengths and folding them in the middle, so that the ends of the wire, when folded, may be even with each other. The hook is then formed at that end of the section where the ends of the wire are, and the ends of the wire are then separated and turned so that the points stand in opposite directions, and at or near right angles with the body of the section, and also, by preference, at right angles with the plane in which the hook is bent. The sections are then held by the ends and twisted, which stiffens and holds them in shape. The ends of the wires may be cut diagonally, which makes the barbs sharp.

When the sections are twisted, enough is left untwisted at the folded end to form an open loop or eye, through which the body of an adjoining section may pass and bring up in the hook, and this process is repeated until a length sufficient to reach from post to post is had, when it can be put up with nails or staples.

It will be seen that each section of wire is independent of each other section, and is not in any way a part of another section, and is adapted to be made and sold independent and loose in boxes, and when wanted for use is then to be simply hooked together.

I am aware that metal sections of fence have heretofore been made and used, and therefore I do not claim, broadly, such devices; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, short sections of wire folded in the middle and twisted, and having a hook provided with barbs at one end and an open loop or eye at the other end, when such sections are made substantially in the manner and for the purpose hereinbefore specified.

2. A barbed wire for fences, when such wire is made of short sections, made in the manner and hooked together in the manner herein specified.

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