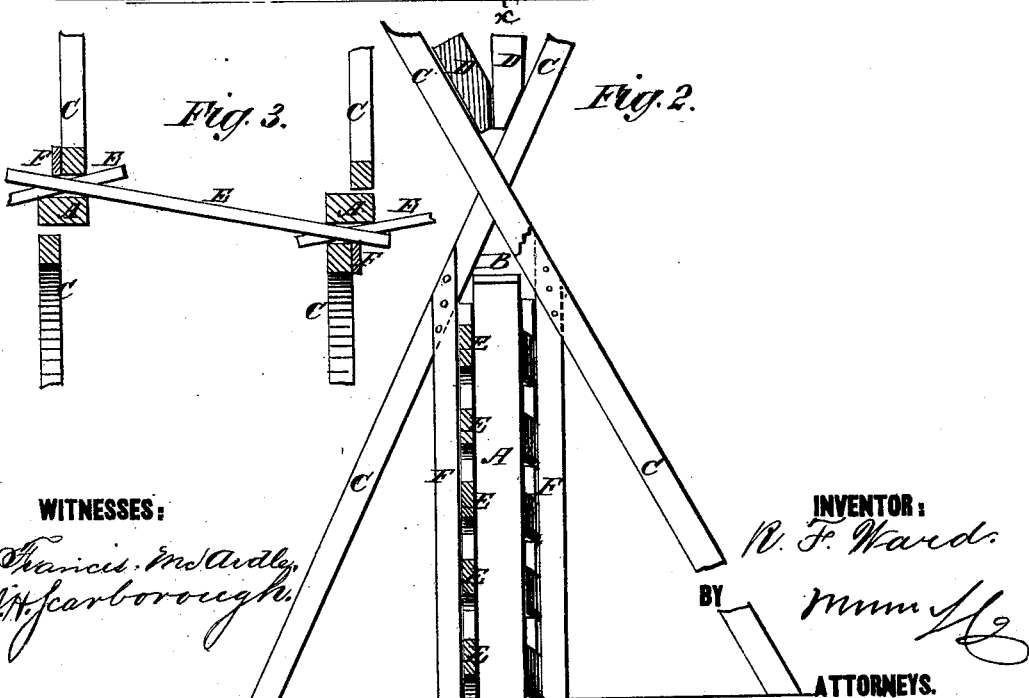
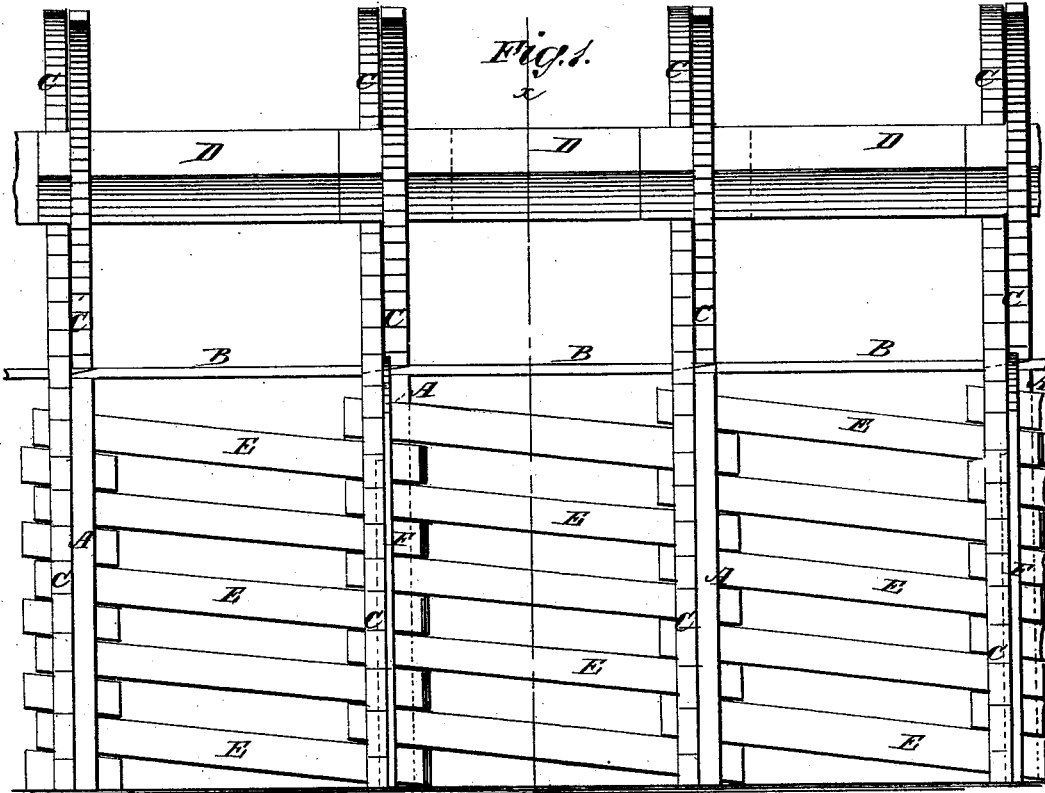


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that, I ROBERT FRANKLIN WARD, of Senatobia, in the county of Tate, and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences, 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 horizontal section of a panel of the same, taken below the lower riders.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish a straight braced fence, which shall be so constructed that it can be laid rapidly and with a great saving of lumber over the old crooked fence, which will stand erect and steady against strong currents of wind and water, and against unruly stock, and which is not liable to be disarranged.

The invention consists in the combination of the filling-in rails, having their ends laid upon the opposite sides of the adjacent posts, and overlapping each other, and the stakes driven into the ground at the opposite sides of the ends of the filling-in rails from the posts, and having their upper ends nailed to the inclined braces, with the posts, the lower riders, the inclined braces, and the upper riders, as hereinafter fully described.

A are posts of suitable size and length, and are driven into the ground in a straight line, and at suitable distance apart. To the tops of the posts A are nailed the lower riders B.

C are inclined braces, which are driven into the ground upon the opposite sides of the fence, which cross each other above the tops of the posts A. In the upper angles of the braces C are laid the upper riders D.

As thus far described, there is nothing new in the construction of the fence. E are the filling-in rails, the ends of which are laid upon the opposite or alternate sides of the adjacent posts A, and overlapping the ends of the adjacent rails E, which keeps them at a suitable distance apart. F are small stakes, which are driven into the ground at the sides of the ends of the rails E, opposite the posts A, and the upper ends of which are nailed to the inclined braces C. The stakes F may be driven into the ground and nailed to the braces C before the rails E are laid, or after, as may be desired or convenient.

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

The combination of the rails E, having their ends laid upon the opposite sides of the adjacent posts A, and overlapping each other, and the stakes F, driven into the ground at the opposite sides of the ends of the rails E from the posts A, and having their upper ends nailed to the inclined braces C, with the posts A, the lower riders B, the inclined braces C, and the upper riders D, substantially as herein shown and described.

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