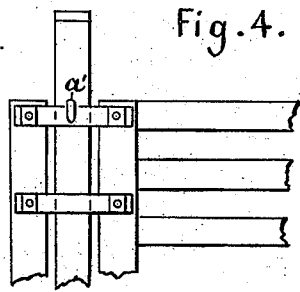
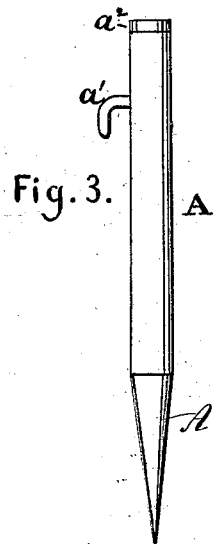
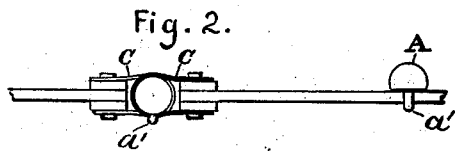
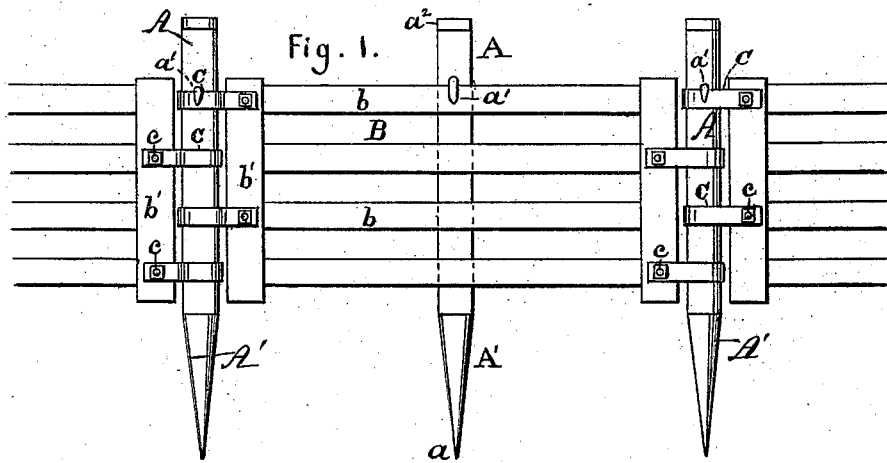


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN WALTER, of Zeiglersville, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Portable Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention is a movable fence; and consists in the improved construction, arrangement, and operation of the following peculiar features: A post, pointed below, and provided with a downward hook, and a fence-panel, provided at each end with two or more metal loops for the reception of the post; all of which and their purposes are hereinafter more fully described, and illustrated by the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved portable fence. Fig. 2 is a top view. Fig. 3 represents one of the posts. Fig. 4 shows the application of the post in a modified construction of the fence.

The letter A represents a post of suitable shape, provided with a point, *a*, and with a hook, *a'*, turned downward. A panel, B, consisting of rails or boards *b*, and cross-braces *b'*, properly fastened together, and loops C, attached to the ends, forms the other part of my fence.

The post A is provided with an iron socket, *A'*, at its point, in case the soil is hard or difficult to enter with a wooden point.

The head or top of said post may also be protected against being splintered by a hook, *a''*, and may also be provided with more than one hook *a'*. The loop C is attached to the

cross-braces *b'* of the panel B by means of clinched nails, screws, or bolts *c*, in such way as to strengthen the panel.

After the line of the fence has been marked out on the ground a panel, B, is placed upon it, in an upright position, by the builder, while one of his assistants places another panel in the same position against the first panel, so that their ends meet and the loops come in a vertical line. A second assistant then inserts a post in the said loops, and drives it into the ground until the hook *a'* is so settled upon the highest loop that the panel to which it is fastened is forced upon the ground and firmly held there.

The above-described operation is repeated until the fence is finished.

It is obvious that a fence of the described construction can be erected in a much shorter time than one of the common construction, while it is equally durable.

Fig. 4 represents a modification of the post, provided with metal straps connecting the panels independent of the posts, though the posts may be used to steady or brace the panels in an upright position.

Having thus described my invention, and the manner of operating the same, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the post A, having one or more hooks, *a'*, and a pointed foot, *a*, with the panels B, having loops C, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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