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Fence.

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Fig. 1.

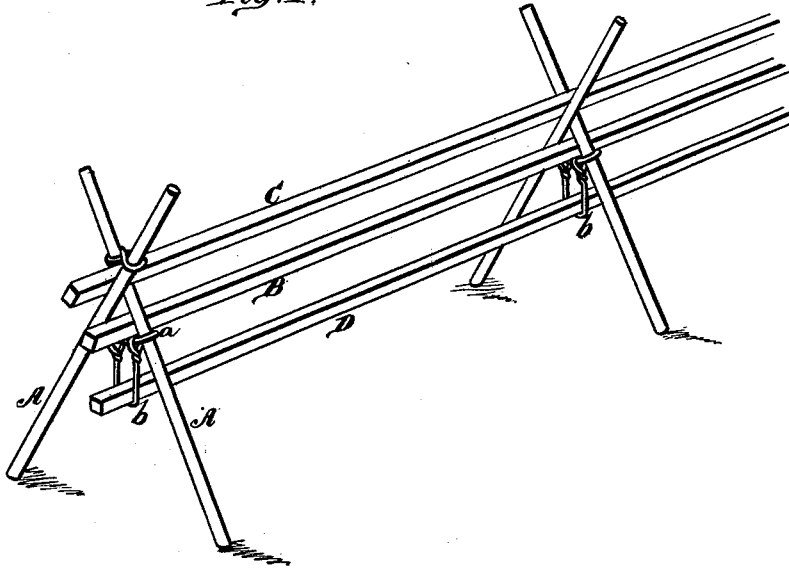
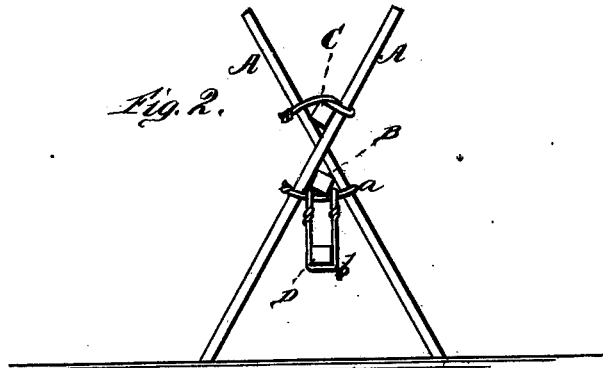


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NORMAN WESTCOTT, of Morrisville, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my fence, and Fig. 2 is an end view thereof.

The nature of my invention relates to the construction of rail-fences, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

The annexed drawings, to which reference is made, fully illustrate my invention.

Each support or post of my fence is composed of two stakes, A A, crossing each other and connected together below the point of crossing by a wire, *a*, twisted and tied around them, as shown. This wire supports a rail, B, just below the crotch, which rail binds the stakes in such a manner that the fence will be strengthened by adding a top rail, C, to rest in the crotch of the stakes. It is also stiffened by adding a rail, D, underneath, which latter rail is held in wires *b*, suspended from the wires *a*, as shown. By this construction the

stakes A need not be fastened or inserted in the ground, as is now usually done in this class of fences, but may stand upon the top of the ground, and can be readily taken down by removing first the top and bottom rails, and then bringing the feet of the stakes together, when the other rail comes out readily, and the fence may be removed to another place or packed away.

By removing the top and bottom rails a good winter fence remains, thus avoiding drifting of snow by the fence.

The fence is very simple in construction, and can be easily and cheaply made, requiring no skilled mechanic to make and put up the same.

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

In combination with the crossed stakes A, wire *a*, and rail B, as described, the top rail C, resting in the crotch of the stakes, and the bottom rail D, suspended by a wire, *b*, from wire *a*, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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