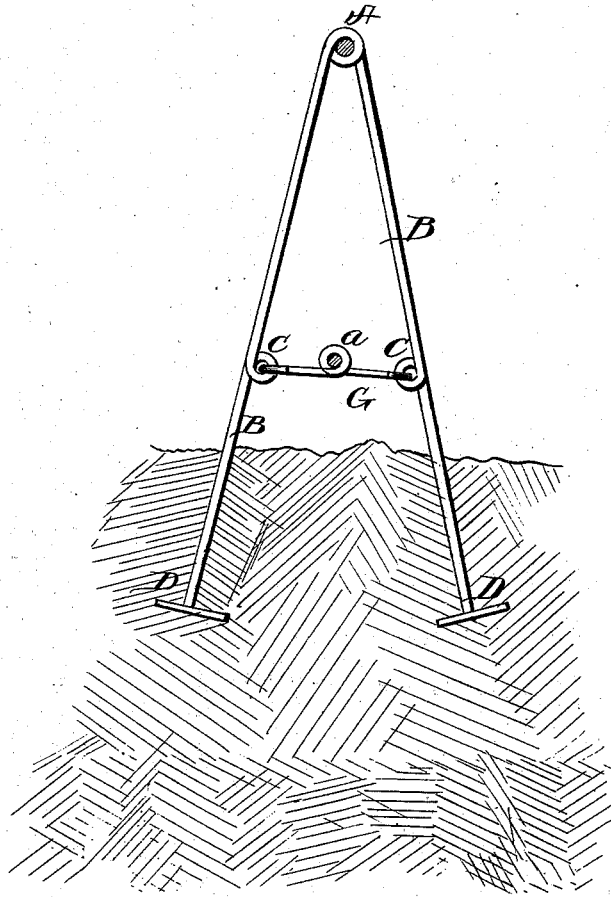


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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **205,383**, dated June 25, 1878; application filed December 14, 1877.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALLEN B. HAWSON and WILLIAM H. BURNHAM, of York, in the county of Washtenaw, and in the State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; 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 our invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a fence-post made of iron, substantially in the manner herein set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which represents a side view of our fence-post.

Our fence-post is made of one single piece of iron, either flat or round.

In the drawing the fence-post is shown as made of round iron, bent in the center to form an eye, A, and from said eye the wire extends downward, forming two legs, B B, at a suitable angle. Each leg B is turned to form an eye, C, as shown, and at the extremity of each leg is secured a plate, D, forming a foot for the fence-post.

The eye A at the top of the fence-post is for the passage of the top horizontal wire of the fence. The eyes C C in the legs are for the purpose of securing the brace G at the bottom of the fence. This brace G may also be made

of round iron, bent to form an eye, a, in the center, and the ends of the brace are fastened in the eyes C C.

This post is designed to be used for picket-fences, the pickets being secured by two wires at the top and two at the bottom, the upper wires passing through the hole or eye A at the top, and the lower ones passing through the hole or eye a in the center of the brace G. These wires are intended to cross between the pickets at the top and bottom alike.

The post is intended to be planted about two feet in the ground, the feet D D tending to hold them against wind or frost.

Instead of round iron bent or coiled to form the eyes A and C, the post may be made of the same general form of flat iron, with holes punched at the proper places.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A metallic fence-post made in the form of an A, with an eye or hole, A, at its upper end, feet D D at the ends, and eyes or holes C C near the bottom, and a brace, G, fastened in the eyes C, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 7th day of November, 1877.

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