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Plashed Fence.

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Fig 1.

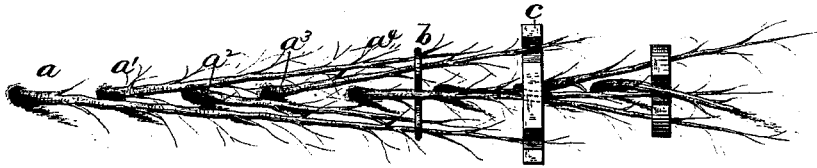


Fig 2.



Fig 3.



Fig 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PLASHED FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MICHAEL NEIL, of Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, and WESLEY YOUNG, of Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Plashed Fences; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference in the several figures denote the same parts.

This is an improvement upon the old modes of plashing hedges; and it consists in bending down the canes in line, or nearly in line, with the fence, and locking them together by transverse yokes or straight sticks, which extend under some of the canes and over others, as we will now proceed to describe.

In the drawings, $a^1 a^2$ represent growing canes, which are bent down in such manner that the ends of the canes a^1 come along each side of the body of the intermediate cane a^2 , and the ends of the canes $a^2 a^3$ occupy like relations to the cane a^1 , and so on throughout the hedge. Bent yoke-pieces or straight sticks b are then inserted between the lateral and intermediate canes, the ends of the yokes passing over the lateral canes, and the middle of the yokes passing under the intermediate cane.

The last-mentioned cane holds the yoke or stick down, and the ends of the yoke hold the lateral canes down, thus securing all the parts in position. If there is any tendency of the ends of the canes to bend downward too much, they may be raised by another yoke, c , the middle of which rests upon the intermediate cane, and the ends of which extend under and support the ends of the lateral canes, as shown. As every cane is, in turn, intermediate at one point and lateral at another, all the canes will thus be properly secured and directed.

The yokes or straight sticks may be made of any suitable material and in the form shown, or the practical equivalent thereof.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new—

The mode of plashing hedges by bending the canes down so as to bring them, in sets of three or more, substantially in the same horizontal plane at the point of fastening, and there securing them in position by transverse yoke-pieces, held in place by the upward and downward pressure of the outside and intermediate canes, substantially as described.

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