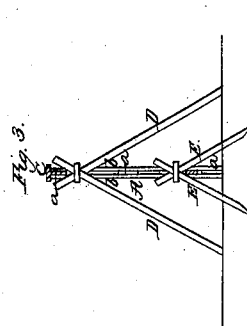
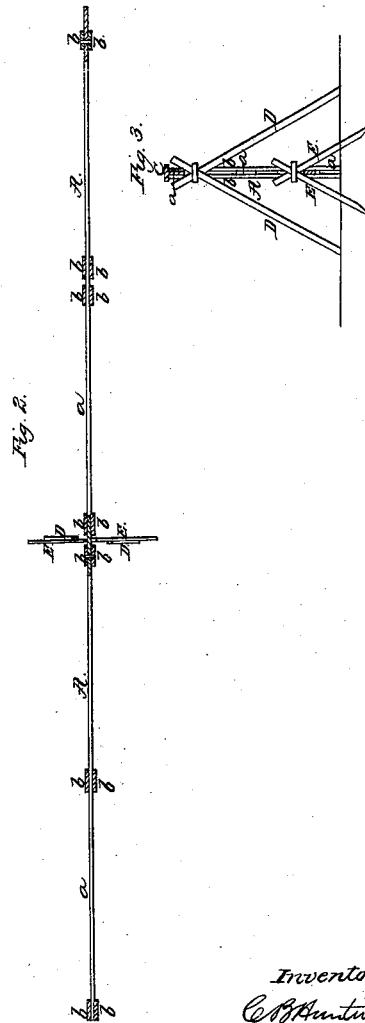
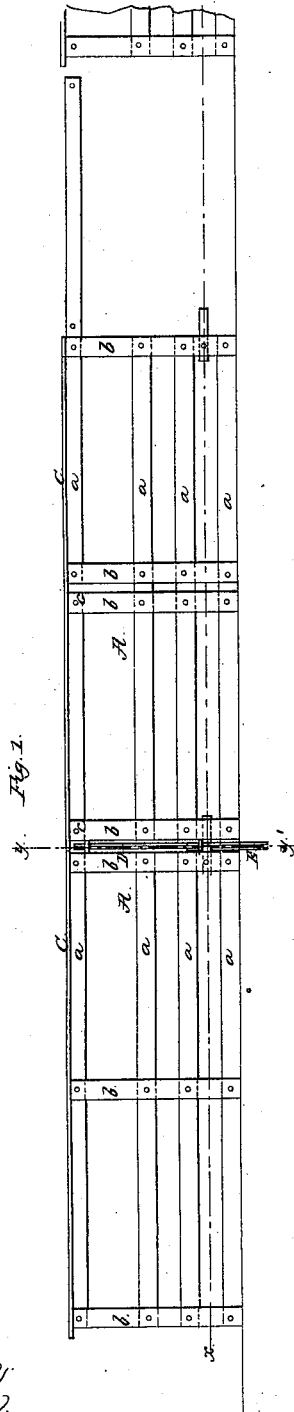


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Portable Fence,

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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. B. HUNTING, of Clinton, in the county of De Witt and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Fence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention; Fig. 2, a horizontal section of the same, taken in the line *x x*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a transverse vertical section of the same, taken in the line *y y*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new and improved portable fence; and it consists in a novel construction of the same, as hereinafter fully shown and described, whereby the fence may be very readily put up and taken down, and when erected firmly secured in position, so as to effectually resist the action of the wind and the efforts of stock to prostrate it.

The panels *A* of the fence may be any convenient or desired length, and constructed of horizontal slats *a*, nailed or otherwise secured to upright strips *b*, the latter being at each side of the slats. The top slat *a* of each panel extends a considerable distance beyond one end of the same, and in adjusting the panels together the projecting top slat *a* of one panel passes between the end strips *b* of the adjoining panel and is secured therein by pins *c*, passing through the strips *b* and the projecting part of said slat. By this means a very firm connection is obtained, the lower parts of the panels being connected by short strips *B*, fitted between the end strips *b*.

The tops of the panels *A* have a rail or cap,

C, attached to them, extending their whole length, and the top slats *a* extend one-half their length into the panels and project from the same the distance of their other half. By this means a space is left in each panel to receive the projecting part of the top slat *a* of the adjoining panel.

The fence is secured in position by stakes *D D E E*, connected at their upper parts by an iron band, *c'*, fitted over them a short distance from their tops, the upper parts of the stakes crossing each other and forming a crotch, as shown in Fig. 3.

The iron band *c'* can be readily adjusted upon the stakes, to allow them to spread or contract to any extent, and hence the supporting crotch of the stakes may be raised or lowered as occasion may require.

The stakes *E E* are driven into the earth and bear upon the lower slat *a*, while the other stakes, *D D*, which are considerably longer, rest upon the ground and have the top slat *a* resting in the crotch above their band *c'*.

More or less of these stakes may be used, as desired. They should in all cases be adjusted between the panels, and, if necessary or desired, they may be placed between the central strips *b* of the same.

This fence may be erected and taken down with great facility, and it may be constructed at a very moderate cost.

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

The combination, with the rails *a* and battens *b*, of the stakes *D E* and adjustable iron bands *c'*, as and for the objects specified.

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