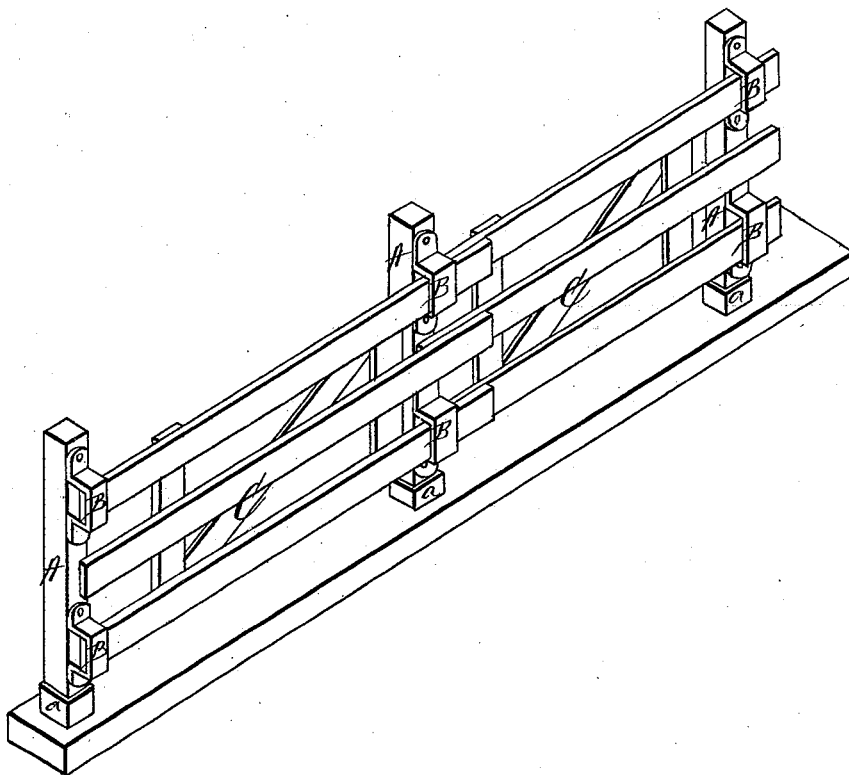


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## IMPROVEMENT IN FENCES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. MIDDLETON, of Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin and in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvement in Fences; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a fence, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

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

A A represent the fence posts, each of which has a joint near its lower end, and is held together by a band, *a*, so that a different kind of wood can be used for the butt of the post if desirable.

On the posts A A are secured the keepers or rail-supports B B, in which the panels C C are placed, as shown.

Each panel is made separate, and the rails thereof connected by upright and inclined braces, forming a whole.

The panels can be taken out when desirable, so that each panel is a gate in fact.

It will be seen that the brackets B are made of a flat piece of metal bent in angular form and secured on the upper and lower parts of the fence-post only, so as to form a perfect box to receive the upper and lower rails of the fence sections. The central rails of the sections do not enter the boxes, as it is unnecessary, the upper and lower rails being secured in the boxes being sufficient to retain the sections.

What I claim is—

A fence as described, consisting of the post A, joint and metallic band *a*, angular attached boxes B, made of flat bent metal, and detachable sections C C, formed and arranged as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of July, 1870.

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