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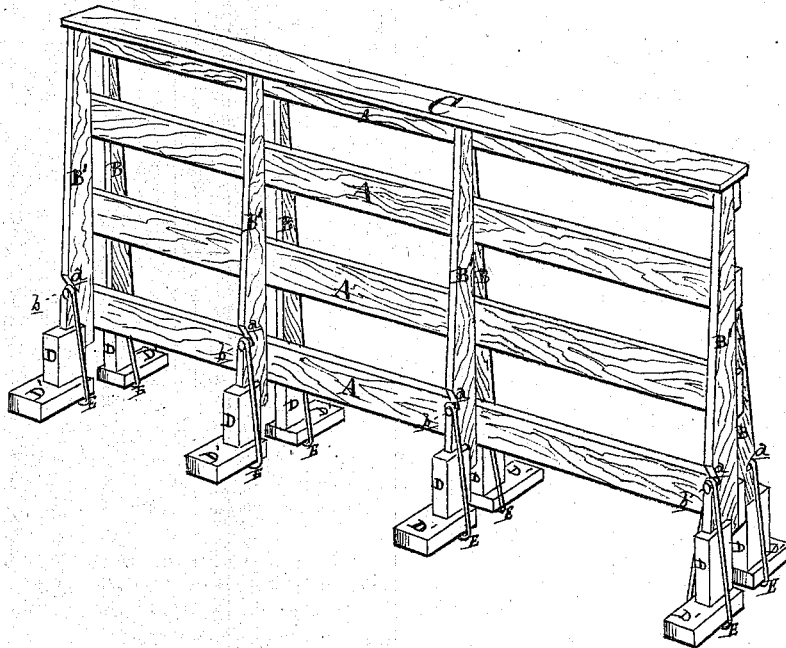


Fig. 1.

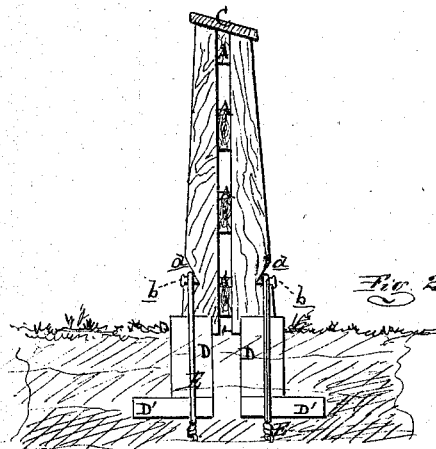


Fig. 2.

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To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOCKLIN N. CLARK, of Brighton, in the county of Livingston and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences; and I do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon and being a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a section of my fence, and Fig. 2 an end elevation thereof.

Like letters indicate like parts in each figure.

This invention has for its object an improved, simplified, and cheapened construction of fences, and an improved method of setting the same. The invention consists in the novel construction of a board panel-fence, and in a foundation of bricks secured to the posts thereof in a peculiar manner for setting in the ground.

In the drawing, A represents board strips nailed to the post uprights B, and to similar posts B' near the first, but on opposite sides, and covered, if desired, by a cap-board, C.

The peculiarity of construction of the fence lies in the employment of inch boards for the posts, which are six inches wide at their bases, and tapered off nearly to a point at the top. By ripping foot boards diagonally very little

lumber is wasted, and the posts consume much less than any other hitherto used for the purpose.

In the lower outside edge of each post is cut a notch or gain, *a*, which should be strengthened by a proper pin or bolt, *b*, driven in, as shown. To form the foundation of my fence, under each post I insert a brick, D, standing on end and resting on another, D', lying flat. Then I bind the whole together by a galvanized-iron wire, E, passing over the bolt *b* in the notch *a* and under the lower brick.

The horizontal lower bricks give a broad firm base when properly set in the ground, while no part of the wood-work is buried, to speedily decay.

Instead of bricks, stones of the proper size and form may be employed; and three or more bricks may be used under each post, if necessary, in loose soils.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The construction of a fence wherein the posts B B' having notches or gains *a*, the bricks D D', and wire ties E are arranged with relation to each other and the strips A, substantially as herein described, for the purpose specified.

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