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## FENCE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS HUSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kokomo, in the county of Howard and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Fence, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in fences; and the objects of my improvements are to construct a fence which will be cheap, simple, and durable, and to facilitate the construction of the same. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my fence complete. Fig. 2 is a perspective view. Fig. 3 is a view of the gage, and Fig. 4 is a view of a wedge for the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My fence consists of the longitudinal boards *a a*, end boards, *b b'*, incline braces *d*, corner-braces *f*, and two or more fence-wires, as shown in Fig. 1; and the construction is as follows: To construct the first panel, nail or bolt the end board *b'* to the two boards *a a*, and secure the other ends of the said boards to a similar board, or to the post *B*, as shown in Fig. 2. Stand this panel at an angle of about twenty-five or thirty degrees to the right or left of the line on which you wish to build your fence; and the other panel of fence (consisting of the end board *b*, two longitudinal boards, *a a*, gage *D*, and wedge *n*) is secured together by nailing or bolting the end board *b* to the boards *a*, and securing the said boards in the notches *D'* (in the gage *D*) by the wedge *n*, all as shown in Fig. 2. This incomplete panel is then placed on a line with the preced-

ing panel, as shown in Fig. 2, and the wire *A* is then secured to the board *b* or the post *B* and drawn along, crossing the first panel, as shown in Fig. 1, and is then secured to the board *b* by a staple, *s*, to prevent it from slipping or sagging. The wire is then carried on spools, as shown in Fig. 2, or hauled some distance ahead of the aforesaid incomplete panel, crossing the said panel as you did the first one, after which the end board *b'* is secured to the ends of the boards *a a*, (of the incomplete panel,) and the panel is then carried around, as shown in dotted lines of Fig. 2, to give the fence worm and to tighten the wire on the first panel. The braces *d* and *f* are then secured in place, as indicated by dotted lines in said figure, making the two panels complete. The upper and lower boards, *a a*, are provided with slots *i*, cut in them at the proper places, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, for adjustably securing one end of the corner-braces *f* by passing a bolt through the said slot and brace, so that the worm of the fence or the tightening of the wire may be adjusted, even long after it has been in use.

I am aware of what has been done by Woodruff and Burrows, and therefore I only claim the following as new, and desire to secure the same by Letters Patent:

A fence consisting of the longitudinal boards *a*, having slots *i*, end boards, *b b'*, incline brace *d*, corner-brace *f*, bolt and nut *f'*, and wire *A*, the whole being constructed in the manner described.

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