

(No Model.)

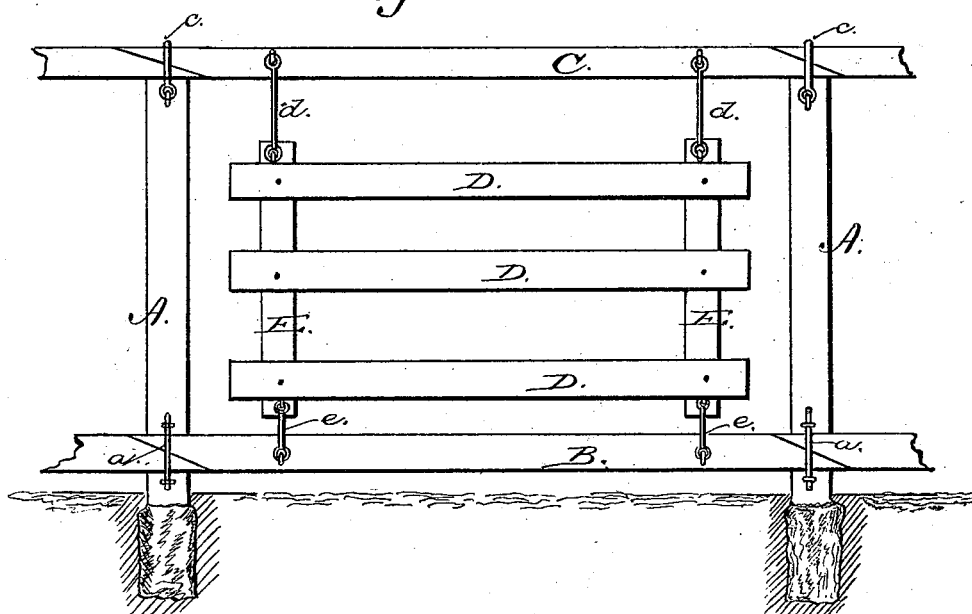
W. E. BUNCH.

FENCE.

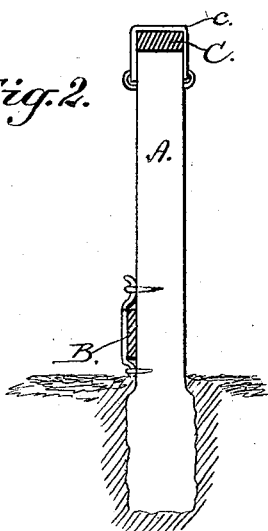
No. 347,865.

Patented Aug. 24, 1886.

*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Witnesses:*

*Parker H. Sweet Jr.*  
*W. J. Pomeroy*

*Inventor:*

*W. E. Bunch*  
*By L. Bingham*  
*Atty.*

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WILLIAM E. BUNCH, OF NEBO, ARKANSAS.

## FENCE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 347 865, dated August 24, 1886.

Application filed February 25, 1885 Serial No. 157,051. (No model.)

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. BUNCH, of Nebo, in the county of Benton and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful  
5 Improvements in Fences; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference  
10 being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in portable fences; and the features of novelty  
15 consist in the details of construction and general arrangement of parts, all as will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1  
20 represents a front elevation of my improvements, and Fig. 2 a detail sectional view.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in both figures.

In carrying out my invention the posts A  
25 are first planted at regular and suitable distances apart. The bottom rails, B, having their lower corners cut, respectively, at an acute angle and at an obtuse angle, are then removably secured to said posts near the  
30 ground by means of an overlapping piece of wire, *a*, the upper and lower curved ends of which are secured to the post by means of small staples, as shown in Fig. 2. The upper  
35 or top rails, C, having their ends cut at angles similar to those of the bottom rails, B, are then adjusted upon the tops of the posts, and held in position thereon by means of the overlapping straps or lengths of wire *c*, the ends of  
40 which are secured to the post A, one on each side, by small staples, as shown in Fig. 2. The ends of two rails when joined together lap upon the sides of the post A, so as to insure a firm bearing, as also to facilitate the ready removal or replacement of said rails. Between  
45 the posts A, and adapted to be secured to the top and bottom rails, B and C, are arranged a series of rails, D, removable, if desired, located

at suitable distances apart, and attached at their ends to upright strips or pieces E. The frames or sections thus formed are secured to  
50 the top rail by means of the lengths of wire *d*, having looped ends, as shown, by which they are attached at their upper ends with small staples to the top rails, C, and at their lower ends to the tops of the said strips or side pieces,  
55 E, as shown. Similar lengths of wire, *e*, are attached to the lower rail, B, and to the lower ends of the strips E, to hold the several parts securely together.

By means of my improvements the posts and  
60 rails of which the fence is to be composed may be packed in an ordinary farm-wagon, be transported to any desired field or fields, and be readily placed together to form a most substantial and durable fence without the neces-  
65 sity of using nails or the employment of tools of any kind, save those for properly planting the supporting-posts A. Any number of sections of fence may thus be readily put up or taken down in the quickest and best possible  
70 manner.

I am aware of the Patents No. 123,488, February 6, 1872, and No. 277,357, May 8, 1883, "Fences," and I do not therefore claim the same, broadly, nor the arrangement of the  
75 various parts thereof; but

What I claim is—

In a portable fence, the posts A A, in combination with the rails B C, having reversed terminal angles to form joints with similarly-  
80 formed contiguous ends of adjacent rails, which are connected to them by bent wires *a a c c*, the frame consisting of the strips E and rails D, and wires *d d e e*, which serve to suspend and maintain said frame between the outer  
85 rails and posts, for the purpose and in the manner set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

W. E. BUNCH.

Witnesses:

W. A. HARSTON,  
T. D. BATES.