

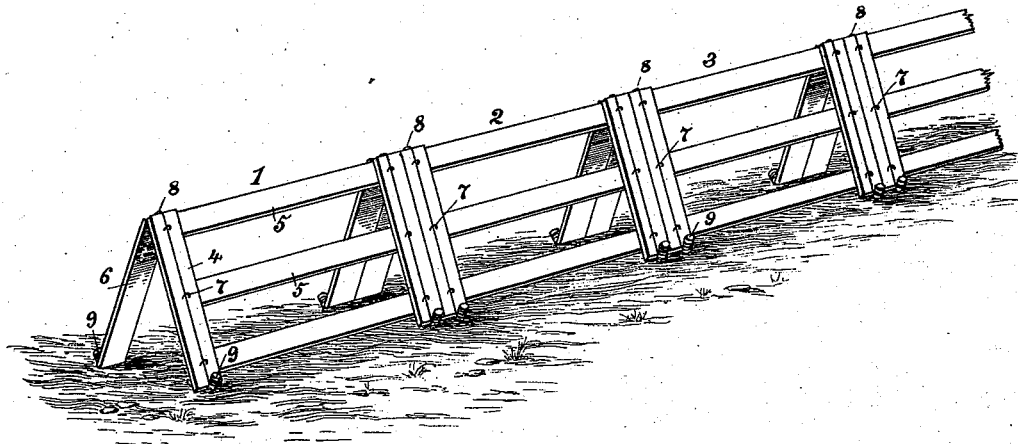
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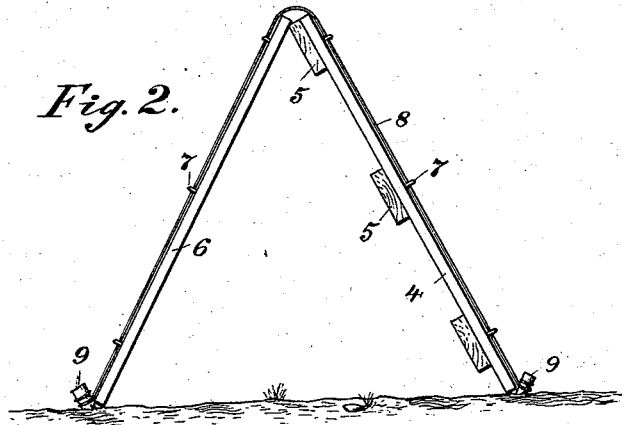
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## PORTABLE FENCE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT WHEAT, of Reading, in the county of Schuyler and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Portable Fence, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an improvement in fences, and has for its object to provide a portable fence which may be built in sections, which will be firmly supported, and which obviates the employment of posts.

The invention consists in a fence constructed and arranged as hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view representing a portion of a fence constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is an end view showing the means for supporting and strengthening the fence.

In carrying out this invention the fence is constructed in sections, as indicated by 1 2 3 in Fig. 1. In constructing a section two or more posts, 4, are provided, secured to horizontal rails 5. In lieu of using posts, each section is braced by means of braces 6, which rest in an inclined position against the section of fence just described, tilted so as to form a V with the inclined braces 6.

In order to brace and strengthen the fence and hold it securely in position, the inclined braces 6 and the posts 4 are provided with staples 7, which clamp a wire, 8, passing over the posts 4 and braces 6, and secured at the ends to a peg or pin, 9, or other suitable retaining device driven into the ground, the pegs or pins also serving as supports and braces against which the ends of the fence-sections and inclined braces rest. This construction, which virtually acts as a brace, holds the fence securely in position against action of the elements or any other force, and by reason of dispensing with posts, the fence will not get out of plumb, the only part liable to be affected by moisture and becoming rotten and weak being the pegs

9, which may be easily replaced from time to time.

The fence constructed as above described can be made of any number of sections 1, 2, 3, &c., and can be easily taken up and removed and located in another position.

While I have described a particular means for trussing or bracing the fence, I do not intend to confine myself thereto, as other material than wire may be used to brace the section, such as transverse binding-strips secured thereto by other means than the staples 7, the lower ends of the binding-strips being secured to supports or braces located in the ground.

I am aware of Patent No. 224,387, dated February 10, 1880, to I. H. Carmen, and English Patent No. 5,723 of 1881, and lay no claim thereto.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A portable fence made in sections, each section consisting of posts and rails and mounted in an inclined position, and having inclined braces or supports, and braced by means of flexible strips extending over the section transversely to its length, secured thereto and fastened to pegs driven into the ground, the inclined braces and fence-section resting against the pegs, substantially as described.

2. In a portable fence, a fence-section consisting of rails and posts and inclined braces supporting the fence-section in an inclined position, braces of flexible material passing over the fence-section transversely to its length and secured to the inclined braces and fence-posts, and fastened at their ends to pegs driven into the ground, the fence-posts and inclined braces resting against the pegs, substantially as described.

3. In a portable fence, a fence section consisting of the horizontal rails 5, posts 4, the inclined braces 6, the securing-wires 8, and staples 7, secured to braces 6 and cross strips 4, and the pins 9, to which the wires 8 are fastened and against which the braces 6 and posts 4 abut, substantially as described.

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