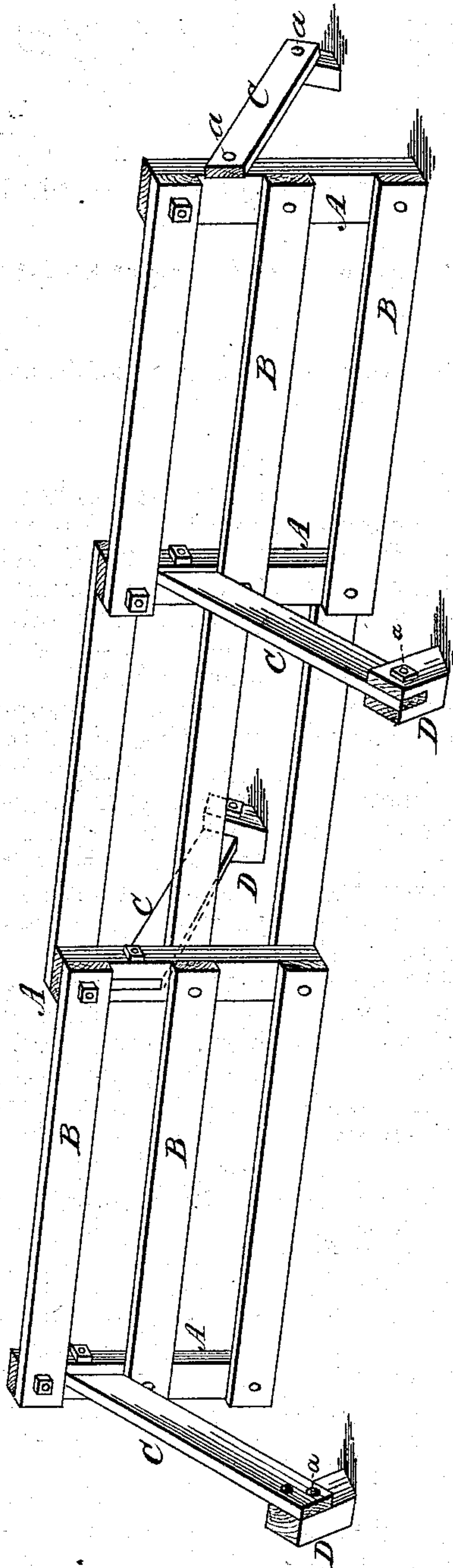


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Fig. 1.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FARM-FENCES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, L. E. HOGUE, of Sandy Lake, in the county of Mercer and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in the Construction of Fences, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to new and improved continuous fence, which may be firmly set up or built upon any character of ground, whether hilly or level, without the use of the ordinary fence-posts, which are fixed in the ground.

My invention consists of a fence resting upon the ground, its posts being grasped by the ends of the rails, and confined between them by bolts, nails, or pins. The fence is anchored or secured firmly in place on the surface of the ground by inclined braces attached to the posts at one end and to stakes fixed in the ground at the other end, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing, the figure represents a perspective view of my improved fence.

To the posts or standards A A, and on opposite sides, and embracing the same, the ends of the adjacent panels, rails, or boards B are firmly secured by bolts, pins, or nails, as shown. Each post or standard is supported in the proper position by means of an inclined brace, C, which is secured at one end either to the side of the post, or within a slot in the same, by means of nails or bolts. The other end of each brace is attached to the projecting end of a stake, D, which is driven into the ground either by passing the end of the brace through a slot in the end of the stake, or by securing it to the side of the same.

The stakes and braces are arranged alternately in opposite ends of the fence in order to more firmly hold and support the same; and in some cases the standards A, instead of being set directly upon the surface of the ground, may be set upon a stone or other suitable base.

It has heretofore been customary to construct fences of the above-described class in sections, temporarily united together and supported upon cross-sills or pieces running beneath the fence, and to which the braces are attached which support the uprights carrying the rails or panels. In such fences there is no provision for attaching the same permanently to the ground, and the whole structure is liable to be blown away or thrown down in stormy weather. Where cross-pieces or sills are used it is also evident that the fence is not adapted to hilly or uneven ground.

It will be evident that by my construction of fence all these defects are effectually obviated.

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

The fence resting upon the surface of the ground, its posts grasped by the ends of the adjacent rails and secured between them, said fence being anchored by the inclined braces and ground stakes, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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