

K. McKINNON.
Fence-Post.

No. 216,052.

Patented June 3, 1879.

Fig. 1.

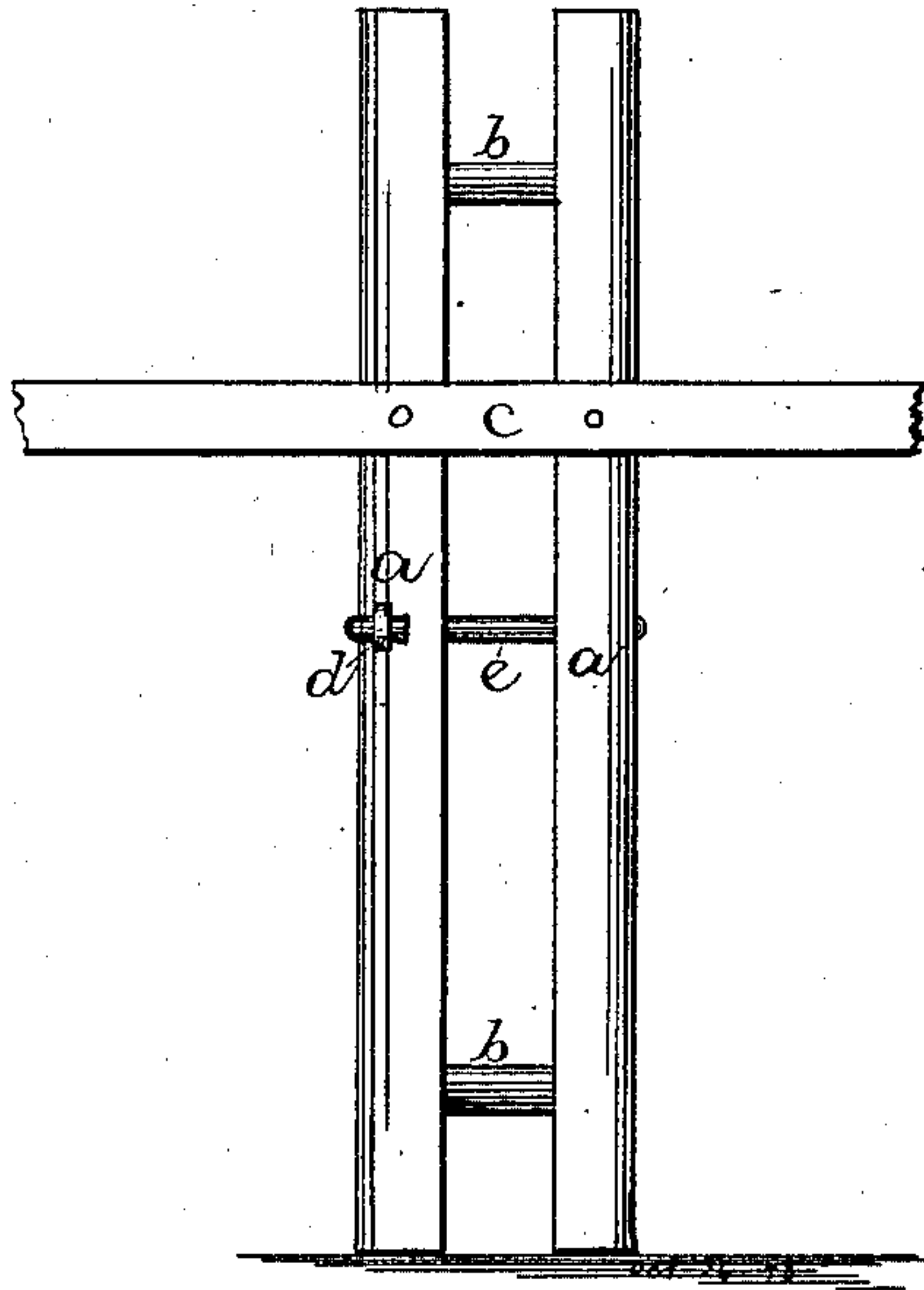
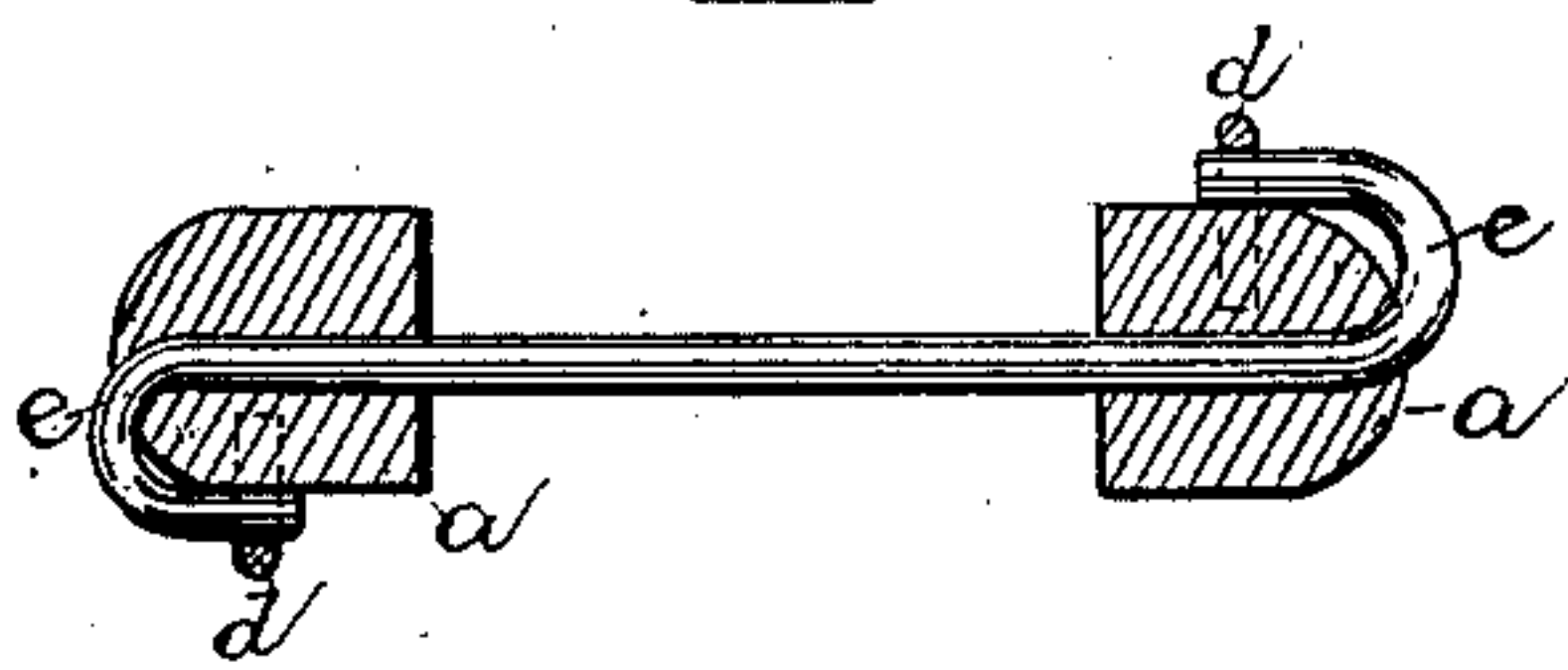


Fig. 2.



Witnesses:

W. D. Haines
J. W. Garner

Inventor:

K. McKinnon
per
J. A. Lehmann, atty

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

KENNETH McKINNON, OF PLEASANT HILL, ALABAMA.

IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **216,052**, dated June 3, 1879; application filed October 29, 1878.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KENNETH McKINNON, of Pleasant Hill, in the county of Dallas and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in fence-posts; and it consists in the combination of two parallel uprights, between which are placed two or more wooden rods to hold the uprights apart, and a wire or rod, which is passed through the two uprights and has its ends bent around the sides of the uprights and fastened by means of staples, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my posts. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

a represents the two posts; *b*, the two connecting-pins; and *c*, the transverse slat, all arranged and constructed as shown in my former Patent No. 207,537.

Passed through these two posts *a* is a wire or rod, *e*, which has its two ends bent backward horizontally around the edges of the post, but preferably in opposite directions. In order to hold these ends, thus bent, tightly against the sides of the post, a staple, *d*, is passed over them and then driven into the side of the post. These staples prevent the ends from being unbent, and while thus fastened it will readily

be seen that the posts cannot be separated, nor the distance between them varied in the slightest.

While but one of these wires or rods is necessary to a single set of posts, *a*, two or more of them can be used, if so desired, and at any other point than the center of the posts. This wire forms a very cheap, simple, and effective means for connecting the posts together in pairs. Of course the size of the wire or rod may be varied to suit the circumstances of the case.

I am aware that fastenings formed of both iron plates and wire have been used to hold the posts apart, and this I disclaim. My invention differs from these in passing the wire through the posts, and after the ends have been bent around against the sides of the posts they are held in that position by staples.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The fence-post herein described, consisting of the two posts or uprights *a a*, held apart and parallel by the pins or rods *b*, and wire or rod *e*, having its ends bent around the posts and fastened by means of the staples *d*, substantially as shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of October, 1878.

KENNETH McKINNON.

Witnesses:

W. H. FELLOWS,
J. L. EVANS.