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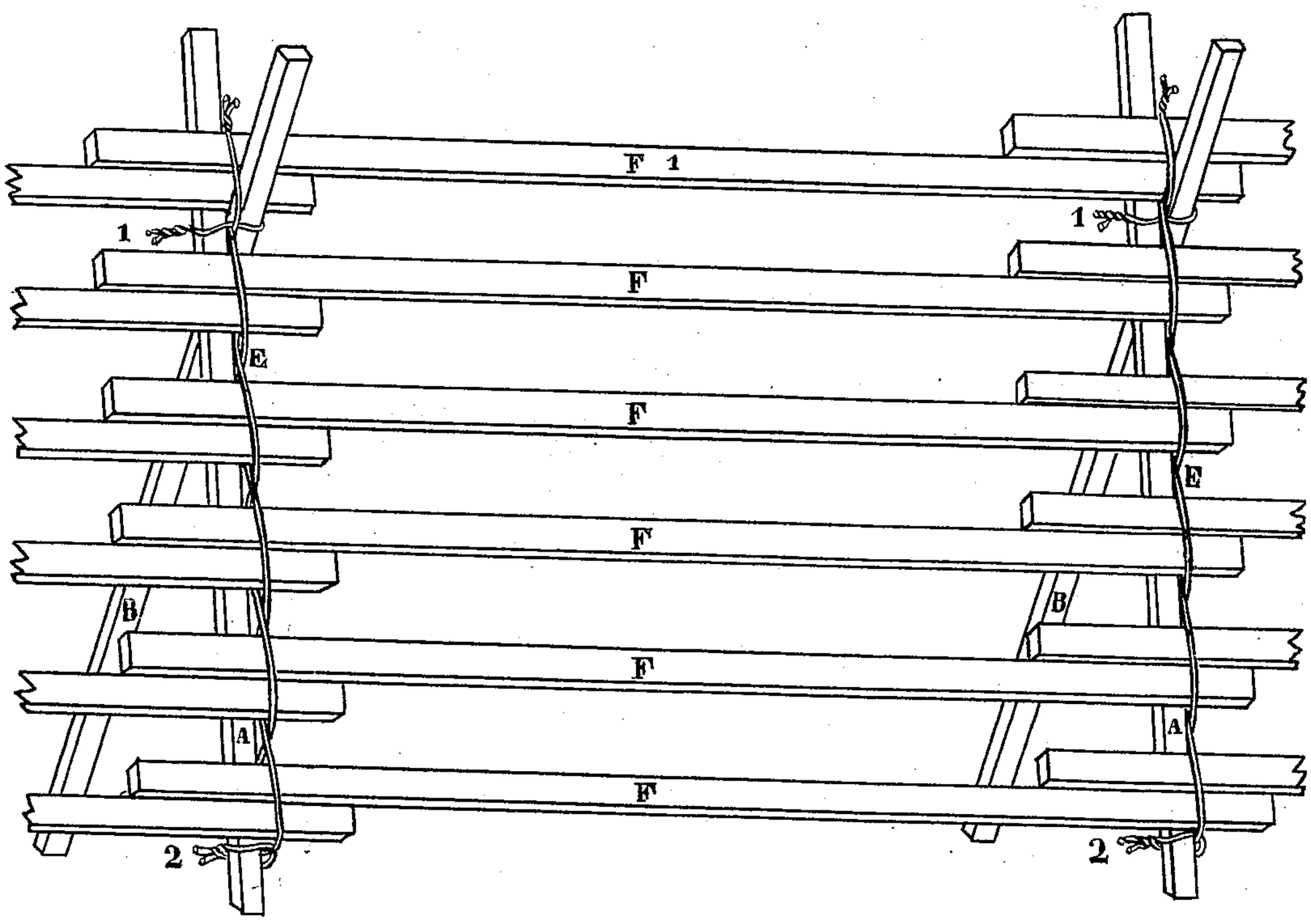

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES L. NEVILLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at O'Fallon, in the county of St. Charles and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fences, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to those fences which are built of stakes, rails, and "riders" secured together by wire.

My improvement consists in constructing the fence with a support formed of nearly-vertical front stakes and inclined rear stakes, the lower ends of the stakes being inserted in suitable holes dug therefor in the ground, and their upper ends crossed and secured by wire to adapt them to receive the riders, which have wire bows depending therefrom, the sides of each bow being crossed, so as to form loops receiving rails, poles, or planks, which rest outside the front stakes, and are securely fastened by wire to the said front stakes near the bottom, as hereinafter described.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawing, which represents a perspective view of my improved fence.

A are the front stakes, and B the inclined rear stakes. These stakes have their lower ends properly set in the ground, and their upper ends crossed and secured by wires 1 at their crossing, so as to receive and support the riders F'. Depending from the riders are wire bows E, crossed, as shown, so as to form loops for the reception of rails, poles, or planks F, which rest against the outer side of the front stakes, A, the wire bows being secured near the bottom of said stakes A by means of wire fastenings 2. This is found to be an economical and inexpensive form of fence, very durable and of considerable strength, and practical, because easily built and removed, and also possessing the advantages of a straight rail fence.

I prefer to build my fence as follows: The stakes A and B are first put several inches deep into the ground and two feet apart at top of the ground, the front line of stakes, A, being placed nearly vertical, and the rear line of stakes, B, inclined toward the front line of stakes, and crossing them about eight inches from their tops, and fastened to them where they cross by wires 1. The riders F' are then put on, and the bows E, formed of wire having its ends twisted together, suspended from the riders and just touching the ground. A rail, pole, or plank, F, is then placed in the bows, the sides of the bows crossed, so as to form a loop, and another rail, pole, or plank inserted therein, and the sides of the wire crossed again, and so on until the full complement of rails, poles, or planks is inserted, when the bows are secured at the bottom of the front stakes by the wire fastenings 2.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

The improved fence consisting of the front stakes, A, rear stakes, B, inclined toward and crossing the front stakes, wire tie-fastening 1, securing the ends of the stakes together, riders F', supported on the stakes, wire bows E, suspended from the riders and having their sides crossed to form loops in the front of the stakes, the rails, poles, or planks F, inserted in said loops in front of the stakes, and the wire tie-fastenings 2, securing the wire bows at bottom to the front stakes, substantially as set forth.

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