

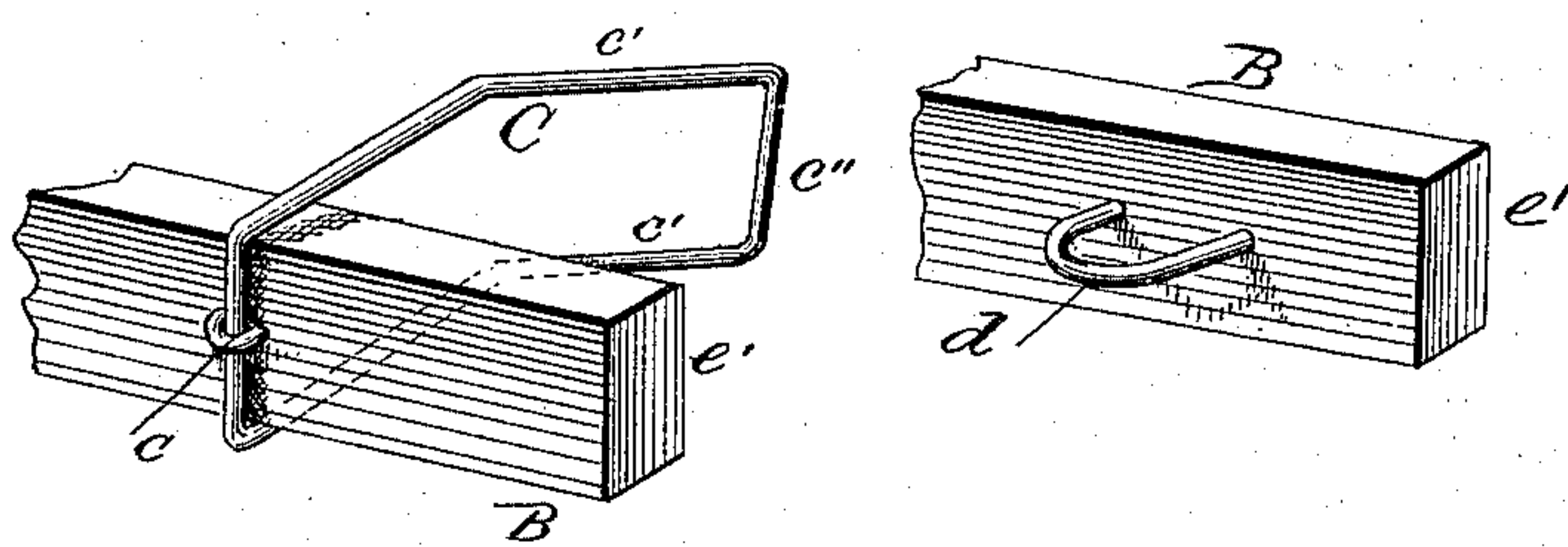
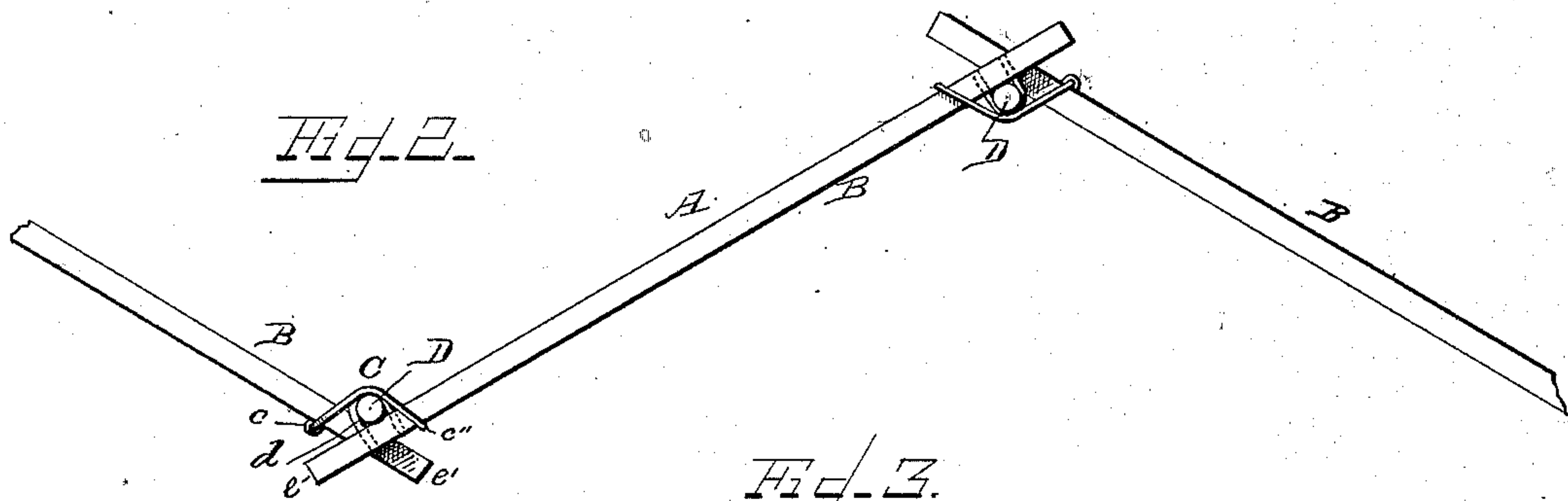
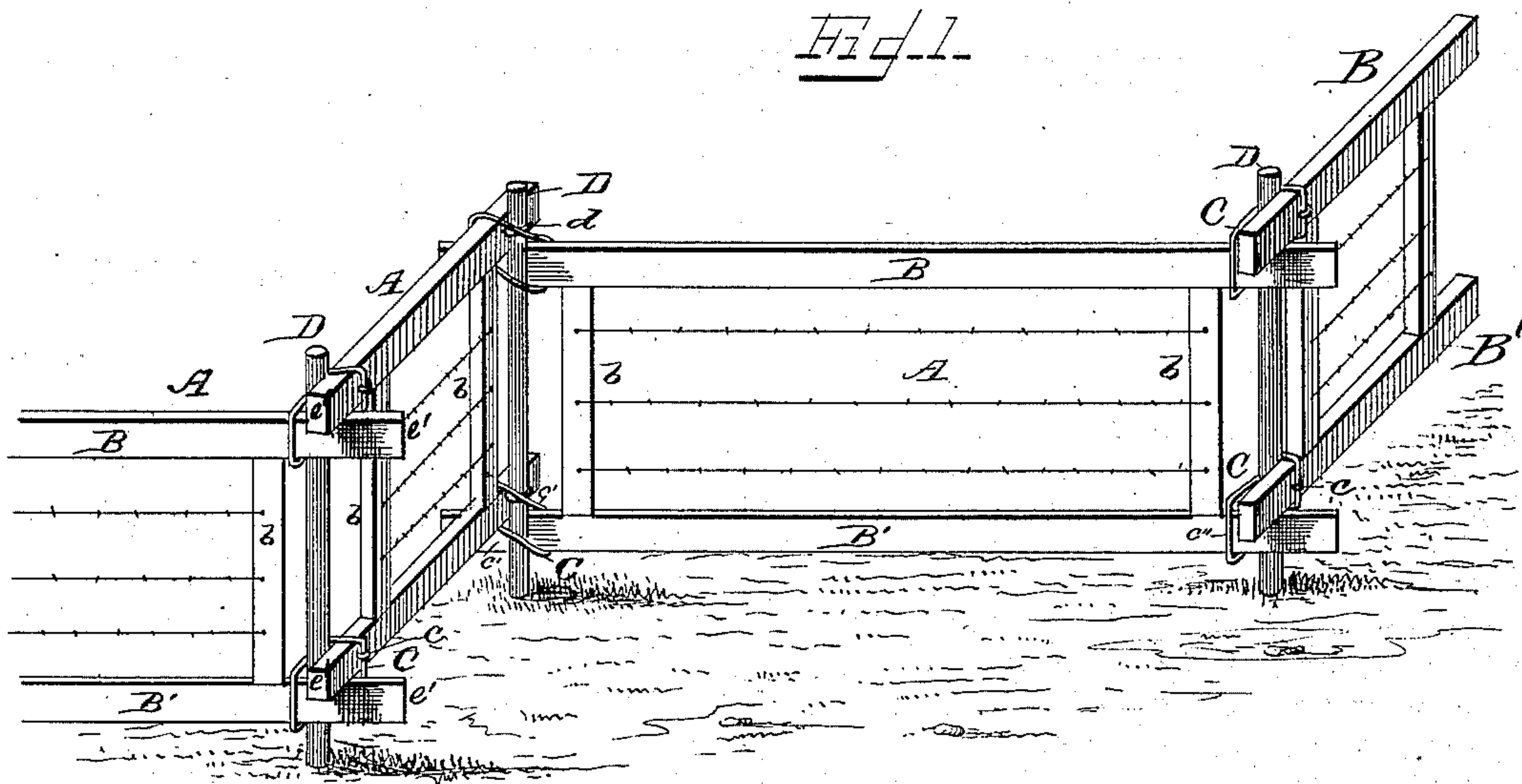
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## FENCE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, S. CHESTER TOWN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Castile, in the county of Wyoming and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to fences; and it consists in improvements described and set forth hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a plan view, and Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view.

A represents the panels of a fence, which are provided, essentially, with upper and lower horizontal rails, B B', which are connected to each other by vertical bars b b, between which may be secured suitable fencing material, as wires or vertical bars.

To one of the ends of the horizontal rails B B' is secured by means of a staple, c, an endless wire loop or link, C, which is bent at its central portion, as shown. This link is of sufficient width to embrace the upper and lower edges of the horizontal rails, and its upper and lower members, c', are bent at such an angle with its vertical members c'' that it will hang on a line below the horizontal plane of the edges of the rail to which it is attached. The opposite ends of the rails B B' are provided with staples d, which are of sufficient size to admit the passage of a post or support through the same.

In order to put the panels A together, the ends c' are slipped through the loops C beyond the staples d. A post or rod, D, is then passed through the staples d, so that the links C will overlap the same. When the panels are separated to the position which they will occupy, the ends, c', to which the links are attached, will bear upon the vertical support or post D, and said post will prevent the links being displaced or the panels being removed from the same.

If desirable, the ends of the rails B B' may be rabbeted or notched, so that they will be on the same line when placed together, and not lie one above the other, as shown, and the staple through which the post passes may be dispensed with.

By the construction hereinbefore described I am enabled to provide a cheap and effective means for securing the ends of the panels to each other, and at the same time provide a portable fence which can be folded into a small space without removing the parts from each other, as the panels can be folded one on top of the other alternately.

I claim—

The combination, in a worm-fence, of a series of panels having projecting rails adapted to overlap each other, each panel having links C, bent as described, and secured to its rails at one end by means of staples, and a vertical post, D, inserted between the overlapping rails and the sides of the loop, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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