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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, AARON ZIMMERMAN and JOHN Q. SHIPLEY, both of Disko, in the county of Wabash and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Fence, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in fences having metal posts; and the object of our invention is to provide a new and improved fence which is simple in construction, strong and durable, and can easily be erected or taken down.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate

Figure 1 is a longitudinal elevation of a section of our improved fence constructed with barbed wire. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the base.

Fig. 4 shows a section of the fence constructed with a wooden panel. Fig. 5 is a plan view of a base for a corner-post.

The base A consists of a blade or fin made of cast-iron, and decreasing in thickness from the middle toward the side edges, and decreasing in width from the top toward the bottom.

In the upper part of the blade A a pocket, B, is formed, which is provided with a slot or opening, C, at right angles to the top edge of the blade or fin, and adapted to receive the lower end of the iron post or stake D, which is provided on one edge with a series of downwardly-extending pockets or notches, E, for receiving the barbed or other wires, F, and holding them in place.

A hook clevis, G, is passed into the bottom notch E, and the hook ends of the clevis are passed through apertures in the top of the fin for the purpose of holding the stake or post in place and bracing it. It can also be used for raising the blade or fin out of the ground by means of a lever.

In place of the wires the wooden panels H

can be used, which are held by wires J to the posts or stakes. By securing the ends of the boards to the posts and making the clevis readily to engage the blade B, in the manner described, a section of the board fence may easily be removed when it is desired to pass from one field to another, said section serving the purpose of a gate. The blades or fins can easily be driven into the ground, and the posts or stakes D secured on the same.

The fence is light, strong, and durable, can be constructed in many different ways, and 60 can be erected or taken down very easily and rapidly.

At the corners we use two fins intersecting each other at right angles, each fin increasing in width from the bottom toward the top, and 6s also decreasing in thickness from the middle toward the side edges. The aperture C, for receiving the post, is parallel with one of the fins, as shown in Fig. 5.

Having thus described our invention, what 7c we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a fence, the combination, with the blade A, formed with a socket, B, in its upper edge and with an aperture on opposite sides 75 thereof, of the removable post provided at its lower end with a clevis-hook, the hooked ends of which are constructed to engage the said apertures, whereby the post and blade may be readily disengaged, or the post and blade 8c raised together by a lever inserted through the clevis-hook, substantially as set forth.

2. In a fence, the posts D, the wooden panels H, secured thereto to form sections of a fence, and the hook-clevis G, pivoted to the 85 lower ends of the posts in combination with the blades A, formed with pockets for the lower ends of the posts and with apertures for the hooked ends of the clevis to engage, substantially as set forth.

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