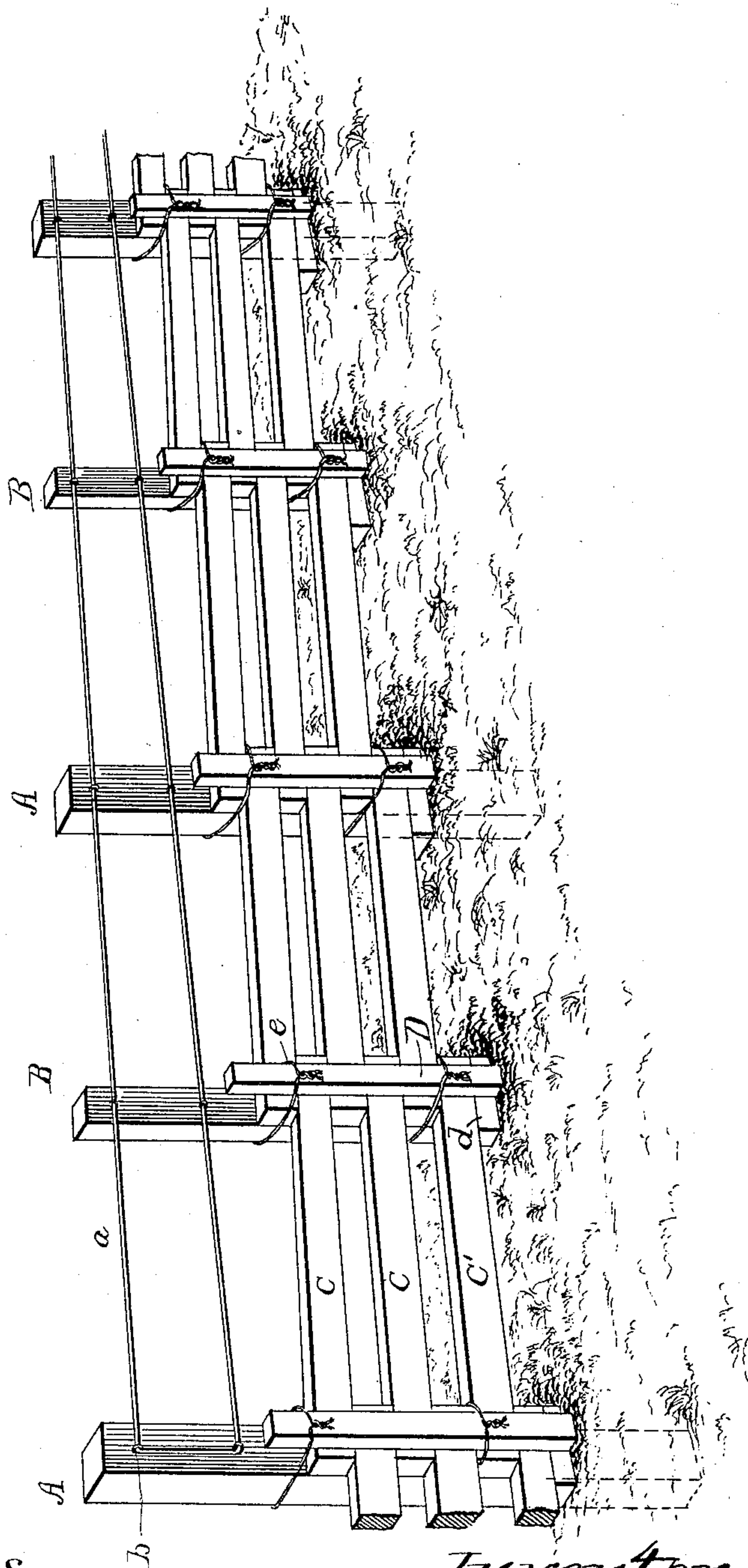


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN FULKERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Frankfort, in the county of Clinton and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Method of Constructing a Fence, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fences; and it consists in the improvements hereinafter described, whereby a neat, durable, and efficient fence is provided and one that may be quickly constructed and repaired.

In the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, the figure represents in perspective a section of fence embodying my improvements.

In constructing my fence I embed what I designate "vertical main posts" in the ground at suitable distances apart. In the drawing I have indicated these posts by the reference-letter A and have shown them as alternating with vertical auxiliary posts B, which are not embedded, but simply rest upon the ground. The posts A may have as many posts B intermediately arranged as may be desired; but for some purposes the arrangement disclosed in the drawing will answer. After two or more posts A have been placed in position one or more wires or cables *a* are secured to the upper portions of the posts A at one side thereof by staples *b* or other attaching means. The most convenient arrangement consists in taking a single wire *a*, leading along and securing it on the side of the upper portion of several of the posts A, then turning and securing it again at one of the said posts A, and thereafter leading it along parallel with itself and securing it on the posts A and B, to which it was previously attached. By this arrangement the posts B are properly supported in position by the wire or wires *a* without the necessity of embedding them and all the vertical posts of the fence placed in position ready for the rails with but a comparatively small amount of labor and trouble.

The rails C C' consist of a series of inclined horizontal sections, which may, if desired, extend from one vertical post to the other. I have shown each of the bottom rails C' as having its lower end bearing on a block C, resting on the ground, while the other end is supported upon the corresponding lower end of the adjacent rail C'. The rails C are likewise disposed to lap each other, but of course rest at each end upon the adjacent rails. The rails C C' are permanently retained in position by means of short vertical standards D, which are secured to the adjacent posts A B by wire loops *d*, and thereby serve to clamp the overlapping rail ends against the posts. It will be understood, however, that the standards D and loops *d* may be dispensed with and the overlapping rail ends secured directly to the posts by nails or other suitable fastening devices.

A fence constructed in accordance with my invention is not only durable and quickly erected, but can be repaired to any desirable extent without becoming weakened, as is the case in many prior constructions. Moreover, my said improved fence possesses a highly-ornamental appearance, since the even disposition of the wire along the upper portion and the rails at the base produces a pleasing effect and renders the fence in light form suitable for gardens and the like.

I claim—

The combination, in a fence, of the main embedded posts A, connecting-wires, and intermediate posts supported by said wires, together with overlapping horizontal rails attached to said main and intermediate posts by standards connected to said posts, substantially as set forth.

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