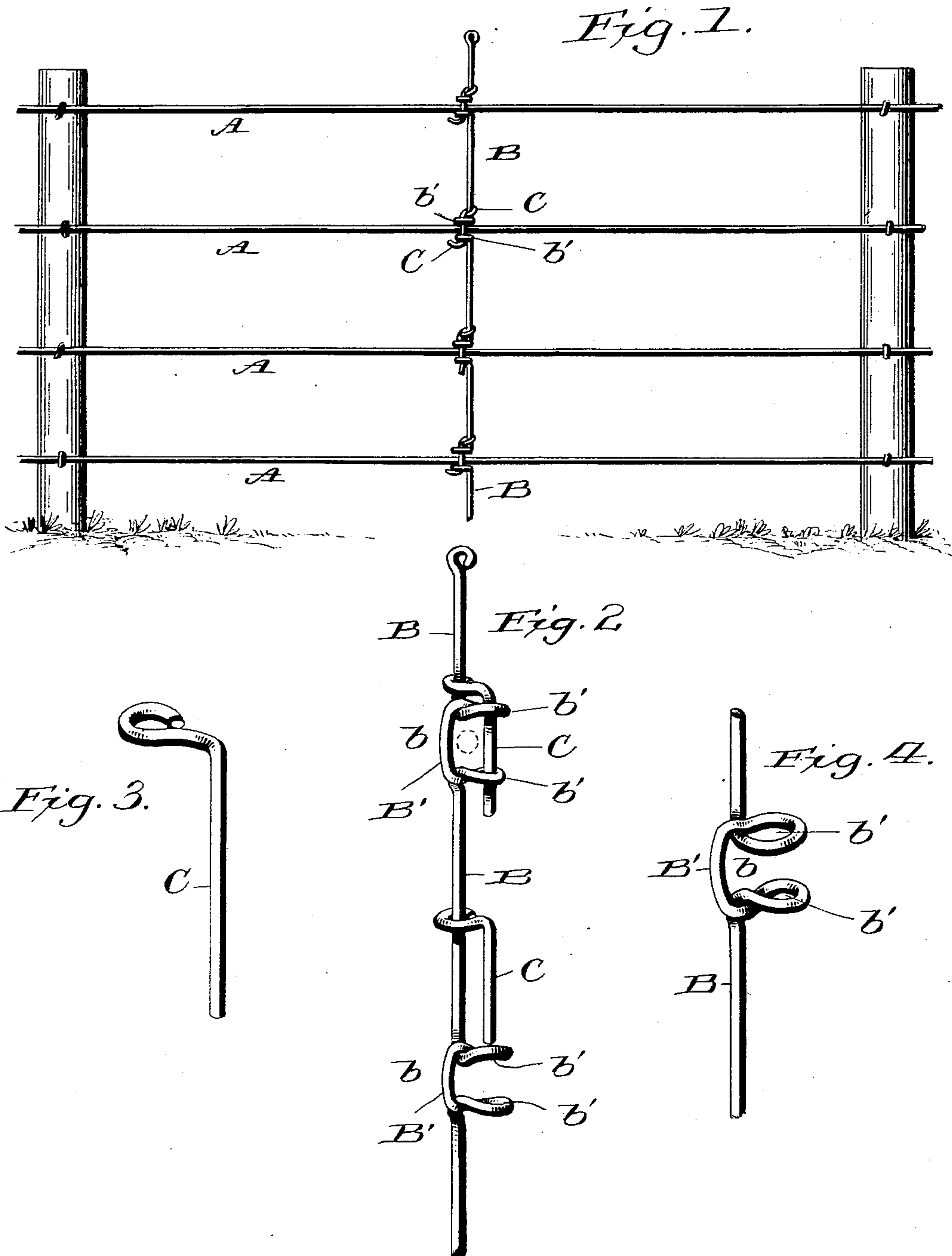


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN REIGHARD AULT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newberry, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pickets for Wire Fences; and I do 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 the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in fences and especially to a wire picket for barbed wire fences, which pickets are provided with a series of loops formed by the picket being doubled upon itself, there being as many loops as there are wires in the fence, each wire to be held in a locked relation in a loop by means of a pin bent about the vertical picket and sliding thereon and adapted to be inserted through loops formed in the picket.

The invention consists further in the novel construction, combination and adaptation of the parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

I clearly illustrate my invention in the accompanying drawings, which with the letters of reference marked thereon form a part of this specification, and in which drawings, similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a length of wire fence, showing a picket as applied thereto. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of one of the pickets; Fig. 3, an enlarged detail of one of the sliding pins. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail view of one of the loops.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A, A, designate the wires of a barb wire fence, and at any desired distances apart the pickets B may be applied thereto. The said pickets are made of a single piece of metal which is bent upon itself twice at *b* and *b* at right angles to the main vertical picket, thus forming the two loops *b'* for the reception of the sliding pin C which has one end formed into a loop about the vertical portion of the picket B its free end designed to register with the said two loops *b'*.

The pocket formed between the two loops *b'* and the portion B' connecting the two loops is designed to receive the barbed wire of the fence, and when once in place, the sliding pin is inserted through the two apertures provided therefor, and the barbed wire strand is securely held in place. It is my purpose to provide as many of these loops or pockets as there are barbed wires used in the fence, and the pickets are preferably disposed a few feet apart, so as to keep the strands as taut as possible.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with a picket for wire fences, the pin having one end bent about the vertical portion of the picket and designed to register with the apertures *b'* formed by the said picket being bent upon itself, substantially as shown and described.

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

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