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(54) Fences.

(57) A fence comprising a series of prefabricated timber panels 12 erected between vertical metal posts 10 providing opposite vertical channels, each panel comprising upright boards 16 attached by single nails 9 to horizontal rails 13. The panels are secured in position by horizontal dowel pins 20 passed through holes in the steel posts into sockets at the ends of the horizontal rails 13. No other fixings are required.
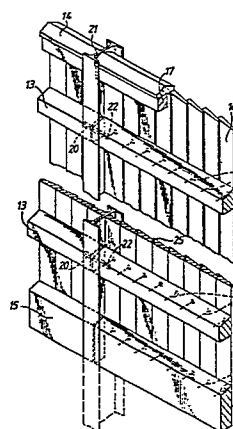
FIG.3.

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TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int. Cl.4)

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namely claims:

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X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions,
namely:

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1. Claims 1-9: Fence and method of erecting said fence

2. Claims 10-13: Socket for an upright pas of an
                 external fence
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namely claims: 1-9