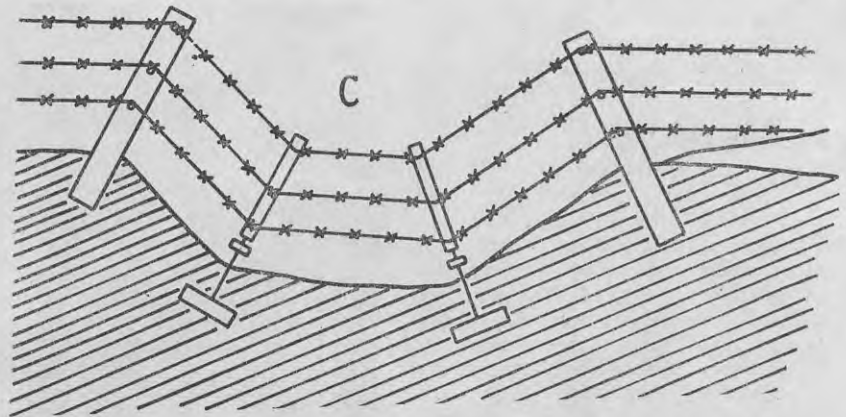


**Procedure  
Advised**

In his own words, the procedure Mr. Smith advises farmers to adopt is as follows:—

“Don't be afraid of steep dips, angles, or steep places. Select a line which will allow you to take as much advantage as possible of the fact that posts may be well spaced out. Some of our posts are as much as 25 yards apart, but I should recommend 12 to 14 yards as a maximum spacing, as the wires tend to sag on longer spans.

“Lay out the following materials:— Strainers where it is intended to swing heavy gates; a set of rails at the head of each gate if considered necessary as explained later; a pole at each gateway; good, solid, wooden posts for ends and angles; light 6ft posts or iron standards in numbers varying from slightly less than two to the chain on flat country to five on extremely broken country; barbed wire as calculated according to grade used; a short batten in each dip; a number of old posts, etc., for use as bracing and footing material.



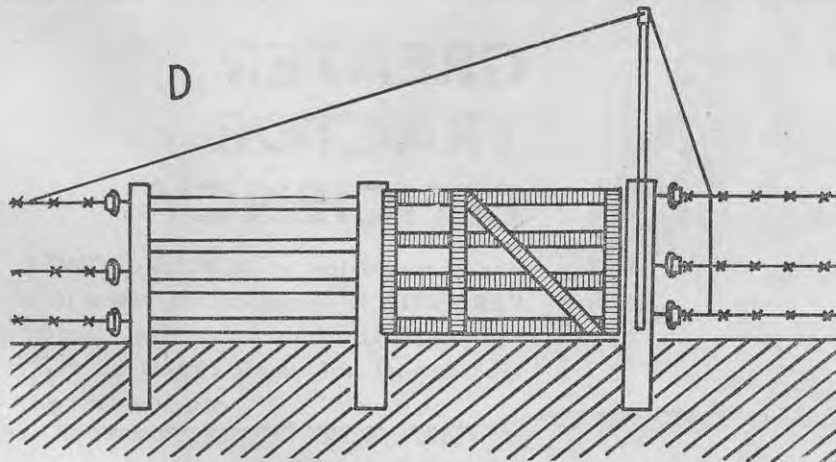
“To erect the fence, first put in the end posts which, as already mentioned, need only be good, solid, fencing posts. On firm ground staying is unnecessary, but they should be footed and cross-braced as shown in Fig. A. Sharp angles may be tied with a wire tie or braced like end-posts. A heavy post well rammed is sufficient for a slight angle. In placing an angle post it must be remembered that the wire will run some inches inside the post

instead of around it, as in ordinary fencing (Fig. B).

**Guide Wire**

“Run out a guide wire of No. 14 plain, which is far easier to handle than the barb which is ultimately used. Put in the dips and brows. Instead of footed posts we use a batten swinging on No. 8 wire from a peg buried about 2ft deep directly in the line of the fence (Fig. C). This saves work, and by insulating the No. 8 wire as close to the batten as possible, allows the barb to be stapled to the batten, thereby saving two insulators (8d at current rates). It is not advisable, however, to have more than two of these batten feet together. The remainder of the posts are put in in the usual manner. Suitably drilled iron standards or light wooden posts may be used.

“We use the following three-wire gauge: Bottom wire, 9½in.; middle, 21in.; top, 36in.; but I should think that the two bottom wires should be slightly lower on clean, evenly-grazed flat country, while the bottom wire would probably be better a little higher





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