

### A COMBINATION WIRE GATE.

Gates made wholly of wood are heavy. Since wire has become so cheap, it has entered largely into the construction of gates, proving light and serviceable.

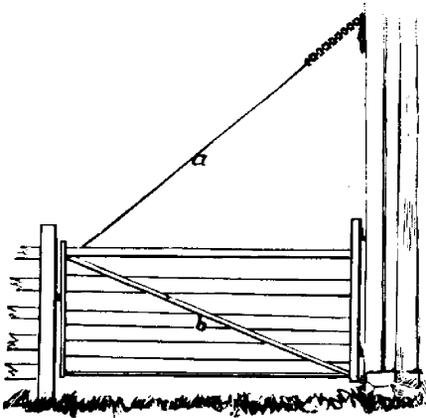


FIG. 567—A SERVICEABLE FARM GATE.

The accompanying sketch of a wire gate was sent us by S. Barrington. The form shown, is one of the best as regards strength, durability and freedom from swagging. The frame of the gate is wood put together in the usual manner, with a long brace *b* placed as shown in the sketch, and nailed in position. Holes are bored in the end pieces through which are passed and firmly secured annealed No. 7 or 8 wire; seven or eight single strands may be used to each gate. If the gate can be hinged to a building or high post, a wire support *a* can be used

to prevent sagging. If a few links of chain are attached to one end of the wire it may be always kept tight by hooking up another link.

### VARIETIES OF APPLES MOST USEFUL IN N. S.

In reply to the question, "What varieties of apples are best suited to Yarmouth County," Mr. C. E. Brown, our well-known correspondent in Yarmouth, N. S., writes in the last report of the Nova Scotia Fruit Association as follows:—We have now the names of 146 varieties of apples grown in the county, in addition to which there are numerous seedlings and others of recent introduction, not known to the writer. The conditions of soil, temperature, shelter, and sunshine vary greatly in different parts of the county; on the shore, within the influence of the cool and salt sea breezes and fogs, but few varieties do well. Of these, named in the order of usefulness, Keswick Codlin, Oldenburg, Gravenstein, Wagener, Ontario, Northern Spy, Winter Greeuing, Easter Pippin, Sweet Bough, Grimes' Golden, Golden Sweet, and Wealthy are best. Inland, most kinds succeed fairly, but Red Astrachan, Major or Andrew's Sweet, Gravenstein, Grimes' Golden, Ontario, Northern Spy, Fall Jennetting, Baldwin, Ben Davis, Gavel Pippin, King, Ribston, Yellow Bellefleur, and Wealthy are the most popular and profitable." Most of these varieties were on exhibition in the Nova Scotia court at the World's Fair, with numerous others.